### **Delaware Avenue Bikeway**

What Happens When a Restriping Project Escalates Into A Major Capital Project



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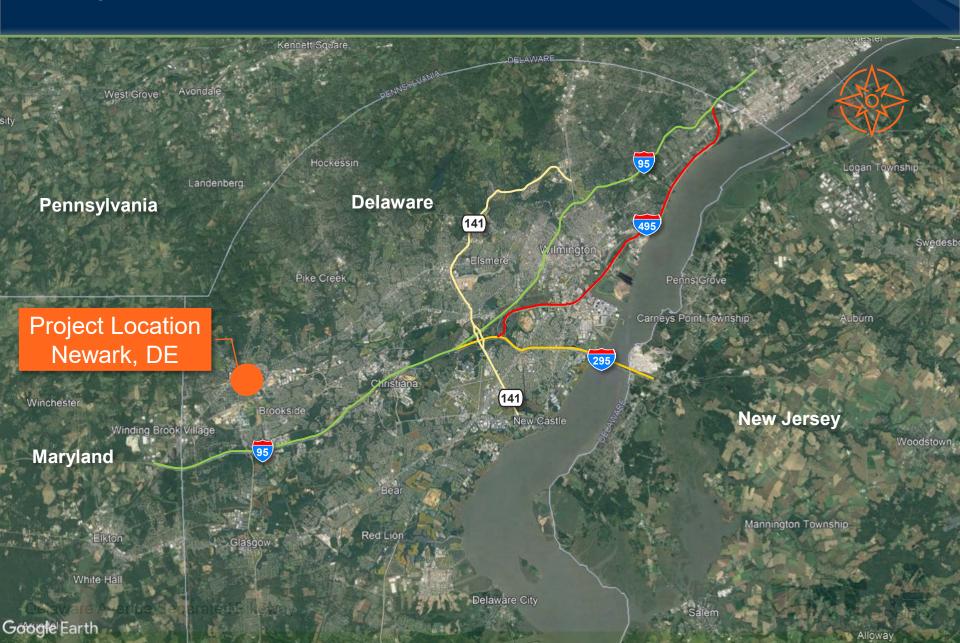
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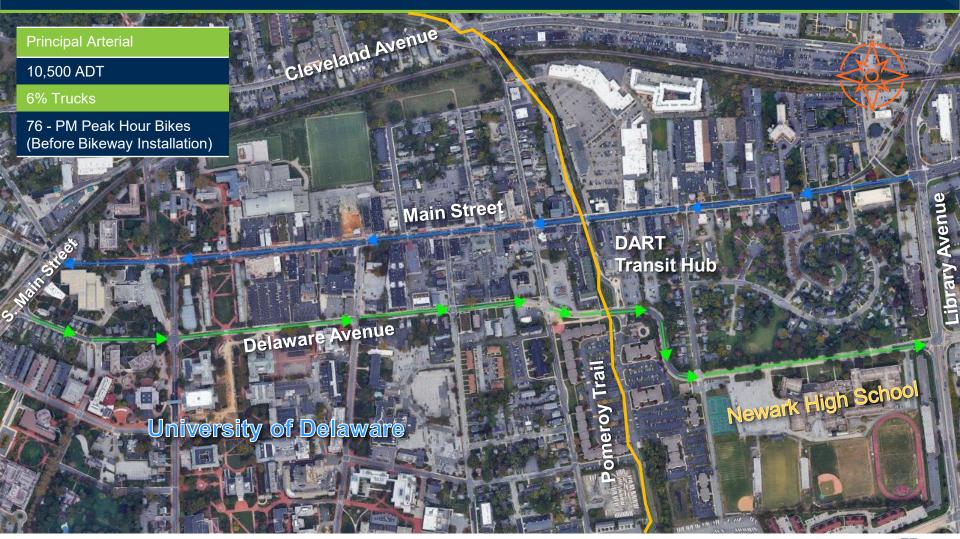
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## **Project Location**



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# Lots of Bicycle and Pedestrian Use, ALSO BIG TRUCKS!













#### Coordination is Key!



#### **Project Purpose and Goals:**

- 1. Provide a designated and predictable two-way bicycle route on one-way street.
- 2. Reduce bicycle level of stress for on-street bicycle use.
- 3. Improve pedestrian facilities to be ADA compliant.
- 4. Rehabilitate and replace deteriorated pavement.
- 5. Engage public in project decisions and process.



### Pop-Up Public Demonstration







- "Move the cycle track to the left side"
- "It's wide enough"



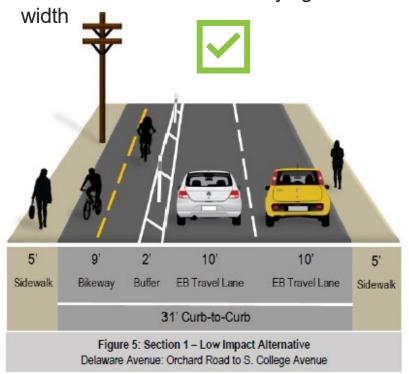


Delaware Avenue Separated Bikeway

#### Planning Study – Initial Alternatives Identified

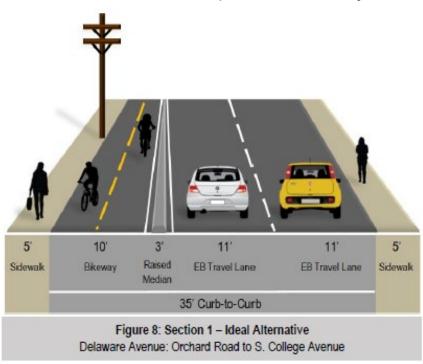
#### Low Impact Alternative

Constructable without modifying curb to curb



#### Ideal Alternative

Wider more protected facility



<sup>\*</sup> FHWA Separated Bike Lane Design Guide was published when we were looking at alternatives.



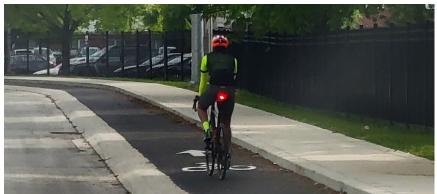


#### Concept Development – Advancing the Design

#### **New Information Uncovered:**

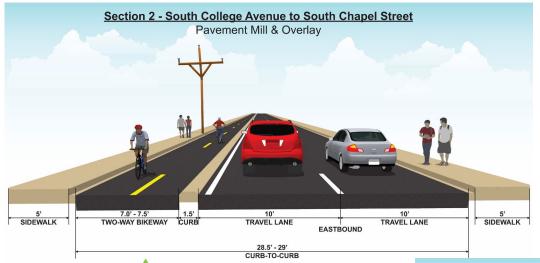
- Traffic Study
  - Solidified need for bicycle signals
  - Bicycle signals under experimental FHWA approvals would cause traffic congestion and intersection failures
- Case Studies of Comparable Projects
  - Flashing yellow "permissive" bicycle signals
- Dutch Cycling Ambassadors
  - Vertical concrete buffers / raised bike lanes







#### Project Design – Two General Sections



Two one-way bike lanes

Two-way separated







# A First for the First State – Raised and Concrete Protected Bike Lanes







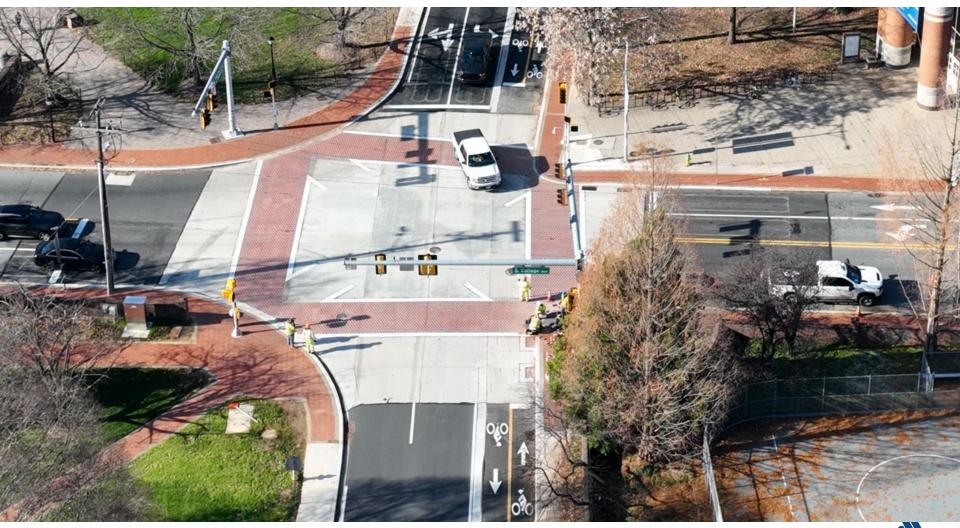


### A First for the First State – Floating Bus Island

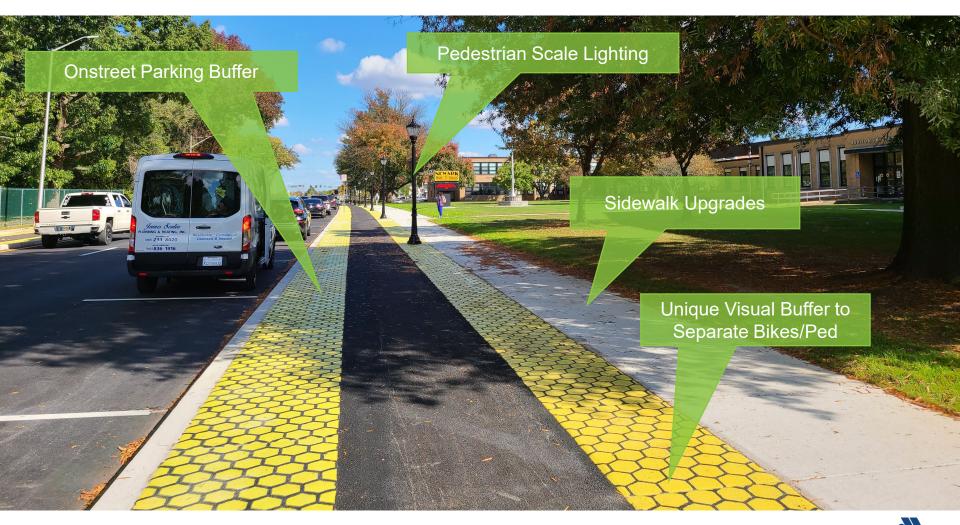




# A First for the First State – Raised Intersection with Scramble



## A First for the First State – Honeycomb Buffer





## A First for the First State – Permissive Bicycle Signals



#### FHWA Experimentation

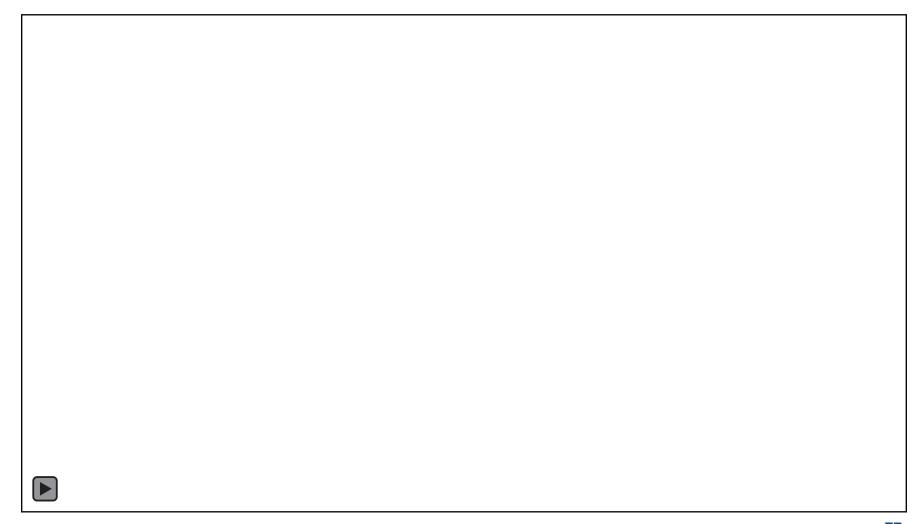


Flashing Yellow





# Permissive Bicycle Signals - Operations





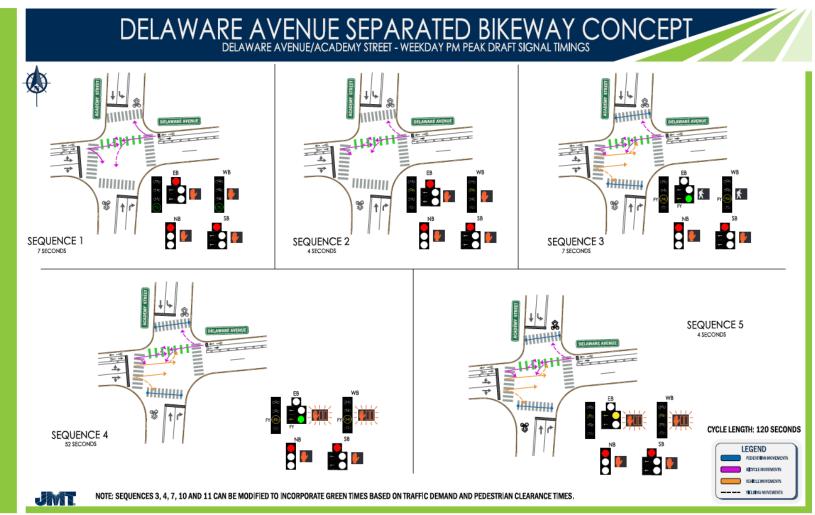


# Bicycle Signal Operation – Traffic Analysis





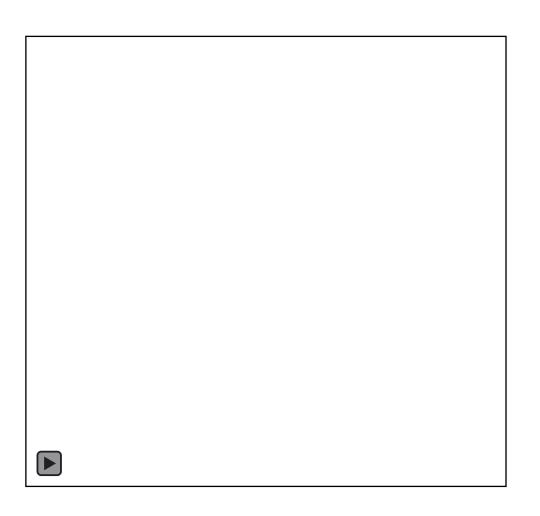
#### Bicycle Signal Operation – Phasing Sequence







## Traffic Signal Controller Cabinet Testing









## Bike Signal Signage



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#### HOW TO USE BIKE LANE CROSSING



Bikes use green crosswalk to continue.

#### **HOW TO USE BIKE BOX**

When signal is red and cars have come to a complete stop, bikes may position themselves in front of vehicles to enter intersection ahead of cars.



#### **BIKE SIGNAL MEANING**

Steady Red: Stop

Steady Yellow: Prepare to stop

Flashing Yellow: Proceed with caution, turning bikes yield to vehicles and pedestrians

Steady Green: Proceed when safe

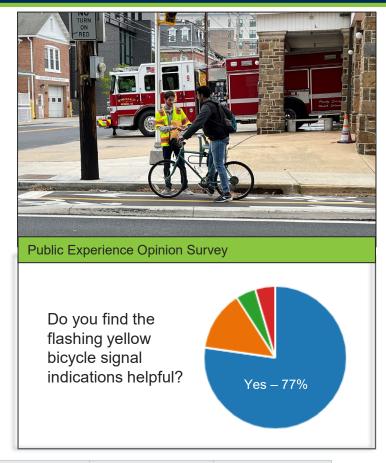
#### **Ongoing Monitoring and Evaluation**

#### Purpose:

- 1. Ensure signal equipment is operating correctly
- 2. Monitor safety and success of experimental signals
- 3. Report to FHWA to demonstrate success of experiment for permanence

#### **Process:**

- "After Study" Data Collection
  - Intersection observations
  - Camera observation periods
- Crash data review
- Public experience opinion survey
- Bikeway Usage Traffic Counts



Bikeway Usage Traffic Counts 11/17/2022	Bike	Skateboard	Scooter	Rollerskating	Total
13 Hour Count Period	165	65	8	2	240





#### Thank You!

