

Comment Summary
Possum Park Road and Old Possum Park Road Intersection Improvements
Public Workshop
November 8, 2012 – 4pm - 7pm

A public workshop was held on Thursday November 8th, 2012 at Saint John – Holy Angels Church and School in Newark to discuss proposed improvements for Possum Park Road and Old Possum Park Road Intersection. There were 18 attendees at the public workshop, which included residents of Chapel Hill Subdivision, residents from Millbourne Drive, some parents who have children attending Holy Angels School, a maintenance worker from the Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Newark and individuals who travel Possum Park Road daily.

The general consensus was positive for the current proposed project in that it may address many of the short term problems of safety and operational issues near Chapel Hill; however, some workshop participants were concerned that it may not be the best long term solution. There were three main concerns that were brought up; all three tie into each other: Why Old Possum Park Road couldn't be realigned with the entrance to the Chapel Hill, would that warrant a traffic signal, and could we install crosswalks if this made it a 4-way intersection? Unsignalized mid-block crosswalks are not preferred or recommended for this 50 mph roadway and a traffic signal is not currently warranted.

The area directly across from Chapel Hill is New Castle County parkland and impacts to park lands are generally a significant concern. To further assess the impacts and issues associated with a design that impacts the parkland, the DeIDOT project team met with New Castle County Parks on Thursday December 19th, 2012 and discussed the possibility of using some of the parkland for the realignment. The meeting was very productive.

Based upon the results of the meeting, DeIDOT plans on developing some concepts of the road alignment, as it relates to potential park improvements, and follow up with New Castle County Parks sometime in February.