



# Welcome!

Please join our public workshop to discuss transportation projects in your community.

- Jackson Street Improvements
- Adams Street Pedestrian Improvements
- I-95 Cap Project Update

Please sign-in at welcome table.

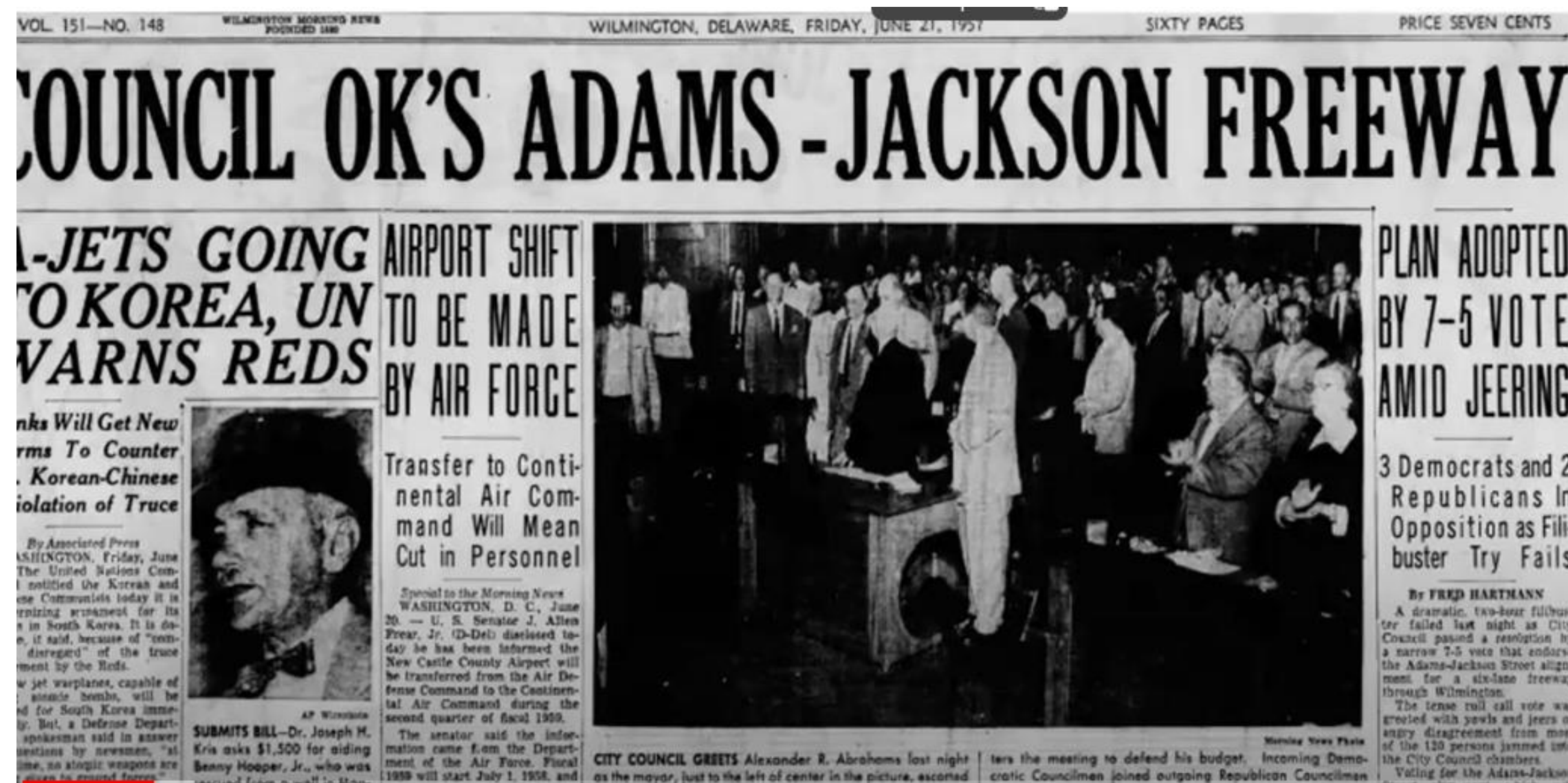


# History of I-95 in Wilmington

1957

## I-95 Approved for Construction through City of Wilmington

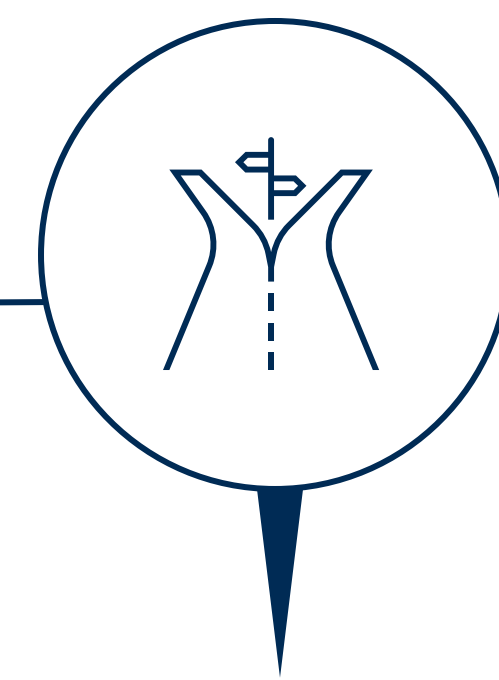
This set-in motion the relocation and demolition of many homes, businesses, churches, and other community landmarks.



1968

## I-95 Opened through Wilmington

Beginning of highway acting as a barrier between neighborhoods.



Construction work approaches 4th Street in September 1965. On the lower right, St. Paul's Catholic Church narrowly avoided the path of the interstate. (Photo Source: Delaware Public Archives)

2010

**2030 Vision for Wilmington – Mayor James M. Baker Administration**  
Visionary plans for highway cap over I-95 as a starting point for shaping tomorrow's dynamically evolving City of Wilmington.

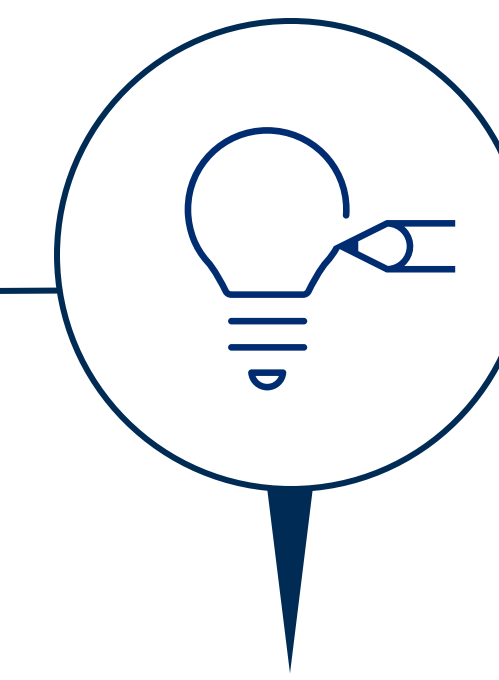


Image from Vision for Wilmington - Mayors 2030 Updates 2010

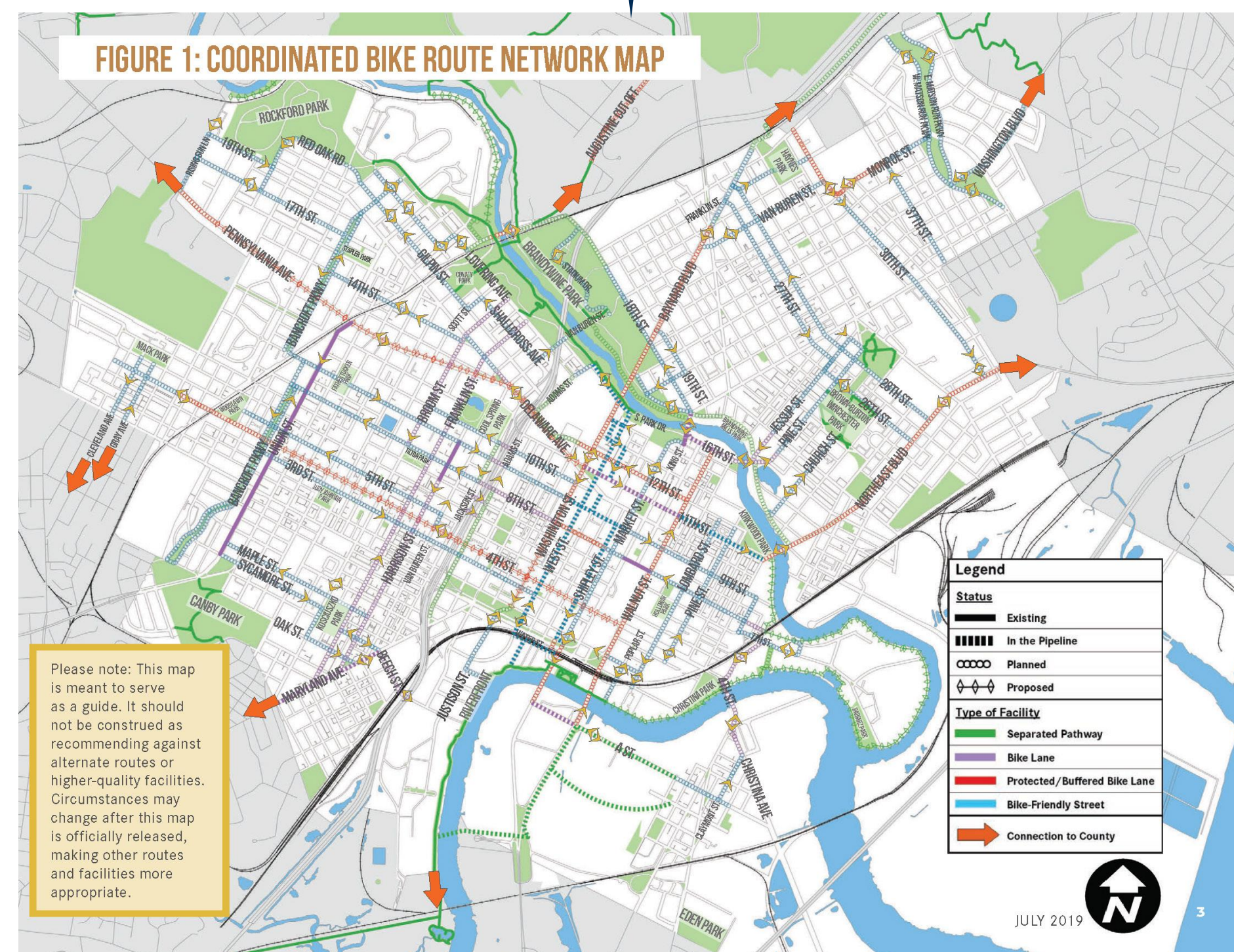


# History of I-95 in Wilmington

2019

## Moving Us Forward: City of Wilmington Bike Plan

Identifies separated pathways, bike lanes, and protected bike lanes that are currently planned for or proposed within this study's area.



Map from *Moving Us Forward: City of Wilmington Bike Plan* – City of Wilmington, 2019

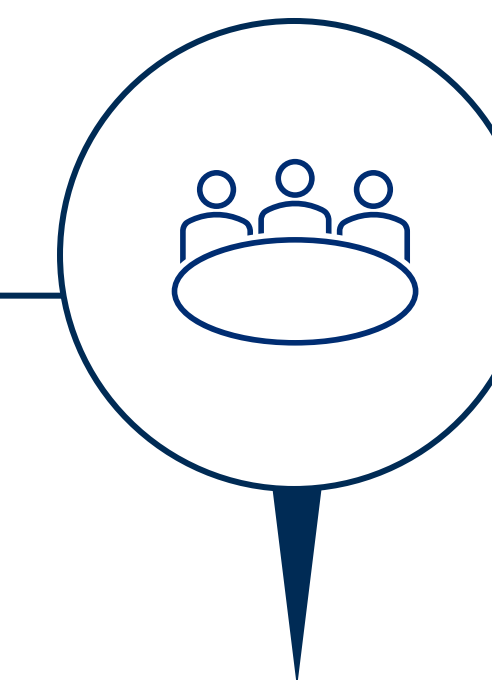
2021 - 2023

**Bridging I-95: Connecting the Community Cap Feasibility Study**  
(Community driven process focused on reconnecting neighborhoods separated by I-95. - WILMAPCO Led)

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## DeIDOT Traffic Study

(To determine Feasibility of Road Reconfiguration on Jackson and Adams Streets and Feasibility of bridge closures)



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Rendering Created by Hargreaves Jones  
Visit WILMAPCO project website to learn more about this study:  
<http://www.wilmapco.org/i95cap/>



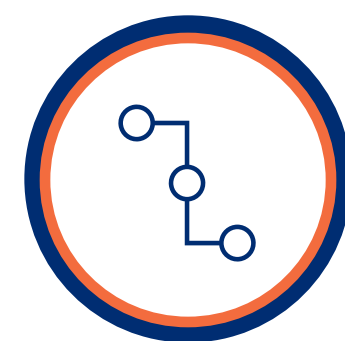


# Where did these projects come from?

As identified in the **project goals** developed during previous planning studies including the Bridging I-95: Connecting the Community Cap Feasibility Study, these projects:



**Reconnect the neighborhoods divided by the construction of I-95** along the Jackson and Adams Street corridors and between the Delaware Avenue Bridge and the 6th Street Bridge and **enhance the character and pride of surrounding neighborhoods**



Provide **equitable, safe, and connected access** for pedestrians, cyclists and all modes of transportation.



Increase **pedestrian safety**.



# Jackson Street Improvements Summary

(Construction Anticipated Summer 2024)




## Road Reconfiguration

Jackson Street will be reduced to a single travel lane between W. 6th Street and Delaware Avenue to provide traffic calming that includes a buffered bike lane and additional pedestrian crossings. On-street parking will not be affected. Increases to corridor travel times are expected due to longer queue lengths at some intersections which could be managed with signal timing modifications along N. Jackson Street and N. Adams Street. With signal timing adjustments, most queue lengths could clear in one signal cycle.

## 7th Street Bridge Closure

The 7th Street bridge over I-95 will be closed to motorized traffic while remaining open for walking and biking. This project is meant to identify impacts of a long-term closure of the bridge for the potential I-95 Cap project.

### Guiding Project Goals:

-  Reconnect the neighborhoods divided by the construction of I-95.
-  Equitable, safe, and connected access.
-  Increase pedestrian safety.





## Adams Street Sidewalk Improvements

(Construction Anticipated Spring 2025)

This project will provide an 8'-10' wide shared use path on Adams Street from W. 6th Street to W. 8<sup>th</sup> Street and 5' wide sidewalk improvements from W. 8<sup>th</sup> Street to Delaware Avenue (along west side). Trees are proposed in the buffer between the facilities and Adams Street. Curb extensions are proposed at intersections to shorten pedestrian crossing distances. Existing sidewalk facilities on the east side of Adams Street will be upgraded as needed to meet ADA requirements. These improvements will tie into the Jackson Street Improvements.

## Adams Street Pathway Phase II

(Construction Anticipated Spring 2026)

This project will provide multi-modal improvements by creating a new 8'-10' wide shared use path along Adams Street from the S. Madison Street at the Riverfront to W. 6th Street. Sections of the shared use path will be separated with a landscaped buffer. The pathway will connect with the park under I-95. Two options are shown for consideration between Liberty Street and W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. Curb extensions, lighting and signal improvements are included to improve safety for the multi-modal environment. These improvements will tie into the Adams Street Sidewalk Improvements.

### Guiding Project Goals:



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Adams Street - Proposed



# I-95 Cap Update

- The I-95 Cap project is a concept study to construct a cap over I-95 in downtown Wilmington and would provide new public amenities, greenspace, and multimodal connectivity to Wilmington’s neighborhoods. The initial feasibility study was completed by WILMAPCO and concluded in 2023.
- The concept study limits include I-95 between North Jackson and North Adams Streets and between Delaware Avenue and West 6th Street.
- DeIDOT received \$2 million in federal funding from the Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods (RCN) Grant Program, to advance the work initiated by WILMAPCO.

*– DeIDOT Planning Study to start later this year!!*



Visit the DeIDOT PublicInput project website to learn more about this study: <https://deldotinteract.org/I0118>





# Thank you for coming!

We appreciate you sharing your thoughts and ideas about these projects.

Adams Street Project Website:




<https://deldot.gov/projects/index.shtml?dc=details&projectNumber=T202301103>

If you have any questions, please reach out.

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