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## Public invited to workshop on downtown Wilmington traffic circulation study

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Are you fed up with traffic in Downtown Wilmington? Do you feel it's unsafe to walk or ride a bike there? Do you use public transit service in Downtown Wilmington and wish it could be better? If so, then we would like to hear from you, at a Public Workshop for the Wilmington Downtown Circulation Study, on March 19, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., in the lobby of the Citizens Bank Center, 919 N. Market Street, Wilmington. A brief presentation will be repeated at 4:15 p.m., 5:15 p.m., and 6:15 p.m.

The Downtown Circulation Study is a follow-up to a 1997 study, which evaluated circulation along all major routes within the Downtown, and offered recommendations for multimodal improvements. Since its completion, Wilmington's Downtown has experienced significant changes in development that warrant a new study. The Downtown Circulation Study evaluates all modes of transportation and offers recommendations on how to make each mode more efficient for users.

Work on the Study began in the summer. The project team has already reviewed previous studies, gathered traffic data, discussed transit operations, interviewed Wilmington stakeholders, and incorporated public feedback at a workshop held in December 2008. This data contributed to a list of circulation issues for Wilmington's Downtown. The comments received during this workshop will be used to help create recommendations for transportation improvements in Downtown Wilmington.

For more information about the Downtown Circulation Study, please visit the project website at <a href="https://www.wilmapco.org/Downtown">www.wilmapco.org/Downtown</a>.

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