

NEWARK

Transportation Plan



Help Shape the Future of Transportation in Newark

PLEASE JOIN US PUBLIC WORKSHOP

May 19, 2010

4–7 p.m. Open House

Newark Municipal Building
220 Elkton Road, Newark, DE



What is the Newark Transportation Plan?

Over the next year, WILMAPCO and Newark will work with an advisory committee of citizens, civic and business groups, and public agencies to develop an updated multimodal transportation circulation plan for the Newark Area. This follow-up to the 1998 Newark/Elkton Intermodal Transportation Plan will reexamine:

- Congestion & traffic operations
- Bicycle & pedestrian needs
- Transit service & coordination
- Parking



The plan will develop updated short-term improvements and long-term transportation strategies based on the community's changing priorities, economic development opportunities, and land use impacts.

For more information:

Call WILMAPCO at
302.737.6205
or visit

www.wilmapco.org/Newark

What is the Open House Workshop?

At the May 19 Workshop, we will be seeking community feedback about transportation issues and opportunities. Attend at your convenience between 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. to share your ideas about what future transportation improvements are most needed. The workshop will provide an opportunity to learn about the current status of the 1998 plan and provide ideas for its update. A Newark Synchro model will be on display, showing a graphic simulation of how the transportation network functions today.

What's the status of previous planning?

The *Newark/Elkton Intermodal Transportation Plan* was completed in 1998. The 1998 Plan identified the following key issues which the 2010 *Newark Transportation Plan* will reexamine:

Congestion in Downtown Areas

Downtown congestion in Newark continues to be a concern, resulting in travel delays, safety hazards, and negative impact on quality of life. Conflicts result from the mix of car and truck traffic, freight rail, bicyclists, pedestrians, and on-street parking. Better coordination of traffic signals also remains a key area for improvement.



Availability of Public Transit

Newark is served by DART and UNICITY with University student buses, but these services are not well-coordinated, e.g., the University routes duplicate some services. Since 1998, additional DART routes serve Newark, with transfers at the new Transit Hub. There remains a need to upgrade bus stops and shelters, and public information.

How to get involved?

- Attend the Open House Workshop on May 19, 4-7 p.m., Newark Municipal Building
- Schedule an individual interview or presentation to your group. Call 302.737.6205.
- Visit www.wilmapco.org/Newark to learn more & comment.
- Become a fan of the Newark Transportation Plan on facebook to join discussion, post photos/video, and keep informed.

Conflicts for Bicycling and Walking

Walking and cycling are popular transportation choices in Newark. Since 1998, new pedestrian signals, Main Street streetscaping, and the completion of the Hall Trail have aided in nonmotorized travel but additional facilities, safety education and enforcement are needed.

Lack of Convenient Parking

Significant demand exists for on-street parking downtown. Since 1998, the University has constructed three parking garages and plans have been developed for a downtown municipal garage.

Impact of Freight Traffic

Goods movement activities have generated concerns in downtown Newark. The future use of Chrysler and the Amtrak rail corridor will impact Newark's future. A key rail traffic concern is the CSX rail line which passes through downtown Newark.

