City of New Castle Transportation Plan Update Public Workshop 2 September 13, 2021

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Agenda

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- Introductions
- Workshop Format

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- Study Area
- Goals & Objectives
- Public Comments
- Study Approach
- Improvement Options Developed

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• Next Steps

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Live Presentation Begins at 7:00

6:45 PM - 7:00 PM Instructions for Tonight's Workshop

7:00 PM Live Presentation followed by Question-and-Answer Session

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Goals & Objectives

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New Castle Transportation Plan

• Improve Multimodal Transportation Network by Improving Connectivity to Communities and Trails

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- Reduce Illegal Truck Traffic
- Improve Safety

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- Improve Gateways
- Develop Shared Parking Analysis

New Castle Comprehensive Plan

- Enhance Bicycle and Pedestrian Connections
- Clarify Regional and local Traffic Patterns
- Reduce Speeding and Cut-Through Traffic by Redesigning Streets and Intersections

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• Formalize and Optimize Existing Parking Supply



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Bicycle/Pedestrian

- Ferry Cut Off Street / Chestnut Street
- Ferry Cut Off Street / Delaware Street
- 7th Street to Delaware Street (SR 9)
- Delaware Street Between Carrie Downy Elementary and New Castle Jr HS
- Better Connection to William Penn HS
- SR 273 Road Diet
- Extend Battery Park Trail North
- 7th Street to 6th St Crossing at South Street
- SR 9 / W 6th Street
- JAM Crossing SR 273 and South Street
- JAM to Battery Park Trail
- SR 9 / W 6th Street

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- Extend #15 Bus to Serve US 13 & NC Airport
- Extend #13 Bus to Wilmington Train Station
- More Limited Stop Buses Between New Castle and Wilmington

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Traffic

- Keep Through Traffic on Ferry Cut Off Street
- Cut Through Traffic at 6th St / Ferry Cut Off Street
- Market St Traffic Flow Direction
- Jog at 3rd Street and Delaware St is Dangerous
- 3rd Street Major Cut Through Especially when US 13 Backed Up
- Enforcement of One-Way Condition on Harmony St Between 3rd 5th Streets
- Enforcement of One-Way Condition on Cherry St near 6th Street

Freight

- Large Trucks on 2nd Street
- Trucks from Carroll Drive/Printpack Industrial Cut Through Dobbinsville to Washington Street
- Re-Route Trucks Using SR 9 to Washington Street
- Truck Bypass in Basin Road Area
- Speeding on Residential Streets, Especially Small Trucks
- Norfolk Southern Trains Cause Noise/Vibration Problems

Parking

- New Parking Lot Behind Delaware Street Close to Battery Park
- Competition for Parking Between Places of Interest and Residences
- Cherry Street Between 6th Street and Ferry Cut Off Street Needs Parking
- Parking Lots on 3rd and 5th Streets Trimmed from 100 to 32 Spaces Need More

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Environment & Flooding

- Preserve Historic Layout of City
- Flooding on SR 9 South of Dobbinsville
- Flooding on SR 9 Near Refinery
- Army Corps Bridge Flooding
- Flooding on 7th St Going South
- SR 273/SR 9 Floods out on South Side of Intersection
- Vehicles go Around Barriers on SR 9 South of Dobbinsville and get Stuck on Flooded Rd
- More Tree Lined Streets
- Continue/Extend City Tree Program Started on Delaware St

Streetscape

- Better Signage for Parking for Historic District/Local Parking
- Existing Ferry Cut Off Street Gateway Needs to be Improved
- New Gateway Ferry Cut Off Street/6th Street
- New Gateway End of Delaware Street
- New Gateway at Frenchtown Rd (SR 273)
- Identify Funding Sources for City Wayfinding and Gateway Study

Electric Vehicles

• Electric Vehicle Charging Stations - Former ASPCA Parking Lot on South Street

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• Improvements Should Focus on Electric Vehicles

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Did You Attend the First Public Workshop on February 10, 2021?

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A. Yes

B. No

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Pop-Workshop Battery Park July 28, 2021

- Too Much Traffic / Truck Traffic on 6th Street GPS Directs You This Way
- Trucks Should Use Washington Street
- Beach Traffic on 6th Street Fridays SB, Sundays NB
- No One Stops at 6th & Harmony Streets
- Do Not Do RR Crossing Work Until I 95 Work is Finished
- SR 273 should be Four Lanes Whole Way
- In Front of Farmer's Market at SR 273 Light Make Turn Lane Longer There is Room
- Speeding on 6th Street
- Uneven Sidewalks
- Battery Park Trail Just Ends
- JAM Trail Ends at Road
- More Parking by Delaware Street Section of SW Crossing at 3rd & Harmony Streets

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- Add Street Lighting
- Truck Speeding on Washington Street
- Not Enough Signage

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- Cars & Truck Speeding
- Rental Bikes & Bike Racks
- Need Parking on 4th Street

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A. Yes

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NEW CASTLE TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE

- Speed Limits
- Strategic Projects
- Improvements to Make Intuitive Travel Decisions
 - Cut-Through Traffic
 - Trucks
 - Bicycle Boulevards/Focus on Bicycle Movements
 - Gateways
- Bicycle/Pedestrian Improvements
 - Focused/Improved Bicycle Network
 - Primary Bicycle Routes
 - Recreational Bicycle Routes
- Parking/Roadway Modifications for Greater Circulation

Reduced Speed Limits





Poll Question 3

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Do You Support Speed Reductions Throughout the City?

A. YesB. NoC. Unsure

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Strategic Projects

Areas of Concern: Traffic Congestion, Cut-Through Traffic, Truck Traffic

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US 13/SR 273 Intersection

- Identified In DelDOT's Safety Program
- DelDOT Feasibility Study





Roadway Capacities

• Frenchtown Road/Delaware Street/Ferry Cut Off Street





Strategic Projects -

Areas of Concern: Traffic Congestion, Cut-Through Traffic, Truck Traffic, Bicycle / Pedestrian Access



SR 273 / SR 141 Intersection

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Existing SR 273 / SR 141 Intersection



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Poll Question 4

Which Concept at the SR 273/SR 141 Intersection Do You Support?

- A. Support Concept 1: Free Right Turn
- B. Support Concept 2: Signal Controlled Right Turn
- C. Support Both
- D. Support Neither
- E. Unsure

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Ferry Cut Off Street / Delaware Street Intersection



Existing Ferry Cut Off Street / Delaware Street Intersection











Poll Question 5

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Which Concept at the Delaware St/Ferry Cut Off St Intersection Do You Support?

- A. Support Concept 1: Existing Condition with Multi Use Path
- B. Support Concept 2: Gateway Addition
- C. Support Both
- D. Support Neither
- E. Unsure

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Ferry Cut Off Street / E 6th Street / Chestnut Street Intersection





Design Conditions

- Existing Ferry Cut Off St/E 6th St/Chestnut St ٠
- **Old Road Structure Still Exists** ٠
- 6th St Functions as Through Route and Ferry Cut ٠ **Off Street Functions Side Street**

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- Misleading Roadway Geometry ٠
- **High Speed** ٠
- **Entering and Exiting is Difficult** ٠
- Crossing is Unsafe
- No Dedicated Bicycle Facilities •
- Maintain Existing Access ٠



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Ferry Cut Off Street / E 6th Street / Chestnut Street Intersection Concept



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Ferry Cut Off Street / E 6th Street / Chestnut Street Intersection Concept
















No Passing Near Intersection

- Lower Speeds
- Bigger Gaps in Traffic Flow

No Traffic Lights

- More Attention to Surroundings and Other Users
- Enhanced Driver Alertness
- Increased Safety

Less Asphalt

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- Lower Maintenance Costs
- Reduced Stormwater Needs
- Enhanced Integration in Urban Setting

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Lower Speed on Main Route

- Less Severe Crashes
- Improved Response Times
- Increased Safety

Single Lane Lower Speed Main Route

• Easier Crossings for Cyclists and Pedestrians

Fluid Continuous Traffic Flow on Main Route

- Shorter Travel Time
- Lower Emissions





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Poll Question 6

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Which Concept at the Ferry Cut Off Street / E 6th Street / Chestnut Street Intersection Do You Support?

- A. Support Concept 1: Separated Roads
- B. Support Concept 2: Dutch Left
- C. Support Both
- D. Support Neither
- E. Unsure

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W 7th Street / Washington Street Intersection





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W 7th St / Washington St **Intersection Concept 2**



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Poll Question 7

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Which Concept at the W. 7th Street/Washington Street Intersection Do You Support?

- A. Support Concept 1: Signing
- B. Support Concept 2: Washington Street Sweep
- C. Support Both
- D. Support Neither
- E. Unsure

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Poll Question 8

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Do You Support a Revised Bicycle Network Which Identifies On-Road and Off-Road Paths?

A. Yes

B. No

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C. Unsure

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Bicycle & Pedestrian Improvements





Multimodal Composite Concept





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Basin Road Multimodal Concept





Basin Road Multimodal Concept













Alternative 1

Alternative 2









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Alternative 1



Alternative 2









Wilmington Road Multimodal Concept



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Landers Lane Multimodal Concept





Landers Lane Multimodal Concept





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Poll Question 9

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Do You Support a Continuous Multi Use Path from the SR 273/SR 141 Intersection to Landers Lane and Along Basin Road?

A. Yes

B. No

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C. Unsure

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Washington Street





Washington Street Concept









Poll Question 10

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Do You Support a Separated Bicycle Path Along Washington Street?

A. Yes

B. No

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C. Unsure

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Dobbinsville Multi Use Path Connector Concept




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Do You Support the Dobbinsville Multi Use Path Connector? A. Yes

B. No

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- C. Unsure
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Battery Park Concepts

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South Street Proposed Concept





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South Street Proposed Concept – Between 6th and 7th Streets

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South Street Proposed Concept Between 3rd and 4th Streets





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Do You Support the Proposed Improvements Along South Street?

A. Yes

B. No

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C. Unsure

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Cherry Street





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Cherry Street Concept



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- Do You Support the Proposed Improvements Along Cherry Street?
- A. Yes
- B. No

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C. Unsure

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Do You Support the Proposed Expansion of the Chestnut Street Parking Lot?

A. Yes

B. No

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C. Unsure

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SR 9, River Road Area Improvements, Flood Remediation

- Preliminary Engineering FY 2023/24
- Right of Way
 FY 2024
- Construction

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FY 2024/25 FY 2028

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Do You Support the Proposed Flood Improvements?

A. Yes

B. No

C. Unsure

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Gateway Locations



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Wilmington Avenue/Buttonwood Avenue









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Do You Support the Proposed Locations for Gateway and Other Aesthetic Enhancements? A. Yes

C. Unsure

B. No

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	Traffic Congestion	_	Truck Traffic	Traffic Calming	Bike/Ped	Parking	Flooding	Gateway
Speed Reductions	0	0	0	•	0			
US 13/SR 273		Ο	Ο					Ο
SR 273/SR 141		0		0	0			0
Ferry Cut Off St/DE St			0	0	0	0		0
Ferry Cut Off St/Chestnut St				•	0		0	0
W 7 th St/Washington Ave	0			0			0	



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Secondary Purpose



	Traffic Congestion	_	Truck Traffic Traffic Calming	Bike/Ped	Parking	Flooding	Gateway	
Basin/Delaware/FerryCut Off/Wilmington Multimodal			0				0	
Washington Street Multimodal								
South Street			0					
Cherry Street			O					
Chestnut Street Lot	0		0	0			0	
Dobbinsville Multi Use Path			0					
					Primary Purpose			
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