



TOWN OF NORTH EAST

April 11, 2025

Dear North East Community Member,

If we haven't had the opportunity to meet, my name is Kelly Benson, and I am a lifelong resident, business owner, and Mayor of the Town of North East. I'm reaching out to share an important announcement regarding potential changes to local traffic patterns—changes that could directly affect you, your neighborhood, or your business.

As you know, traffic congestion—especially during our busy tourism season—has long posed a challenge in North East. While a bustling downtown is a sign of a vibrant community, heavy traffic also creates difficulties for residents, business owners, and visitors alike. Because of this, the Town has been working with our partners to explore potential solutions. In 2024, the Town of North East met with Cecil County Government to discuss the need for a comprehensive traffic analysis along Route 272, both north and south of South Main Street and Mauldin Avenue. As a result, the Town, County, and State of Maryland formed a committee and partnered with the Wilmington Area Planning Council (WILMAPCO) and a consultant firm to begin this important work.

In November 2024, WILMAPCO hosted a public input session to gather initial feedback and start identifying possible traffic solutions. Building on that input, WILMAPCO will now host a public workshop on **Tuesday, April 29th, from 6:00 to 8:00 PM at the North East Fire Hall** to present and discuss the proposed changes to Route 272. These proposals could have a significant impact on our community. Some of the concepts under consideration include making Mauldin Avenue a two-way street and constructing roundabouts in high-traffic areas to improve circulation and reduce congestion.

As Mayor, it is critical to me that our entire community—residents and businesses alike—has a voice in this process. The decisions we make will shape daily routines, accessibility, and the character of our neighborhoods and downtown. Your feedback is essential to ensuring any changes are thoughtful, effective, and in the best interest of North East.

I strongly encourage you to attend this public workshop and share your thoughts. This is an opportunity to help shape a solution that balances safe and efficient traffic flow with the vitality of our Main Street and the integrity of our neighborhoods.

Please keep in mind that WILMAPCO is a valued partner in evaluating ways to make Route 272 work better for everyone. These proposals remain in the conceptual stage, and any permanent changes would undergo a thorough public and regulatory review process. While we are mindful of other regional developments, this workshop will focus solely on the Route 272 study and its potential effects on traffic in our Town.



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If you have any questions before the workshop, you can find more information at www.wilmapco.org/272 or reach out to Dawn Voss, Public Outreach Coordinator, at dvoss@wilmapco.org.

Thank you for your time, your engagement, and your commitment to helping us move North East forward together.

Sincerely,
Kelly Benson
Mayor, Town of North East

YOU'RE INVITED!

JOIN US FOR THE 2ND PUBLIC WORKSHOP FOR THE MD ROUTE 272 CORRIDOR PLAN



Tuesday, April 29, 2025

6:00-8:00 p.m.

**North East Fire Station 4
210 South Mauldin Avenue
North East, MD 21901**



Share your thoughts on how to improve transportation
along the MD Route 272 Corridor!

For more information visit <http://www.wilmapco.org/272>

¿Necesitas un intérprete? ¡Llamanos al 302-737-6205 x110!

You are invited to participate in the transportation planning process, regardless of your race, color, national origin, religion, ethnicity, disability, age, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or background. To request special accommodations, or if you need this information in another language, please contact WILMAPCO at (302) 737-6205 or dvoss@wilmapco.org.