



September 2025 Monthly Meeting

September 18, 2025 at 7:00 pm via Zoom

Bob McBride called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

Member Attendees: Bob McBride (Chair), Jacquee Lukawski (Secretary), J.T. Fleming, Aarti Arora, Michael Smith (Vice-President)

Review of Past and Upcoming Events

Community Day - September 21, 11:00 am-4:00 pm on the UD Green

UD Bike Safety Days - September 23 and October 1 on the UD Green

Special Newark Community Ride for newcomers Saturday, October 4 at 11:00 am

Updates on Projects

Newark Bicycle Plan update – Heather stated that the draft is about to be voted on by City Council. Available at: <https://www.wilmapco.org/bikenewark/>.

Engineering Committee – Karl has varnished all the kiosks on the bike network and removed graffiti. South Bikeways pathway maintenance was recently completed and the vegetation was cut back to expose the wide asphalt. Mark is suggesting that we adopt this segment for monthly litter cleanup. The Gravenor Lane pedestrian gate project is being assessed for drainage and concrete work, potentially with a bollard to prevent vehicular traffic.

Delaware Bicycle Innovation Grant application has been submitted for re-striping McKees Lane for pedestrian and bicycle traffic.

Connector Project – Newark, Paper Mill Road, Olan Thomas Park Path: <https://deldot.gov/projects/index.shtml?dc=details&projectNumber=T202320005>. A public meeting was held in June and construction will begin in 2026. There may still be some time to make comments and Mark and Karl will connect separately to discuss.

Discussion of Scooter/ E-bike Policy Recommendations (continued)

Electric Scooters/Electric Bicycle Policy Recommendations for Newark Bikeways –

In reviewing the rules the city has for park use, 15 miles per hour and helmet usage are required on park paths. We're not yet ready to submit recommendations on this topic but agree that public safety education is needed.

Treasurer Report

Karl will be providing two monthly reports next month due to being out of town.

Old and New Business

We plan to survey members about meeting times for the upcoming year. It may be good to move back to 4:00 pm meetings so that we get more attendance, particularly from partner organizations.

We may look at offering daytime bike rides on the weekends during the winter months.

Upcoming Meeting times/places schedule for 2025

Aug.21 Hybrid (WILMAPCO/Zoom) at 4:30

Sep. 18 Zoom at 7:00

Oct. 16 Hybrid (WILMAPCO /Zoom) at 4:30

Nov. 20 Zoom at 7:00

Dec. 18 Hybrid (WILMAPCO/Zoom) at 4:30 (enables holiday celebration)

Adjourned at 7:45 pm

Minutes by Jacquee Lukawski

August 2025 Treasurer Report to be provided in October with the September Report