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HELP DECIDE THE FUTURE OF PUBLIC TRANSIT IN WILMINGTON

WILMINGTON, DE – How can transit in Wilmington be improved? The <u>Wilmington Initiatives</u> partners, including the City of Wilmington, DelDOT, DART First State, New Castle County, and WILMAPCO are trying to answer that through the Wilmington's Transit Future Project.

To help agencies better understand which alternatives would best serve transit riders, local business owners, and residents, an Open House Public Workshop is being held on Wednesday, October 16 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., at the Double Tree Hotel, at 8th and King Streets from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. The workshop will include a presentation on the future of transit in Wilmington.

Dave Gula, Wilmington's Transit Future project manager said, "the purpose of the workshop is to seek meaningful public input on the transit recommendations of the <u>State Smart Transportation</u> <u>Initiative</u> (SSTI) Study and previous work done by the Wilmington Initiatives. This project's goal is to identify and prioritize options and develop an implementation plan to move forward."

The SSTI Study provided recommendations on circulation alternatives, identified the need for a new downtown transit center, and discussed several programs for consideration to improve transit service in Downtown Wilmington.

Representatives from the Wilmington Initiatives partners will be available to answer questions, hear input, and address concerns. To learn more about the Wilmington's Transit Future Project, visit www.wilmapco.org/wilmtransitfuture.

If you'd like more information, or to schedule an interview, please call Dave Gula at (302) 737-6205 ext. 122, or email dgula@wilmapco.org.

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