



**CITY OF NEWARK
DELAWARE**

Newark Transportation Improvement District Committee Meeting

Date/Time: Wednesday, May 26, 2021, 1:00 p.m.
Location: Virtual Meeting

Attendees

<u>Committee Members</u>	
Newark Planning and Development	Mary Ellen Gray, AICP
Newark Planning and Development	Mike Fortner, AICP
DeIDOT	Sarah Coakley, AICP
WILMAPCO	Heather Dunigan
Newark Planning Commission	Alan Silverman
BikeNewark	Bob McBride
Newark Design Committee	Joe Charma, PE
Mayor's Appointee	David Levandoski
District 4 Representative	Jamie Magee
District 5 Representative	Jim Jones
<u>Other Attendees</u>	
Newark Public Works and Water Resources	Mike Falkowski, PE
Newark Planning and Development	Katelyn Dinsmore
University of Delaware	Evan Park
<u>Committee Support</u>	
AECOM	David Athey, PE
AECOM	Savannah Edwards

Meeting Minutes

- The meeting started at 1:00 pm. Since the meeting was being held virtually, David Athey read the names of the attendees.
- Minutes from the May 12, 2021 meeting were clarified regarding a statement Alan Silverman had made then approved without exception.
- Sarah Coakley presented an updated list of bicycle and pedestrian projects. See meeting materials. This included projects that are already proposed for the TID. The presentation included revised scoring from projects with more basis on schools, transit, and employment centers. She asked the Committee to choose between three and six projects for inclusion in the TID.
- Alan noted that two projects, numbers 19 and 43, were outside of the TID boundary and therefore should be excluded. Mike Fortner asked if project 16 was on the Country Club property or around it. Sarah replied that it is on the perimeter. She also noted that project 13 (which was not on the displayed map) would involve "sharrows" on the Country Club property. Mike asked if the developer

could use donated land in lieu of a cash TID payment. Sarah said this could potentially be done. Alan inquired if project 16 was intended to be a scenic or an origin / destination route. Sarah replied that it was probably intended to serve the developed site. Heather Dunigan noted that a perimeter roadway would serve the entire site. Savannah Edwards stated that it could also connect to Rittenhouse Trail. Mike said it could be linked to the Mason – Dixon Trail.

- Savannah asked about project 51. Sarah clarified that it would link the new White Clay Creek bridge with Cleveland Avenue through or adjacent to Olan Thomas Park. Alan asked about for a clarification about renaming and Sarah replied that project 20 is the Kershaw Connector. Mike Falkowski said it would be logical to add project 51. Alan questioned if the project could be done more quickly if Newark undertook it instead of being included in the TID.
- Mike Fortner said that projects 22, 25, 56, and 57 should be included as a package. He questioned if project 52 was feasible. Jim Jones said he favors Mike's packaged projects suggestion and prefers project 52 over 37 but noted that historic sites could be affected. He also noted the Kershaw Connector and other connectors as alternatives. Mike Fortner asked if a feasibility assessment would be done if project 52 was included. Sarah indicated that it would. Heather noted it was part of the DeIDOT's Newark to Wilmington study. Bob McBride said it could be part of the East Coast Greenway.
- Mike Fortner asked about project 36. Sarah clarified that it would add bike lanes to West Main Street.
- Sarah asked if there was consensus for including projects 22, 25, 52, 56, and 57. Mike Fortner asked about project 49. Heather said it was part of the University of Delaware master plan and they would probably seek funding. Mike Falkowski clarified that it would be an extension of Academy Street. Mike Fortner said he would have thought project 50 would have scored higher. Mike Falkowski noted that it didn't connect to anything. David Athey repeated Sarah's question about consensus around projects 22, 25, 52, 56, and 57 and clarified that the recommendation was to include all the projects listed on slide 3 plus the additional five in the TID. There were no objections to the recommendation.
- Mary Ellen Grey said that the updated agreement including project list would be presented to the Planning Commission in July and City Council in August. David said the Committee would not meet again until August or September.
- Mike Fortner indicated that the Community Day would probably be held in September. A general discussion ensued about staffing of a booth and potential exhibits and handouts. David indicated that the City, DeIDOT, and AECOM would discuss options and report back to the Committee via email.
- There were no public comments.
- The meeting adjourned at 2:00 pm.