



Virtual Monthly Meeting  
Agenda  
April 16, 2020, at 4:00 p.m. via Zoom

- **Transportation Planning**
  - Update on Newark Transportation Improvement District
  - Update on New Castle County Bicycle Plan
  - Update on Newark Bikeways wayfinding signage project
- **Events Planning/Discussion for 2020**
  - Bike to Work Day postponement
  - First Friday/Fourth Friday Rides
  - Community Bike Days, including Community Fun Ride
- **Treasurer's Report**
- **Old and New Business**

# **BikeNewark Accomplishments in 2019**

- Organized nine First Friday Ride events (March through November). These social slow rides through Newark averaged about 15 participants.
- Held 2 Bike Central events in cooperation with the University of Delaware, Newark Bike Project, and DelDOT, one in the spring and one in the fall. The fall event was particularly successful, during which more than 20 sets of lights were installed and 5 helmets were given out free of charge.
- Executed and posted results of a City Council and Mayoral candidates survey as public service in advance of the April municipal election.
- Redistributed bike-safety flyers in four non-English languages—Spanish, French, Chinese, and Arabic—to the English Language Institute. These were based on the “4 Safety Tips for Bicyclists” cards that had been printed in English in 2018 for use by partner organizations.
- Volunteered at and helped sponsor Walkable/Bikeable Delaware Summit in May, which was organized by Bike Delaware, one of BikeNewark’s partners.
- Co-organized (with the City of Newark) and held annual Bike to Work Day event on the University of Delaware campus on May 17. More than 80 participants came to the event, which was sponsored by Bloom Energy and four in-kind contributing organizations. The event featured coordinated rides to the venue, free breakfast, speakers from the University of Delaware community and city and state government, the annual Bicycle Friendly Community Leader Award presentation, and random prizes (including a Trek hybrid bike).
- Organized a weeklong series of events called “Community Bike Days” from Sept. 3–7, culminating in a Saturday morning Community Fun Ride comprising a 2.25-mile “Family Fun Ride” and a 8.25-mile “Newark Loop Ride.” This signature ride event included 97 participants and raised more than \$4,000 from sponsorships, which will be used to improve bicycling in Newark. The weeklong series included 17 in-kind contributing organizations.
- Held two Community Nights—June 22 at Handloff Park and October 26 at Wooden Wheels—to familiarize the public with BikeNewark and highlight its ongoing projects. Each included free food and drink.
- Hosted an information table during Newark Community Day (September 15).
- Continued to consult with and provide input to Johnson, Mirmiran & Thompson on Delaware Avenue two-way protected bike-lane project, as engineering plans were finalized.
- Completed wayfinding signage design work and oversaw production and application of signage, in coordination with the City of Newark and DelDOT, on “phase 1”—the Central Loop Bikeway—of the developing of the Newark low-stress bicycle network—“Newark Bikeways.”
- Began and completed wayfinding signage design work on “phase 2” of the Newark Bikeways project, which includes a North Bikeway, Northwest Bikeway, West Bikeway, and East Bikeway.
- Developed a budding relationship with The Newark Partnership.
- Participated on the city’s new Transportation Improvement District (TID) committee.
- Formally added Delaware Greenways among its official partner organizations.
- Advocated on behalf of the bicycling community at various City Council meetings, including supporting 1) the Emerson Bridge (over White Clay Creek) project and 2) the preservation of the bike lane on Delaware Avenue during DelDOT’s Main Street construction project.

- Submitted two New Castle County Bicycle Plan “priority project” proposals for funding consideration—Newark Bikeways development and protected bike lanes along Wyoming Road.

# **BikeNewark Proposed Goals for 2020**

## **Bikeways**

- Complete Newark Bikeway Phase 1 through Installation of signage on street
- Complete Initial Planning for Newark Bikeway Phase 2 and 3
- Prepare written and visual information about Newark Bikeway system for users
- Develop Plan for feasibility of electronic Navigation Application(s) for Bikeways users

## **Planning New Bicycle Trails**

- Begin planning and design for a mostly parklands, mostly off-road multi-use paved ring around Newark, incorporating existing Hall and Pomeroy trails with a new 1.5-mile section along East Branch of the Christina Creek between West Main and Elkton Rd. (roughly paralleling Casho Mill Road).

## **Enhancing Bicycle Transportation**

- Provide several safety focused events for bicyclists including:
  - Bike Central Repair and Lighting events
  - Organized formal monthly rides to focus on bicycle skills/knowledge and safety
  - Community-wide bicycle event such as Community Bike Day
- Develop informational products for bicyclists about best bike-to-work practices.
- Develop informational products for employers about best bike-to-work practices.
- Develop information products for bicyclists about recreational bicycle resources adjacent to City of Newark including:
  - State/County parklands
  - Connecting trails to nearby commercial/work or shopping areas
- Include planning for safe bike parking in review of City of Newark parking regulations.
- Expand Safe Routes to School programs to at least two new campuses in Newark.

## **BikeNewark Membership**

- Propose and adopt changes with regard to membership requirements.
  - Phase out automatic membership with participation.
  - Ask for active participation or modest fee to join.