

Bike Delaware Fact Sheet

Trail Projects

Northern New Castle Greenway

A paved recreation path between Alopacas Road and Bellevue State Park. Construction has begun on the overpass over US 202. Path connecting Alopacas Path with the Bellevue State Park Path to begin in 2006.

Pomeroy Rail Trail

New project to expand the existing Pomeroy Rail Trail in Newark to meet the Hall Trail. However recent budget cuts puts the future of this trail in jeopardy.

East Coast Greenway

A proposed off-road route alignment has now been selected. Much of it will be sidepaths following routes 13, 4 and 58. A major missing link is the Wilmington to New Castle Greenway.

Breakwater and Junction Trail (Sussex County)

3 mile segment is now open however the trail does not offer any practical connections at this point, The state has extended the trail to Rehoboth Beach without getting on Route 1. A future link will be added to connect the trail to Gulls Neck Road (Near Cape Henlopen High School near Lewes).

Hall Trail

Trail along the Amtrak line was opened in 2003 provides excellent access between Newark, the existing train station and College Square.

Wilmington and New Castle Greenway

An issue of concern is the proposed fill in of the rail underpass with reconstruction of I-295. This is a proposed project that is not yet funded.

On Road Projects

Choptank Rd (Route 15)

Bunker Hill Rd to Bethel Church Road. Road is scheduled to be improved with bike lanes, project should go under construction in 2005.

Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

This is the list of prioritized transportation projects, BCGP will be looking at ways to monitor the TIP to assure that bicycles and pedestrians are accommodated in every road project. More about the TIP at www.wilmapco.org

Policy

DelDOT Bicycle Facilities Master Plan –

This project identifies 24 corridors that along state highways throughout the state. This summary of statewide routes is complete identifying barriers. The plan should be

complete in 2005. BCGP will be monitoring the implementation phase of this project which will likely be concurrent with DelDOT highway projects.

BCGP has suggested to the consultant that a bicycle and pedestrian checklist similar to PENNDOT's be inserted into the library of Deldot design manuals.

New Castle County Greenway's Master Plan

This is a new project in which WILMAPCO and Delaware Greenways will be identifying and prioritizing greenway corridors in the county.

Wilmington Bicycle Plan

Wilmington will be drafting a bicycle pedestrian plan for the city of Wilmington. As part of its Wilmington Initiatives Project.

Route 1 Corridor from Dewey Beach to Lewes

This route is heavily used by summer workers employed at the shopping centers on Route 1. The road is incompatible with bicycles and crash rates are very high. Some efforts have been made to educate cyclists but more effort into the road design and motor vehicle law enforcement is needed.

Transit Projects

Bike Racks on Buses

DART First State has recently installed bike racks on buses in New Castle County. Bike racks are already on every bus in Kent and Sussex County. Bikes are allowed in the luggage compartment on the Route 301 and 305 intercounty buses.

New Rail Cars

SEPTA - Design of new rail cars will be more bicycle friendly, with low entry doors and folding wheelchair area seats,

DART First State – A new train will be purchased by DART to cover increased train service to Newark and Churchman's Crossing (Fairplay) station. Bicycle Access will be designed into the train however budget cuts have pushed back this new service.

Newark Train Station

BCGP will monitor design process to assure that good bicycle access and parking are included.

Education

Bicycle Education Program

BCGP is developing a bicycle education curriculum modeled after our own Bicycle Education and Enhancement Program. The goal is to create a short 1 day commuter course to teach people how to ride comfortably and safely in traffic.

Safe Routes to Schools

DelDOT has hired a consultant (Toole Design Group) to develop the Delaware Safe Routes to Schools Program,
More information on this project will be available early 2005.

Wish List

*Bike Parking – Downtown Wilmington, Amtrak Station, Main St Newark, Old New Castle
Delaware Memorial Bridge Access
New Castle County Bicycle Plan
Complete Streets Policy
Other ideas?*

Other Organizations Listed in the Report

WILMAPCO – The Wilmington Area Planning Council, this organization is in charge of regional planning. www.wilmapco.org

Delaware Greenway – Delaware Greenways is a statewide nonprofit agency committed to the preservation and enhancement of Delaware's natural, scenic, historic, cultural and recreational resources. www.delawaregreenways.org