



## February Hybrid Monthly Meeting February 20, at 4:30 p.m. In-Person and via Zoom

In-Person. Wilmapco offices 100 Discovery Blvd Newark, DE #800 8th Floor or

Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/91439974986?pwd=0giWLqY3TK3C17FFXDmpLV4uMndYyq.1>

Meeting ID: 914 3997 4986 Passcode: 189252

### **Past/Upcoming Events**

Planning for FirstFriday Rides in 2025: Fridays only or blended Fridays/Saturdays

Other Rides or Events to consider for 2025

### **Updates on Projects**

Newark Bicycle Plan update

Engineering Committee

### **Treasurer Report**

### **Updates from Partner Organizations**

### **Old and New Business**

Member survey for Meeting times/places      Proposed meeting schedule for 2025

Feb. Hybrid (Wilmapco/Zoom) at 4:30

Mar. Zoom at 7:00

Apr. Hybrid (Wilmapco/Zoom) at 4:30

May Zoom at 7:00

June in-person only mtg at Newark Bike Project at 4:30 with ride following

July Zoom at 7:00

Aug. Hybrid (Wilmapco/Zoom) at 4:30

Sep. Zoom at 7:00

Oct. Hybrid (Wilmapco/Zoom) at 4:30

Nov. Zoom at 7:00

Dec. Hybrid (Wilmapco/Zoom) at 4:30 (enables holiday celebration)

Review of Accomplishments 2024 and discussion of Goals for 2025 (See Below)

## **DRAFT BikeNewark Goals for 2025**

### **1) Continue development of final phase of Newark Bikeways and way finding signage.**

Oversee installation/maintenance of way finding signage for Central and South Bikeway.  
Develop online destination resources (through A. I. Whoo and/or others) for Bikeway users

### **2) Assist in revision/update of 2014 Newark Bicycle Plan in coordination with WILMAPCO and the City of Newark.**

Assist WILMAPCO and City Staff at public information meetings  
Develop a volunteer corps to respond to requests for assistance in collecting data or for help in analysis and evaluation of Bicycle Plan topics for update.  
BikeNewark Engineering Committee to assist with reviewing technical needs

### **3) Assist in planning phase of improvements to South College Ave from I--95 to Main Street.**

Work with NCC Planning Dept on Bikeways designation for areas outside of Newark limits on committees or through public information sessions  
Assist with DELDOT and City of Newark planning groups  
BikeNewark Engineering Committee to assist with reviewing needs/concerns

### **4) Provide bike advocacy- and bike safety-related public events in cooperation with partner organizations.**

Organize 4 Bike Safety Sessions on UD Green during the year  
Participate in Bike DE and other conferences about bicycle and pedestrian safety  
Explore creating information resources and/or conferences about Bike Safety in elementary schools in Newark  
Participate in TNP or City events for general public events and others  
Plan to Co-Sponsor Newark Family Bike Festival Bike in 2026 with another organization such as NCCL-School  
Participate in WCCSP Trail Sharing and other events as invited  
Present information at Newark Community Day on safety and participate in other presentations/events focusing on Bicycling

### **5) Create safety--training publication, video, and online materials for:**

- Delaware Avenue Bikeway. And other Bikeway segments
  - Create Full videos of Bikeway travel for training and publicity uses
  - Create Additional information to accompany videos on local resources
- Bicycling to school or work safely using Newark Bikeways low-stress network.
  - Bike to Work Day 2025
  - Bike to School Day
  - Elementary School Bike Rodeo at Downs Elementary School and others

Scheduled First Friday/Saturday Rides on Newark Bikeways  
Presentations at Community Organizations about BikeNewark

**6) Develop bike--parking needs assessment for the entire Newark community.**

Includes retro--fitting locations to upgrade for needed bike parking  
Includes seeking funding to help fund new bike parking

**7) Seek opportunities to sponsor or co--sponsor events with partner other related organizations, with emphasis on sub--communities within Newark on cycling.**

Arts and Cultural Organizations such as Newark Arts Alliance  
Economic Development such as TNP Economic Enhancement Committee

**8) Explore offering Bicycling Instruction to groups using League American Bicyclist Curricula or other established national curricula by:**

Developing Instructor Resources for teaching classes  
Identifying potential target groups to participate in classes

## BikeNewark Accomplishments in 2024

- Maintained membership of 42 individuals, losing seven former members but gaining seven others.
- Completed our information-kiosk project, which included installation by the City of Newark in four locations (Phillips Park, the junction of the Hall and Pomeroy Trails, Olan Thomas Park, and Hillside Park) with the addition of Newark Bikeways and *City of Newark Area Recreation Amenities* maps created by BikeNewark.
- Highlighted National Bike Month in May with our annual Bike to Work Day event on the campus of the University of Delaware, in coordination with event partners City of Newark, UD, DelDOT, Newark Bike Project, and Delaware Commute Solutions. About 75 participants attended the event.
- Partnered with University of Delaware Police, DelDOT, and Newark Bike Project to hold three successful bike-safety events on campus, during which about 70 sets of bike lights were installed, about 20 bike helmets were given and fitted, and bicycle-safety information was distributed.
- Organized and held six First Friday Rides community events—slow group rides that are meant to encourage those of all ages to enjoy bicycling and practice good group-riding etiquette.
- Supported A. I. Whoo on its University of Delaware–hosted Newark Outdoor Recreation information project, which involved creation of a website and installation of associated outdoor signage with QR codes. The website utilizes the BikeNewark-created *City of Newark Area Recreation Amenities* map, which coordinates with the Newark Bikeways low-stress network.
- Assisted in the efforts of WILMAPCO and City staff to update the *2014 Newark Bicycle Plan*, and a member made presentations to The Newark Partnership and Rotary Club about the update project.
- Supported the Newark Arts Alliance’s inaugural “Garden Tour by Bike” event with bike-route map.
- Distributed information and talked with attendees at the annual Newark Community Day in September.
- Supported John R. Downes Elementary School for its annual Bike to School Day celebration in May.
- Supported John R. Downes Elementary School during its DelDOT-led day of bike rodeos—practical bicycle-safety sessions for children.
- Supported the Newark Center for Creative Learning’s Greenfest event.
- Supported the Delaware State Parks’ trail-information days for White Clay Creek State Park.
- Members participated in planning committees/discussions for the following projects/topics:
  - South College Avenue gateway
  - Newport-to-Newark off-road trail
  - Newark to Lums Pond bike access

- Members participated in (and continue on) The Newark Partnership.
- A member participated (and continues) on the City of Newark's Transportation Improvement District (TID) Committee.
- A member participated (and continues) on the City of Newark's Conservation Advisory Committee.

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