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Cecil County, MD - The Route 40 corridor, in Cecil County, continues to face many safety and mobility challenges, including limited sidewalks and pedestrian crossings, new development and increased congestion, and unsafe bicycling conditions. Building on previous studies and plans, the Cecil County Route 40 Transportation Vision Plan seeks to develop and implement alternatives that address the transportation needs of the corridor. To begin this process, the Wilmington Area Planning Council (WILMAPCO), Maryland State Highway (SHA), Cecil County; and the Towns of Perryville, Elkton, and North East will host two interactive charrettes to help answer the question: How do we want the Route 40 corridor to look and function in the future?

The charrettes are being held on March 16 and 24 at Cecil College, 1 Seahawk Drive, Technology Building D, North East, MD. Attendees may stop by anytime from 4 to 7 p.m. During the first charrette, project planners will present best practices while participants will have several opportunities to share their ideas for the future of the corridor.

Dan Blevins, Principal Planner at WILMAPCO said, "Conventional solutions such as widening and interchanges are not financially reasonable and may not be consistent with the long-term interests of communities in the corridor. These charrettes will help us to begin to develop realistic solutions to improve transportation for all users of the corridor."

The outcome of the Plan will be a consensus-based set of recommendations for achieving the community's goals and objectives. To learn more, please visit <u>www.wilmapco.org/cecil40</u>.

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