



**CITY OF NEWARK  
DELAWARE**

## Newark Transportation Improvement District Committee Meeting

Date/Time: Wednesday, July 10, 2019, 1:30 p.m.

Location: Council Chamber, Newark Municipal Building, 220 South Main Street

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### Attendees

#### Committee Members

Newark Planning and Development  
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Newark Public Works and Water Resources  
DeIDOT  
WILMAPCO  
New Castle County Department of Land Use  
University of Delaware  
BikeNewark  
Newark Planning Commission  
Newark Design Committee  
Mayor's Appointee  
District 3 Representative

Mary Ellen Gray, AICP  
Mike Fortner, AICP  
Tim Filasky, PE  
Cooper Bowers (for Sarah Coakley, AICP)  
Heather Dunigan  
Stacey Dahlstrom, AICP  
Jenni Sparks  
Bob McBride  
Alan Silverman  
Joe Charma, PE  
David Levandoski  
Dr. Julia Maresca

#### Other Attendees

University of Delaware  
University of Delaware / 1743 Holdings  
University of Delaware  
AECOM

Caitlin Olsen  
Brian Dembeck  
Jeff Garland  
Savannah Edwards

#### Committee Support

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David Athey, PE  
Mayuresh Khare, PE, AICP, PP

### Meeting Minutes

- The meeting started at 1:30 pm. All attendees introduced themselves.
- Minutes from the June 12 meeting were approved without exception.
- David Athey provided a summary of the Participant Boundary discussion from the June 12 meeting. Mayuresh Khare noted the multi-modal approach being used. Alan Silverman inquired about the Focus Areas as is being discussed by City Council. Apparently, there were discussions at a recent Council meeting about students "clogging up intersections" and additional cycles that may be needed at signalized intersections. There was general uncertainty by Committee members what may have been the impetus to these discussions. Joe Charma noted that this situation could worsen as the University continues to grow its enrollment. Mayuresh acknowledged the need to balance the safety and needs of users of all modes.

- Mayuresh led a discussion of further review of the maps produced during the break out sessions at the June 12 meeting. The discussion initially focused on affording Committee members who were absent at that meeting to comment but segued to a general group discussion which lasted for approximately 25 minutes.
- Mayuresh then provided a sample Participant Boundary that generally followed the Christina River to the west and south, the City line on the east, and the White Clay Creek to the north. It was again noted that the Facility Boundary would be different than the Participant Boundary and could go as far as three intersections past the Participant Boundary. Mayuresh again showed the Participant Boundary as developed by Committee member Jim Jones who was unable to attend.
- Julia Maresca asked if redevelopment projects within the TID (Participant Boundary) would be assessed a fee and was told Yes.
- Discussion ensued about the Participant Boundary options. Alan suggested using the new trail connecting Fairfield Crest to the Pomeroy Trail. Mike Fortner recommended to instead use the Fairfield Crest rear property lines.
- Joe inquired how a large, undeveloped parcel in Cecil County which has been the subject of past development proposals could be addressed. Mayuresh replied that since it is in a different state, it would be best if it was kept outside the Facility Boundary.
- Mike Fortner asked if there was any possibility that the University Farm operations would be moved and was told that was highly unlikely by one of the University attendees. Dave Levandoski asked if the Farm could or should be excluded. Mayuresh said there was no downside to doing so since there'd be no fee unless it was developed. Heather Dunigan stated there may be a perception issue if the property was omitted.
- Discussions then turned to features on the Farm property including the woods line, Farm Lane, and a drainage channel. Cooper Bowers indicated he would check with Sarah Coakley about the possibility of using these as a boundary. Mayuresh noted that the Participant Boundary could be changed in the future if conditions are found to have changed.
- Committee members reached a preliminary agreement on the Participant Boundary with the exception of the line with respect to the Farm. That will be a topic for the August meeting.
- Mayuresh and Cooper presented information to facilitate the Committee's discussion of the Facility Boundary. The work occurring in New Castle County was noted for the multi-modal approaches and areawide focuses. Alan suggested the use of the term "transportationshed". Cooper provided multiple slides showing available data which included State versus City roads, a.m. and p.m. levels of service (LOS), a bicycle stress map and gaps analysis, and the three transit systems operating in and around Newark. Stacey Dahlstrom brought up the possibility of using multi-modal features rather than intersections as a Facilities Boundary. Cooper indicated he would research an answer.
- The Committee agreed that a 25-year time horizon or 2045 was appropriate considering the information that had been presented to date. Joe asked if there would be interim reviews and was told Yes.
- It was tentatively agreed upon by all that the September meeting may not be needed as DelDOT and the City will need time after the August meeting to perform a condition analysis and land use analysis respectively. Looking farther ahead, the goal is to begin addressing service standards at a December or January meeting.
- The meeting adjourned at 3:30.