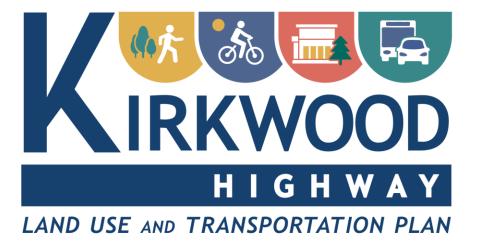
# ADVISORY COMMITTEE FEBRUARY 6, 2025











#### **AGENDA**

- Welcome
- Advisory Committee
- Schedule & Recap
- Final Recommendations of Land Use and Transportation Elements
- Upcoming Public Workshop
- Next Steps
- Public Comment



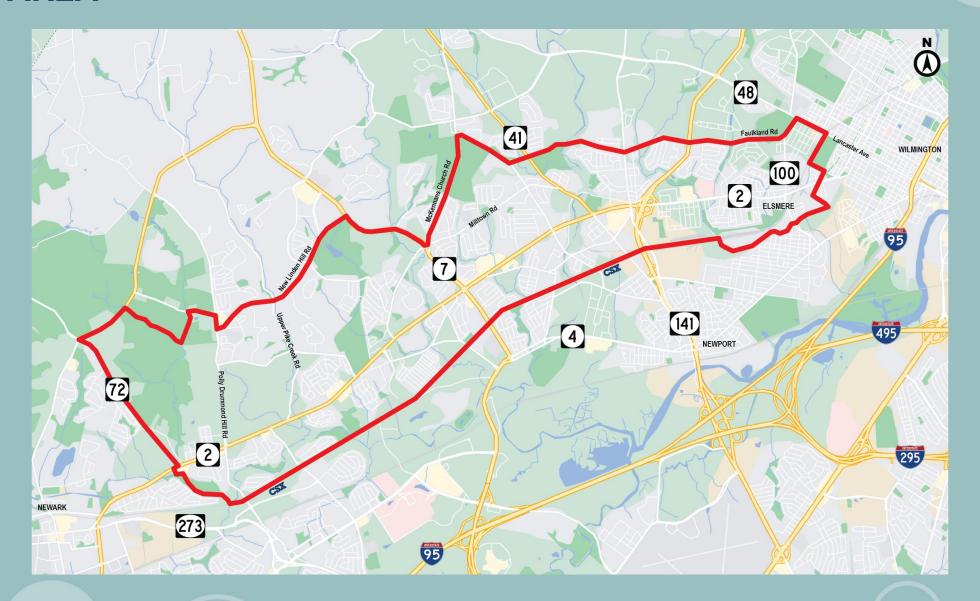
#### **WELCOME**



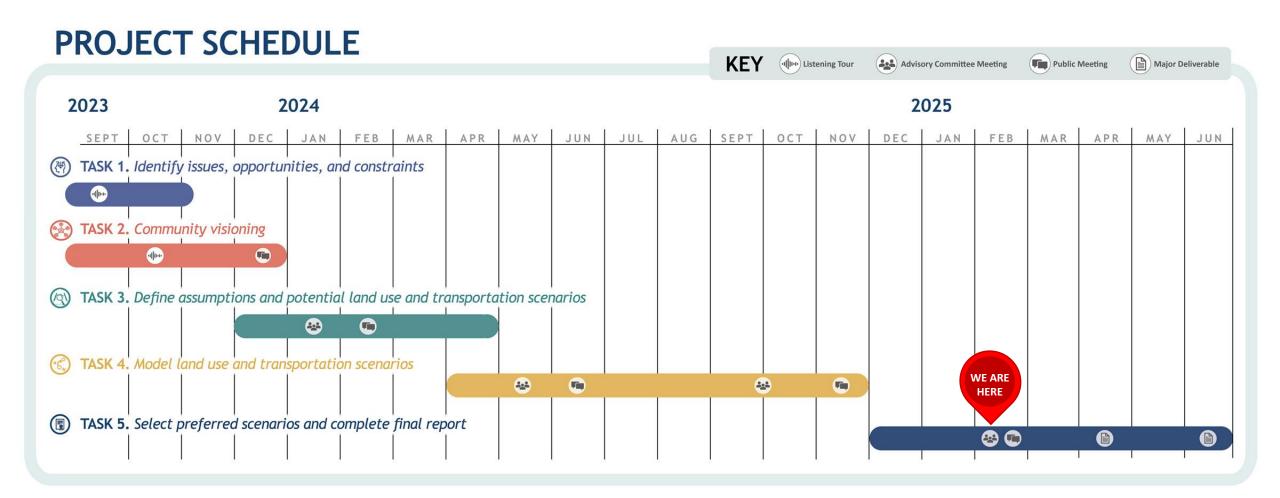
KIRKWOOD HIGHWAY
LAND USE and TRANSPORTATION PLAN

# **INTRODUCTIONS**

#### **STUDY AREA**



#### **PROJECT PROCESS**



#### **VISION STATEMENT**

Kirkwood Highway should become a multimodal corridor that serves a variety of compact community and business centers between Newark and Wilmington.

- Transportation facility design elements, reflective of the context of the different areas along the
  corridor, should discourage high traffic speeds and promote safe access for all ages and abilities to
  destinations by walking, bicycling, rolling, and riding transit while managing congestion levels.
- Economic development efforts should focus on facilitating a transition from auto-oriented design to more bikeable and walkable places that mix affordable community-serving retail and services with housing opportunities that serve the corridor's diverse clientele.
- Both public and private properties should integrate landscaping and open space.
- Connected networks serving all modes should link Kirkwood Highway's community and business centers to adjacent neighborhoods and resources such as schools and parks.

#### **PUBLIC OUTREACH**





Workshops (including tonight)



31 Stakeholders Participated in Listening Tour





110+ Surveys



Pop up event on September 22, 2024 at St John's Holy Angles Church

#### Workshops

Visioning Workshop



Scenario Planning Workshop



Alternatives Workshop



Draft Recommendations Workshop



#### **RECAP: NOVEMBER 21ST PUBLIC WORKSHOP**

- 47 people signed in at the workshop
- 52 comment forms were submitted (13 at the workshop; 39 submitted after the workshop)







#### RECAP: NOVEMBER 21<sup>ST</sup> PUBLIC WORKSHOP

- 79 comments on the maps
- Key Themes
  - Reduce/Manage Speed
  - Improve Safety
  - Reduce Congestion especially at SR 7 Intersection
  - Incorporation of Ped/Bike Trails but more focused away
     from Kirkwood Highway
  - Drainage
  - Issues at Northbound SR 141 Ramp at Eastbound SR 2



#### FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS

Land Use & Economic Development



Road and Street Sections



Major Intersections



Other Key Kirkwood Highway Intersections



Accommodating Churchman's Road Extended



Other Key Roads in the Study Area



Transit



Pedestrian/Bicycle Network Connections



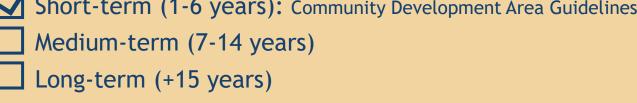
#### RECAP: NOVEMBER 21<sup>ST</sup> PUBLIC WORKSHOP

Participants were asked how well did they think each of the draft recommendations would help to achieve the long-term vision for the Kirkwood Highway Corridor.

Draft Recommendation Category	Scale (1-5)					
	1	2	3	4	5	
	Not Well		Neutral		Very Well	
Land Use/Econ Development	11	8	6	19	9	
Road and Street Sections	8	8	10	16	10	
Major Kirkwood Intersections	9	7	9	14	13	
Other Key Kirkwood Intersections	11	7	10	15	8	
Churchman's Road Extended	7	2	18	18	6	
Transit	10	4	14	16	7	
Other Key Roads in Study Area	9	7	17	11	6	
Ped/Bike Network Connections	7	9	14	15	6	

## FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS: Land Use & Economic Development

- Vision Statement Flements Addressed
  - Enhance walking, bicycling, rolling, and transit
  - Encourage bikeable and walkable places
  - Community-serving retail and housing
  - Landscaping and open space
- Refinement(s) Since November Workshop
  - The final report will prioritize the establishment of a Community Development Area for Prices Corner before Midway
- Implementation Recommendations Short-term (1-6 years): Community Development Area Guidelines Medium-term (7-14 years)





#### FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS: STREET Sections

- Vision Statement Elements Addressed
  - Discourage high traffic speeds
  - Safe access: all ages and abilities
  - Enhance walking, bicycling, rolling, and transit
- Refinement(s) Since November Workshop
  - The final report will emphasize the need to better manage/lower speeds throughout Kirkwood Highway, regardless of ROAD or STREET designation
  - The final report will further emphasize the desire to address conflict points by reducing access whenever development or redevelopment opportunities arise regardless of ROAD or STREET designation

Long-term (+15 years: Corridor Wide Reconstruction Projects

Implementation Recommendations

Short-term (1-6 years): Repaving Projects, Developer Improvements

Medium-term (7-14 years): Limited Roadway Reconstruction Projects, Developer Improvements



#### FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS: ROAD Sections

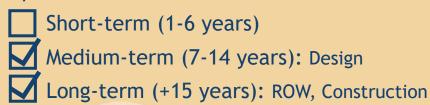
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#### FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS: Major Kirkwood Highway Intersections

- Vision Statement Elements Addressed
  - Safe access: all ages and abilities
  - Enhance walking, bicycling, rolling, and transit
  - Manage congestion levels
- Refinement Since November Workshop
  - The final report will indicate that further study of the SR 2 / SR 7 intersection should:
    - Study options for addressing access for the businesses located on SR 2 to east of the potential overpass.
    - Consider emphasis of aesthetic treatments for any potential overpass to help mitigate visual impacts, further emphasizing STREET characteristics.
  - Implementation Recommendations





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- Vision Statement Elements Addressed
  - Manage congestion levels
- Refinement Since November Workshop
  - The final report will indicate that any further study of the SR 7 / Milltown Road intersection should focus on options that discourage cut through traffic on Milltown Road.





#### FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS: Major Kirkwood Highway Intersections

- Vision Statement Elements Addressed
  - Discourage high traffic speeds
  - Safe access: all ages and abilities
  - Manage congestion levels
  - Landscaping and open space
- Refinement Since November Workshop
  - The final report will prioritize modifications to the Northbound SR 141 to Eastbound SR 2 ramp, independent of any longer-term improvements at the interchange.
- Implementation Recommendations

Short-term (1-6 years): Ramp Modification

Medium-term (7-14 years): Design

Long-term (+15 years): Construction



#### FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS: Accommodating Churchman's Road Extended

- Vision Statement Elements Addressed
  - Manage congestion levels
- Refinement Since November Workshop
  - The final report will recommend further study of the number and termini of Eastbound and Westbound travel lanes between Milltown Road and SR 7, in conjunction with the potential future construction of Churchman's Road Extended.
- Implementation Recommendations

Short-term (1-6 years): Environmental Studies

Medium-term (7-14 years): Design

✓ Long-term (+15 years): ROW, Construction



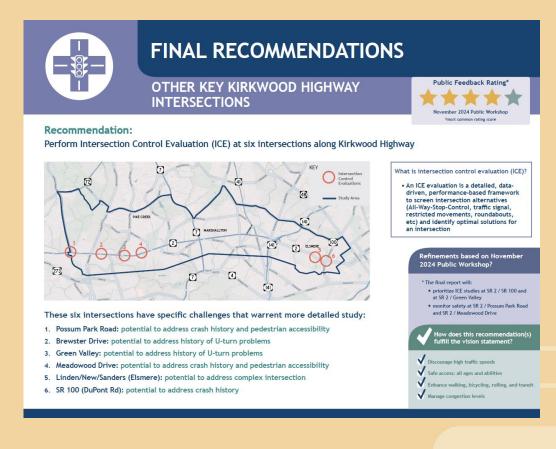
#### FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS: Other Key Kirkwood Highway Intersections

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  - Safe access: all ages and abilities
  - Enhance walking, bicycling, rolling, and transit
  - Manage congestion levels
- Refinement Since November Workshop
  - The final report will
    - Prioritize intersection control evaluation studies at SR 2 / SR 100 and at SR 2 / Green Valley
    - Monitor safety at SR 2 / Possum Park Road and SR 2 / Meadowood Drive
- Implementation Recommendations

Short-term (1-6 years): Intersection Control Evaluation Studies

Medium-term (7-14 years): Intersection Improvements

Long-term (+15 years): Intersection Improvements



#### FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS: Other Key Roads in Study Area

- Vision Statement Elements Addressed
  - Discourage high traffic speeds
  - Safe access: all ages and abilities
  - Enhance walking, bicycling, rolling, and transit
  - Connect neighborhoods, schools, and parks
- Refinement Since November Workshop
  - The final report will
    - Prioritize pedestrian improvements along Possum Park Road
    - Prioritize traffic calming design elements along Milltown Road
- Implementation Recommendations



Long-term (+15 years): Construction of Remaining Roadway Locations



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  - The final report will prioritize an intersection control evaluation study at the intersection of Possum Park / Paper Mill Road.
- Implementation Recommendations



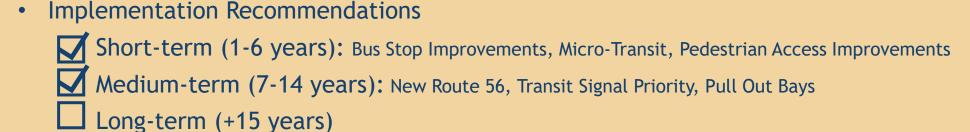
Medium-term (7-14 years): Intersection Improvements

Long-term (+15 years): Intersection Improvements



#### FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS: Transit

- Vision Statement Elements Addressed
  - Safe access: all ages and abilities
  - Enhance walking, bicycling, rolling, and transit
- Refinement Since November Workshop
  - The final report will recommend further study of all bus stops along Kirkwood Highway for potential relocation and/or consolidation to address safety and enhance transit operations.





#### FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS: Pedestrian/Bicycle Network Connections

- Vision Statement Elements Addressed
  - Safe access: all ages and abilities
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  - Connect neighborhoods, schools, and parks
- Refinement Since November Workshop
  - The final report will emphasize that bicycles should be accommodated on separate facilities, including mixed use paths or other parallel/intersecting roads.
- Implementation Recommendations
  - Short-term (1-6 years): Design of Priority Locations
  - Medium-term (7-14 years): Construction of Priority Locations
  - ✓ Long-term (+15 years): Construction of Remaining Locations



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#### PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION

- Projects are divided into three categories
  - Short-term (1- 6 years)
  - Mid-term (7 14 years)
  - Long-term (15+ years)
- Projects are accompanied with an estimated cost
  - \$ < \$1M
  - \$\$ \$1M \$10M
  - \$\$\$ \$10M \$25M
  - \$\$\$\$ \$25M \$50M
  - \$\$\$\$\$ >\$50M
- Project locations are identified on the study area map

## PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION SHORT TERM



The following projects are anticipated to be implemented in 1-6 years.



	2 Midway Community Development Area	\$
-	Road and Street Sections	
	Conversion to STREET at St. James Church to Farrand Drive	\$\$\$\$
	Oconversion to STREET at Elsmere to Wilmington	\$\$\$\$
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	3 Conversion to ROAD at Farrand Drive to Elsmere	SSSS
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Land Use & Economic Development



On-Demand Micro-Transit Bus Service

Study potential of relocation and/or consol of bus stops to address safety and enhance

		2.75	
188	Major Intersections		
	Interchange Reconfiguration and Ramp Improvements at SR 2 / SR 141	ss	
	Other Key Kirkwood Highway Intersections		
	Perform Intersection Control Evaluation at Possum Park Road	\$	
	Perform Intersection Control Evaluation at Green Valley	\$	
	Perform Intersection Control Evaluation at Meadowood Drive	\$	
	Perform Intersection Control Evaluation at SR 100 (DuPont Rd)	\$	



#### **NEXT WORKSHOP**

- February 24<sup>th</sup>; 4:30pm-6:30pm
- Cranston Heights Fire Co
- Registration on Project website at www.wilmapco.org/kirkwood

#### YOU'RE INVITED!



The Wilmington Area Planning Council (WILMAPCO), Delaware Department of Transportation (DelDOT), Delaware Transit Corporation (DTC), and New Castle County Department of Land Use are continuing the development of the Kirkwood Highway Land Use and Transportation Plan.

The plan, which has been developed with extensive community and stakeholder input, includes both short and long-term improvements and initiatives for the Kirkwood Highway corridor between Newark and Wilmington that will help shape the way people live, work, and play in the Kirkwood Highway Corridor.



For more information and to register in advance for the Workshop, please visit: wilmapco.org/ kirkwood

WILMAPCO encourages all members of the community to participate in this event. If you need language or disability assistance, please let us know. Contact our office at wilmapco@wilmapco.org or 302-737-6205 no later than three business days before the event. We will endeavor to provide a service to help meet your needs.

#### FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS **WORKSHOP**

Monday, February 24, 2025 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Cranston Heights Fire Co. 3306 Kirkwood Highway Wilmington, DE 19808

Snow Date: Wednesday, February 26, 2025

The in-person workshop will have a presentation at 4:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m., but you can attend any time between 4:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

- Learn about the final recommendations for transportation improvements and land use policy strategies for the study area (below)
- · Learn about the projected timeline for



todos los miembros de la oar en este evento. Si on el idioma o alguna oslo saber. Comuníquese l wilmapco@wilmapco.org o ás tardar tres días antes del emos por proporcionar un satisfacer sus necesidades.

### ÁS INVITADO!



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con amplias contribuciones partes interesadas, incluve a corto y largo plazo para el od Highway entre Newark

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Para más información y para registrarse por adelantado para el Taller,

> wilmapco.org/ kirkwood

#### **TALLER CON** RECOMENDACIONES FINALES

Lunes 24 de febrero de 2025 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Cranston Heights Fire Co. 3306 Kirkwood Highway Wilmington, DE 19808

En caso de nieve: Miércoles 26 de febrero

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- de transporte y estrategias de políticas de uso de tierras para el área en estudio (ver debajo)



















KIRKWOOD HIGHWAY

#### **POST WORKSHOP**

- Develop Kirkwood Highway Land Use and Transportation Plan Report for review and comment
- Future Steps by Agency Partners
  - WILMAPCO
    - Approve Kirkwood Highway Land Use and Transportation Plan
    - Include recommended projects in RTP
    - Develop Kirkwood Highway monitoring program
    - Initiate planning studies for other key roads and intersections if proposed for funding by the UPWP
    - Nominate pedestrian and bicycle projects for funding
  - Implementing Agencies (DelDOT, DART & NCC)
    - Establish Community Development Areas (NCC)
    - Include recommended transportation projects in the CTP (DelDOT) in a phased and prioritized approach
    - Continue implementation of DART Reimagined (DelDOT/DART)

#### KIRKWOOD HIGHWAY MONITORING COMMITTEE

- Guide and fulfill the recommendations of the Kirkwood Highway Land Use and Transportation Plan
- Facilitate regular communications between decision makers, community stakeholders and the traveling public on progress in implementing the Plan



# **THANK YOU!**

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

