

Main Street Newark Project Completed

The Delaware Department of Transportation is pleased to announce that the Main Street Newark rehabilitation project has been completed ahead of schedule by the project's contractor, A-DEL Construction.

The nearly \$12 million project began construction in April 2019 and involved 10 phases of work to perform a complete reconstruction of a mile-long section of Main Street from Washington Street to the Trabant parking garage.

"The finished product we have today will ensure Main Street is a safe and modern thoroughfare for many years to come," **said Secretary of Transportation Jennifer Cohan**. "I know this was not an easy project for businesses and residents, and I am grateful for the cooperation and patience of everyone over the past year. While complex, this project went extremely well."

State Representative Paul Baumbach offered, "At the start, we knew two things—this was a project that was absolutely necessary now, and it would be massively disruptive. Fortunately, DelDOT and its contractor AECOM worked very hard to listen to the Main Street merchants, Newark city staff and residents, incorporating the best ideas and make adjustments where they could, to control the painful impact of such a massive project. We all really appreciate the true partnership behind this project, which we all celebrate today."

"Few of Delaware's downtown thoroughfares are as commercially vibrant or as heavily trafficked by vehicles, pedestrians and bicyclists alike," **said Senator David Sokola**. "That's what made this project so desperately needed and incredibly complex. Secretary Cohan and the Delaware Department of Transportation deserve a lot of credit for working with the

community to get this project finished ahead of schedule. The look and safety of our Main Street has been dramatically improved by this project and, like most Newark residents, I'm thrilled it's finally over."

City of Newark Mayor Jerry Clifton commented, "I'm really proud of the businesses that demonstrated fortitude and kept their faith in the City and also of the exceptional work that was done by the DelDOT team. Newark's Main Street will continue being the pride of Delaware when it comes to main streets."

In addition to rebuilding the roadway, the project added 31 curb extensions commonly known as "bump-outs," improved drainage infrastructure, upgraded traffic and pedestrian signals, addressed ADA compliance issues, made necessary utility repairs and upgrades, and the installation of a new kiosk parking system to replace meters.

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