

Downtown Dover Pathways

Public Workshop
Thursday, October 26, 2023



Meeting Purpose

1. Provide an overview of the study
2. Discuss existing conditions
3. Develop performance measures

Study Overview



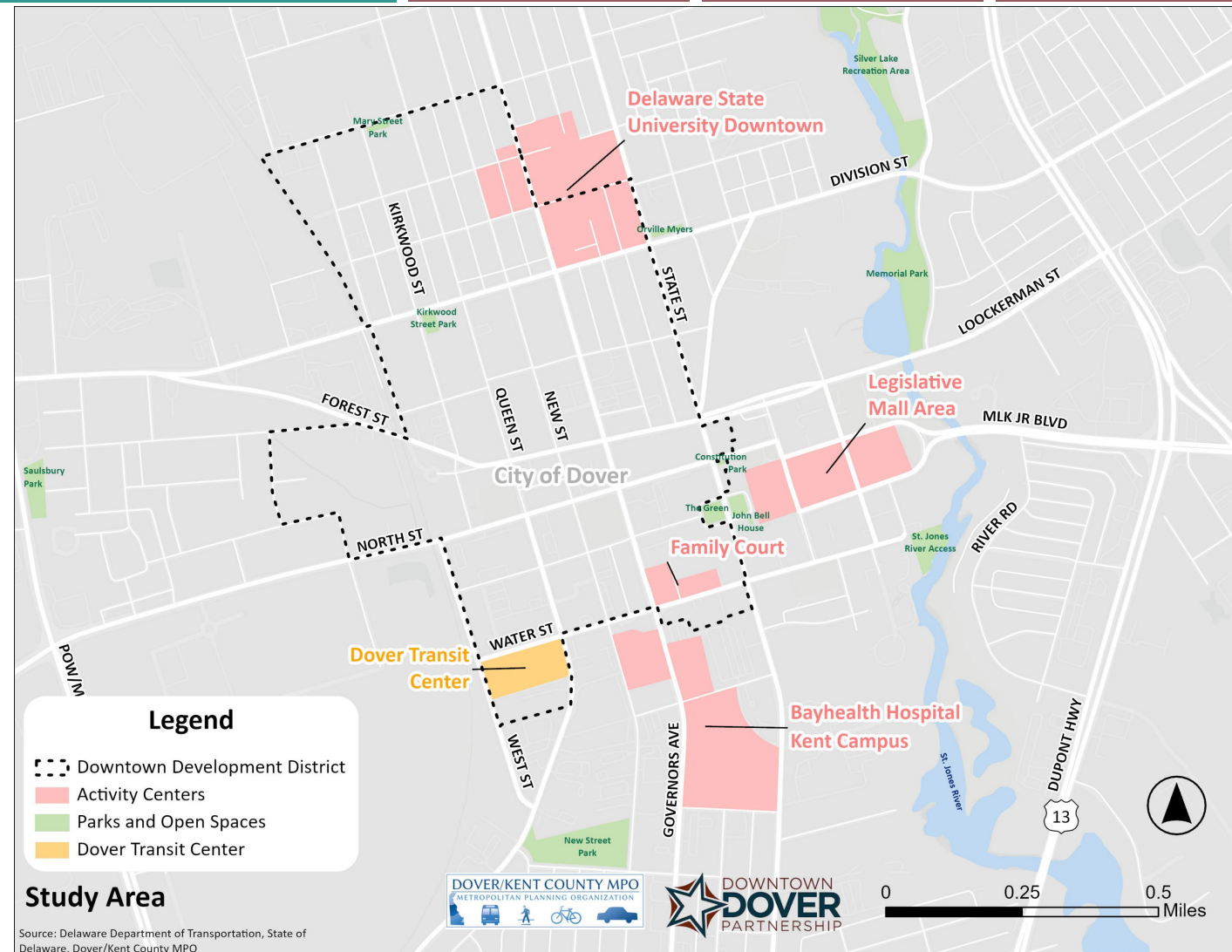
Overview

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This study will identify means to better **connect key activity centers** within downtown Dover by walking, bicycling, scooter, or other **active transportation** and micromobility options.

Activity Centers:

- Bayhealth Hospital Campus
- Family Court
- Legislative Mall
- Delaware State University Downtown
- Dover Transit Center

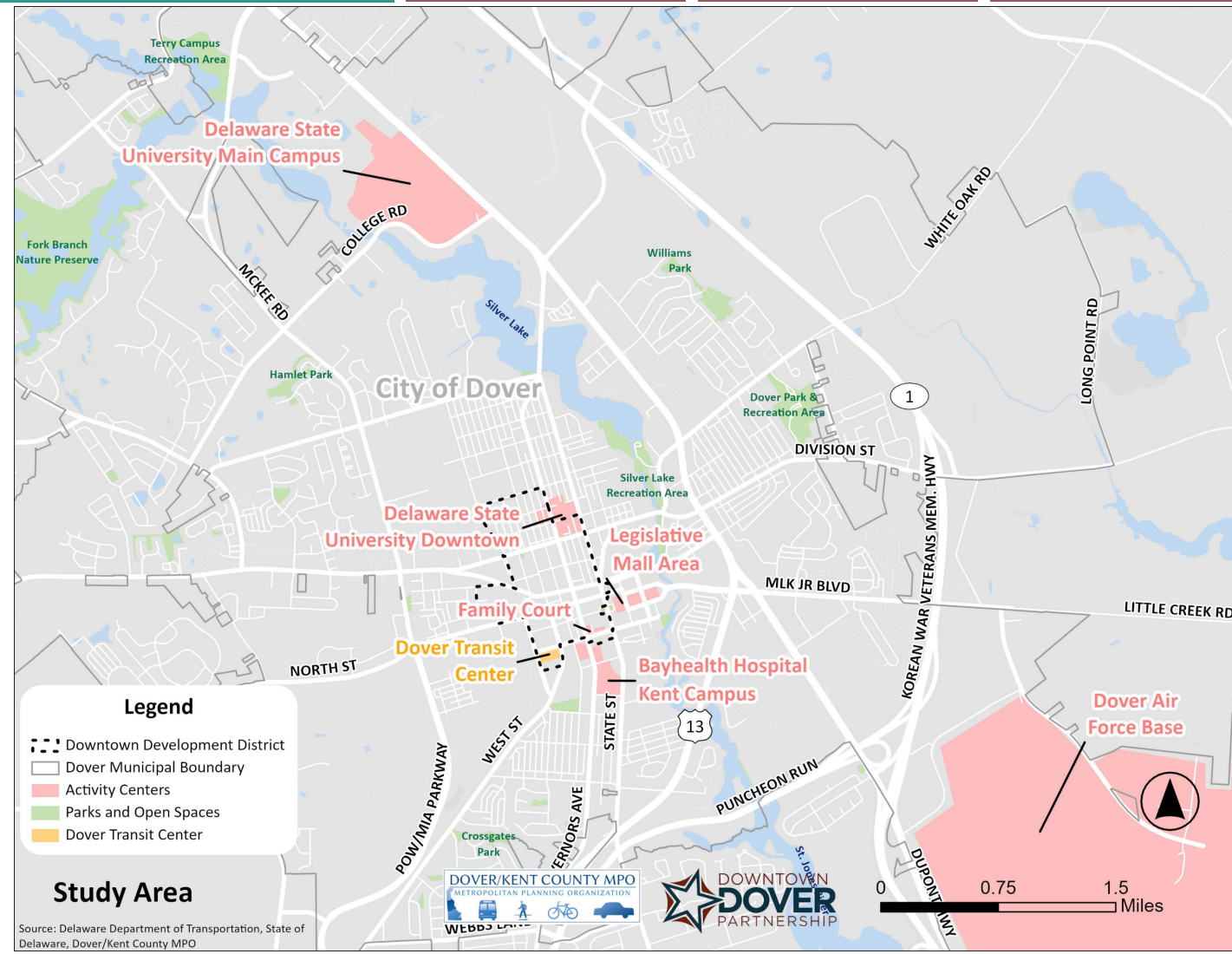


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Activity Centers:

- Delaware State University Main Campus
- Dover Air Force Base



Public Engagement



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This map is seeking input to inform means to better connect key activity centers within downtown Dover by walking, bicycling, scooter, or other active transportation and micromobility options.

Legend

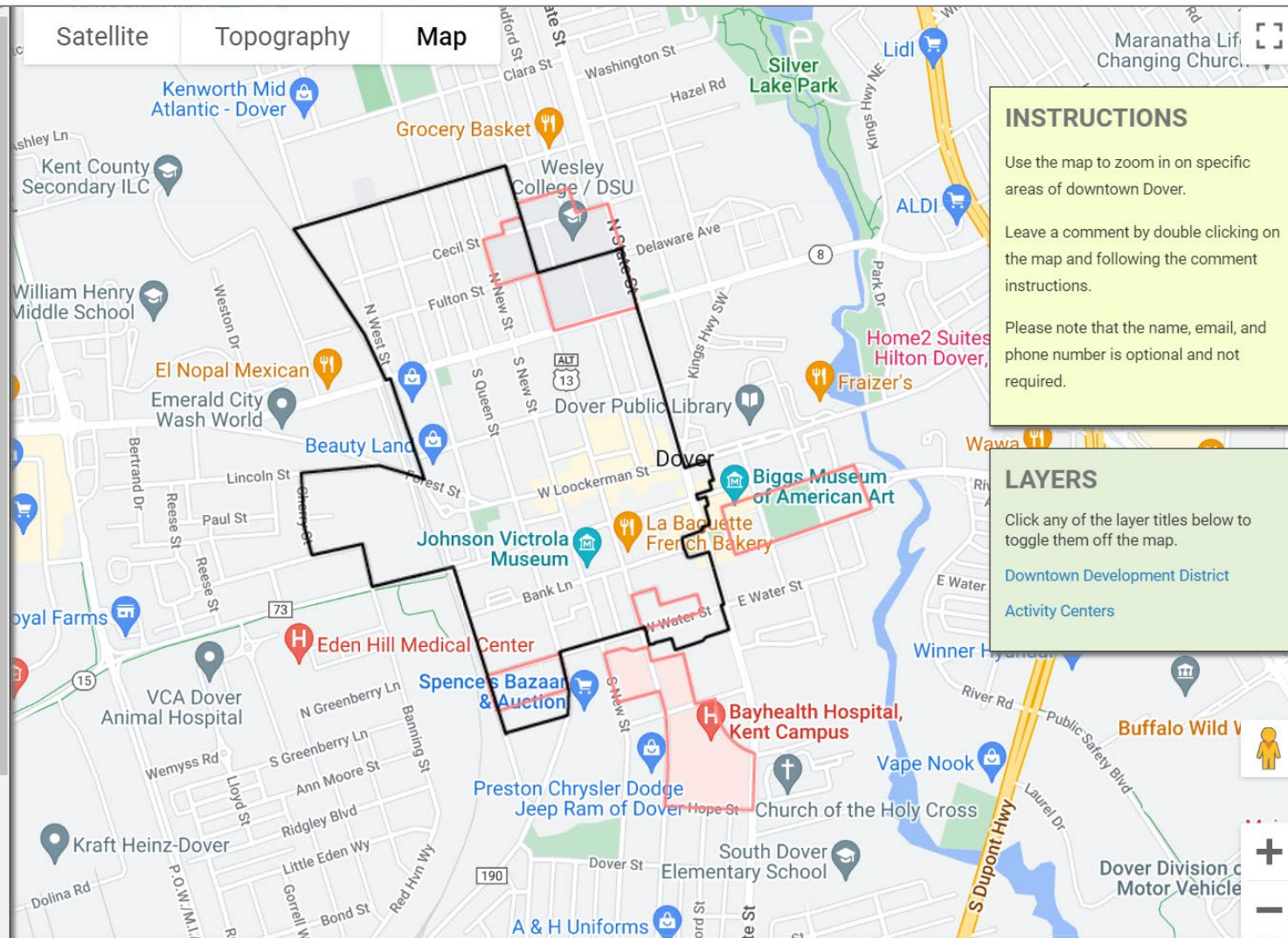
- Downtown Development District
- Key Activity Centers
- Pedestrian Comments
- Bicycle Comments

Utilize this comment map to identify gaps in the existing pedestrian and bicycle network as well as ideas for improvement. Please place the pedestrian and bicycle icons and leave a comment describing the existing gap or potential improvement.

Thank you for your input! We greatly appreciate your feedback.

[View a list of existing comments →](#)

Having trouble viewing or using the map? Please contact Tara Hofferth at thofferth@kittelson.com with your comments.



INSTRUCTIONS

- Use the map to zoom in on specific areas of downtown Dover.
- Leave a comment by double clicking on the map and following the comment instructions.
- Please note that the name, email, and phone number is optional and not required.

LAYERS

- Click any of the layer titles below to toggle them off the map.
- Downtown Development District
- Activity Centers

<https://maps.kittelson.com/doverpathways>

Demographics & Land Use

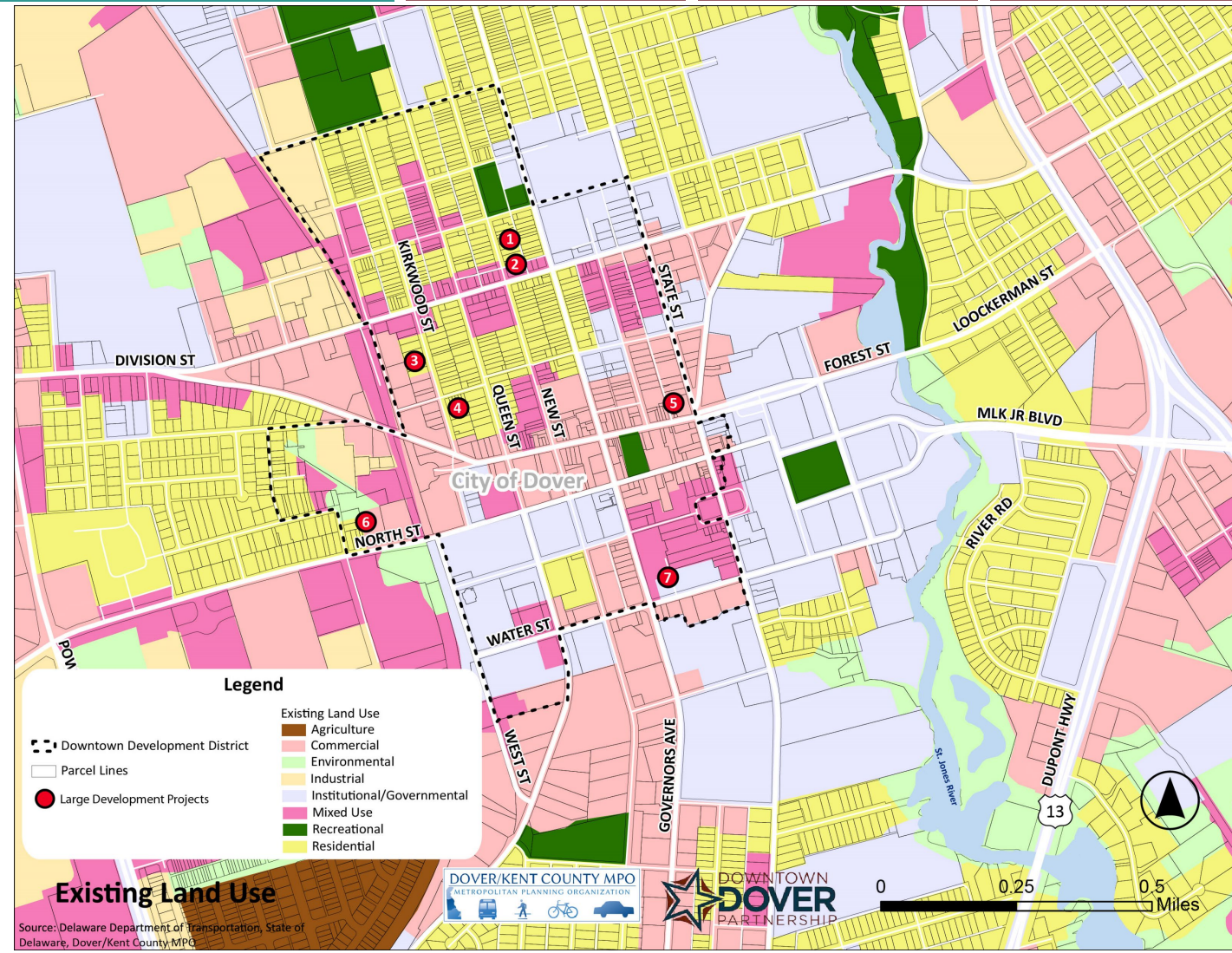


Land Use & Development

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Land Use Patterns:

- Significant institutional / government land use around downtown
- Residential land use north and west of downtown
- Loockerman Street, North Street, and State Street are the commercial cores of downtown
- Ongoing large development projects are primarily located north of Loockerman Street



Job Density

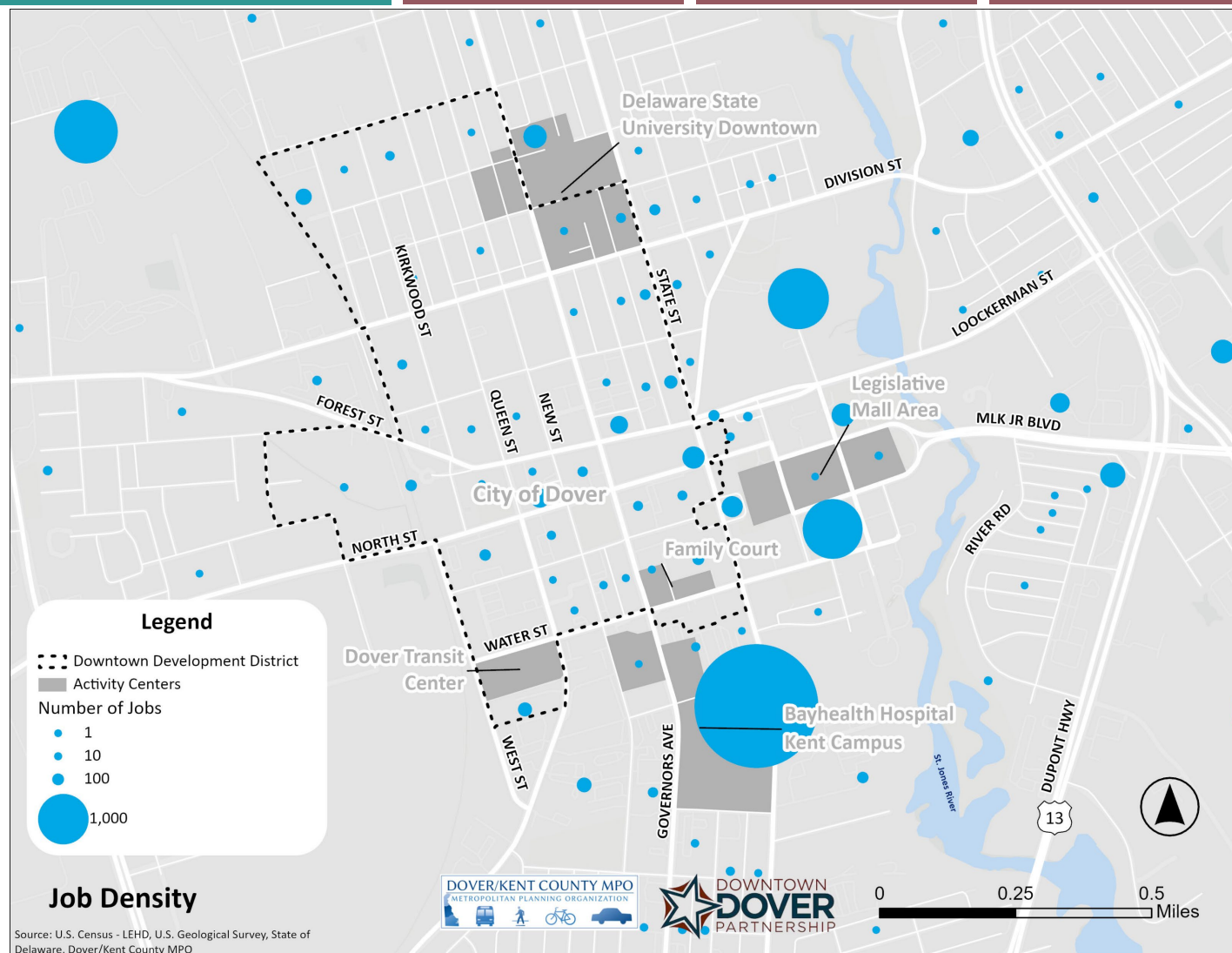
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Key Takeaways:

- Greatest job density at Bayhealth and legislative offices
- Some job density in the Downtown core around Lookerman Street, State Street, and North Street
- Job density northwest of Downtown

Transforming Downtown Dover Plan:

- “Prevailing employment sectors are healthcare, retail, and education.”
- “Only 6 percent of Downtown Dover area residents work for public administration”

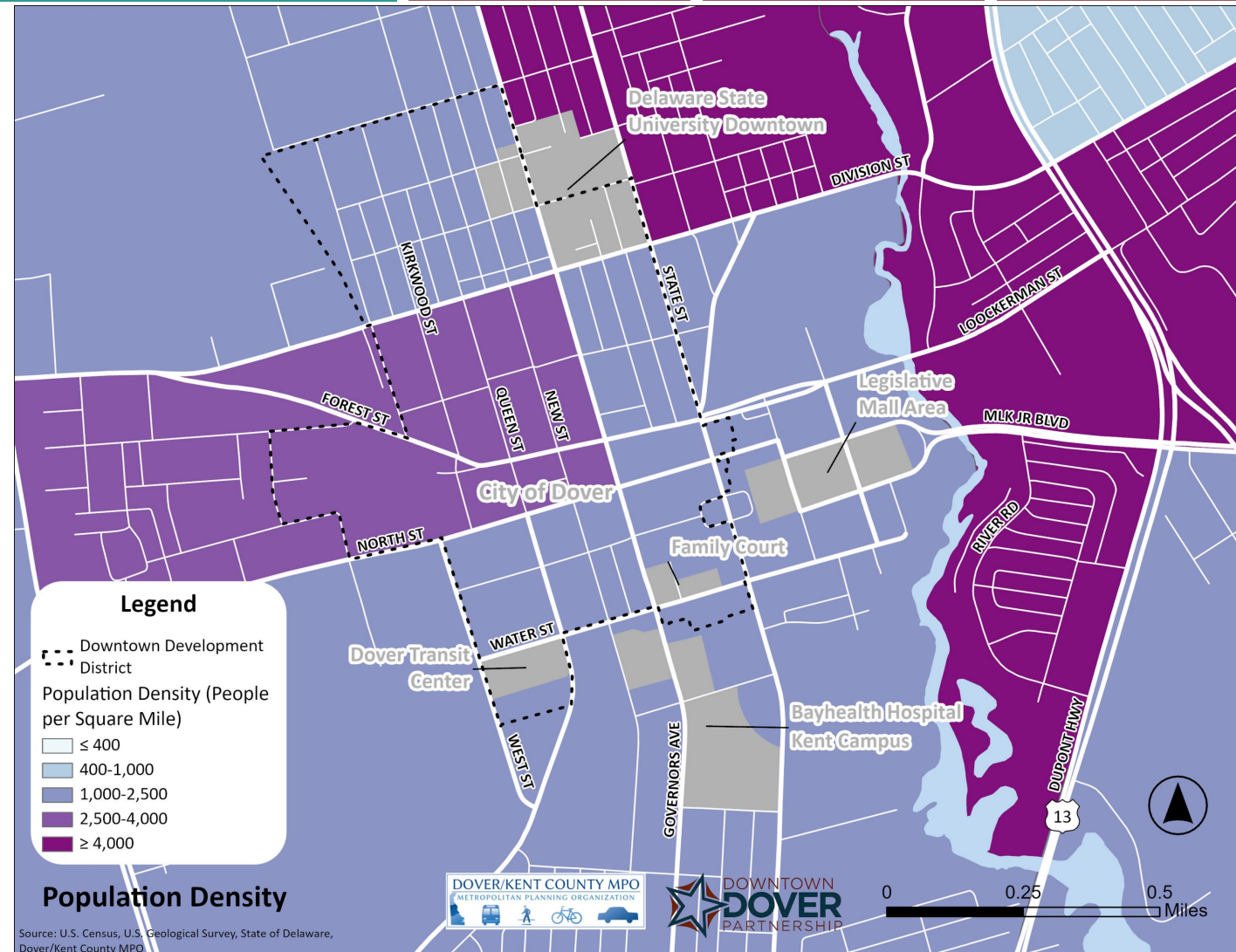


Population Density

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Key Takeaways:

- Denser population east and northeast of Downtown
- Population density west of Governors Avenue and north of North Street



Infrastructure

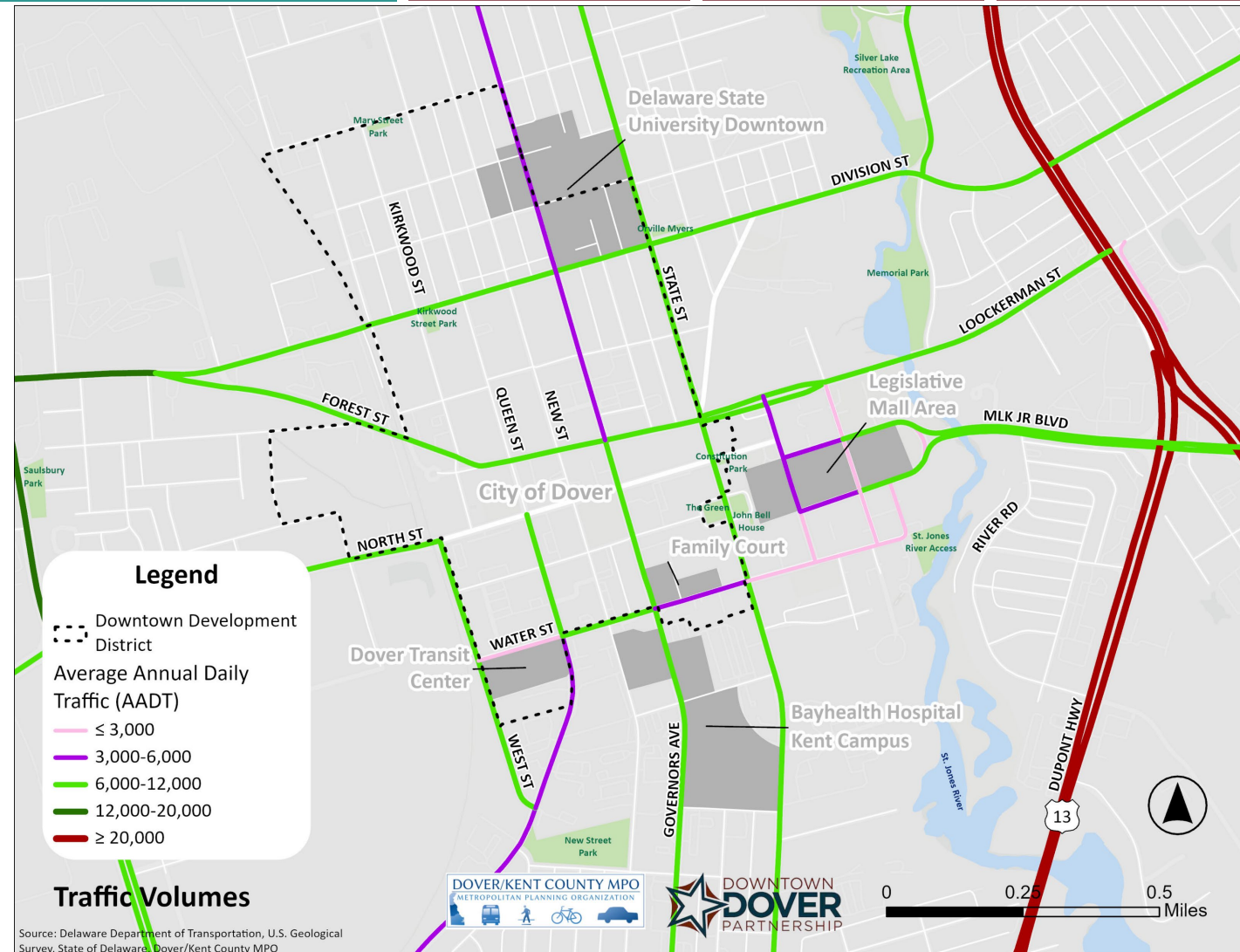


Traffic Volumes

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Traffic Carriers Through Downtown:

- Division Street
- Loockerman Street / Forest Street
- North Street
- MLK Jr Boulevard
- Water Street (portions)
- State Street
- Governors Avenue (south of Loockerman Street)
- Queen Street (south of North Street)
- West Street

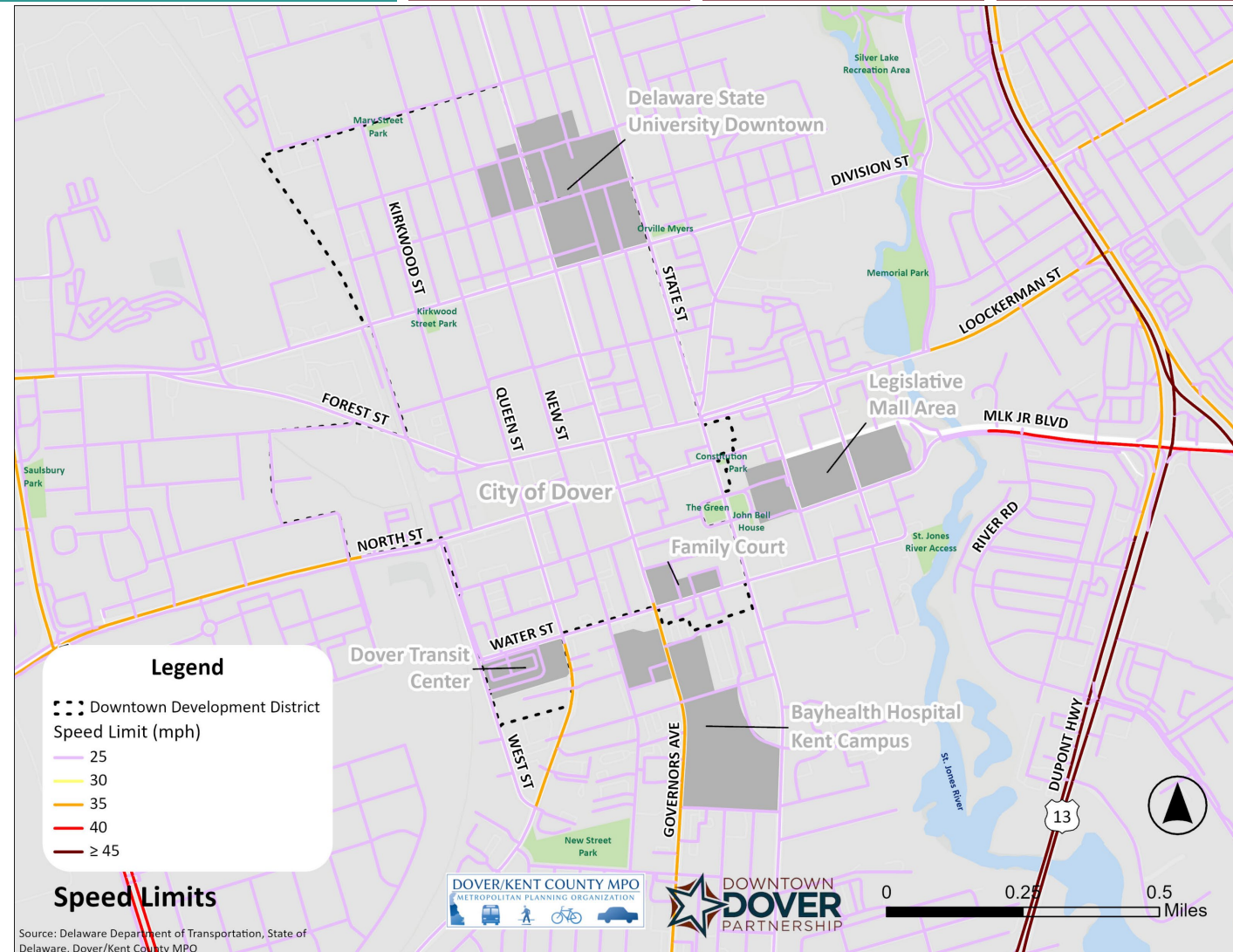


Speed Limit

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Key Takeaways:

- Downtown streets have a 25-mph speed limit
- Some speed limits increase outside of Downtown (North Street, Queen Street, Loockerman Street, and Governors Avenue)
- State Street has a reduced speed limit

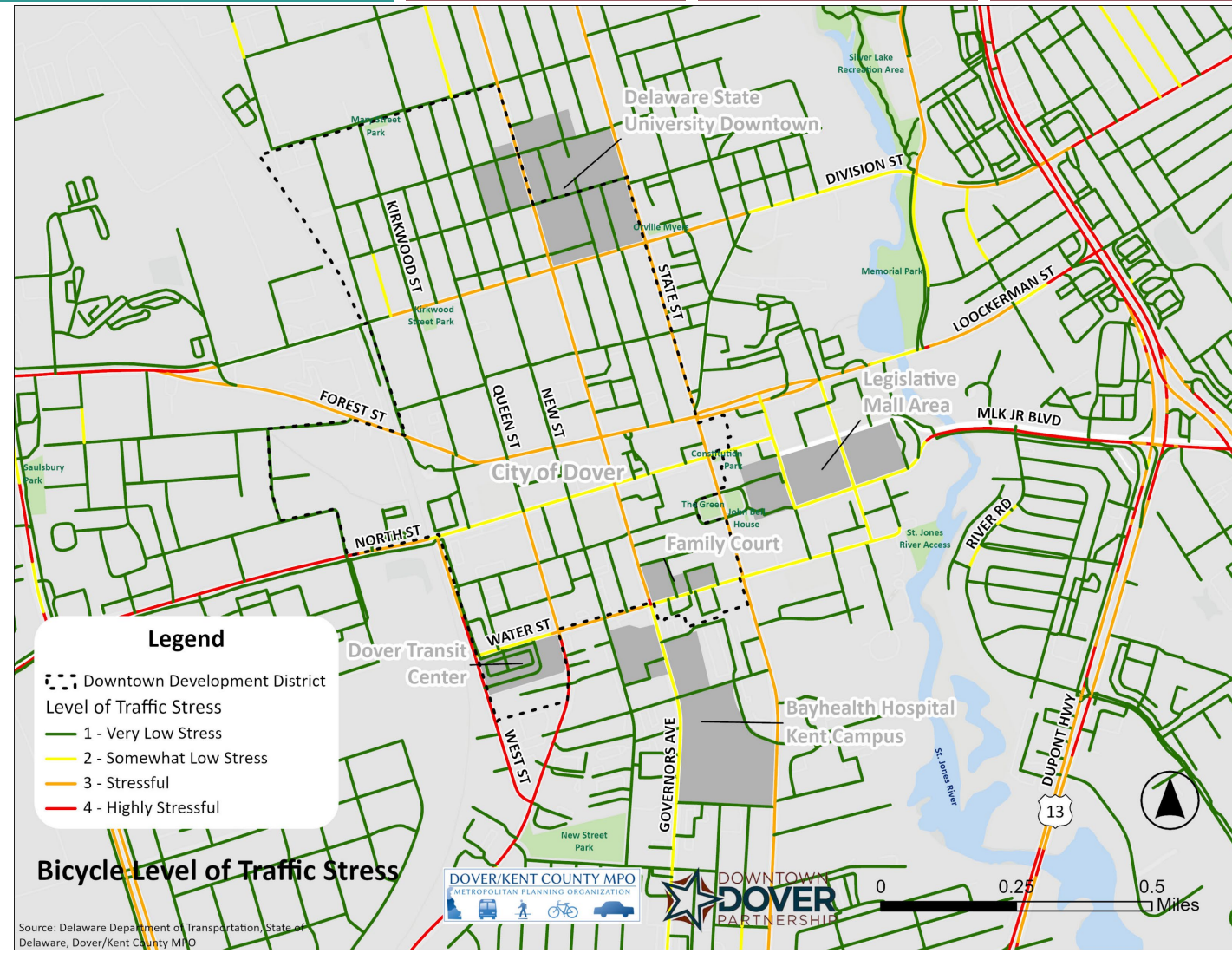


Bicycle Level of Traffic Stress

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Stressful Bicycle Routes Through Downtown:

- Division Street
- Loockerman Street / Forest Street
- North Street
- MLK Jr Boulevard
- Water Street
- State Street
- Governors Avenue
- Queen Street (south of North Street)
- West Street

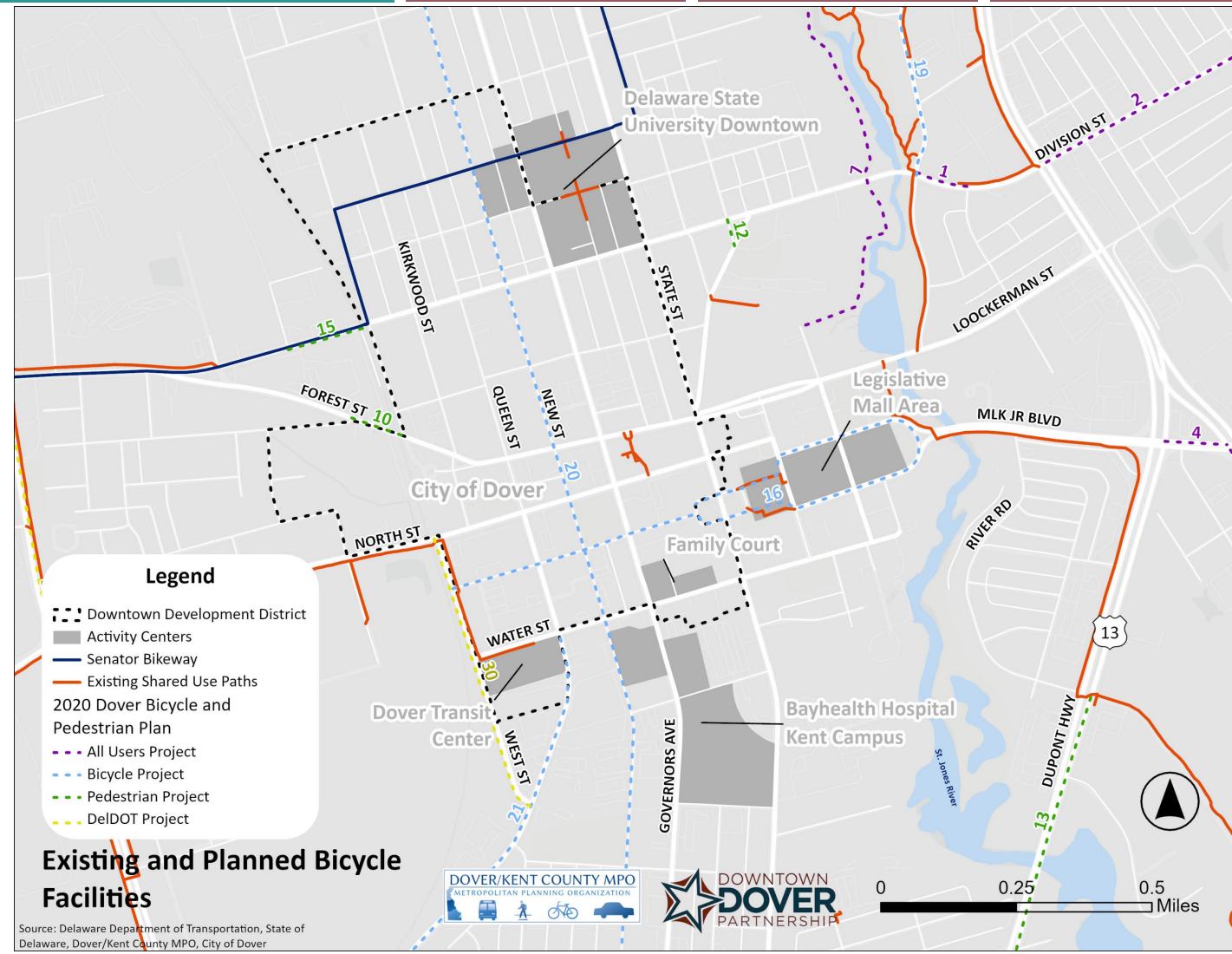


Bicycle Infrastructure

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Key Bicycle Routes:

- Senator Bikeway: East-west bike route through the heart of Dover. Protected two-way cycle track along portions of Division Street.
- Shared use path along south side of North Street
- Shared use path along MLK Jr Blvd east of St. Jones River provides bicycle connection into Downtown
- Bicycle infrastructure gaps in and around downtown

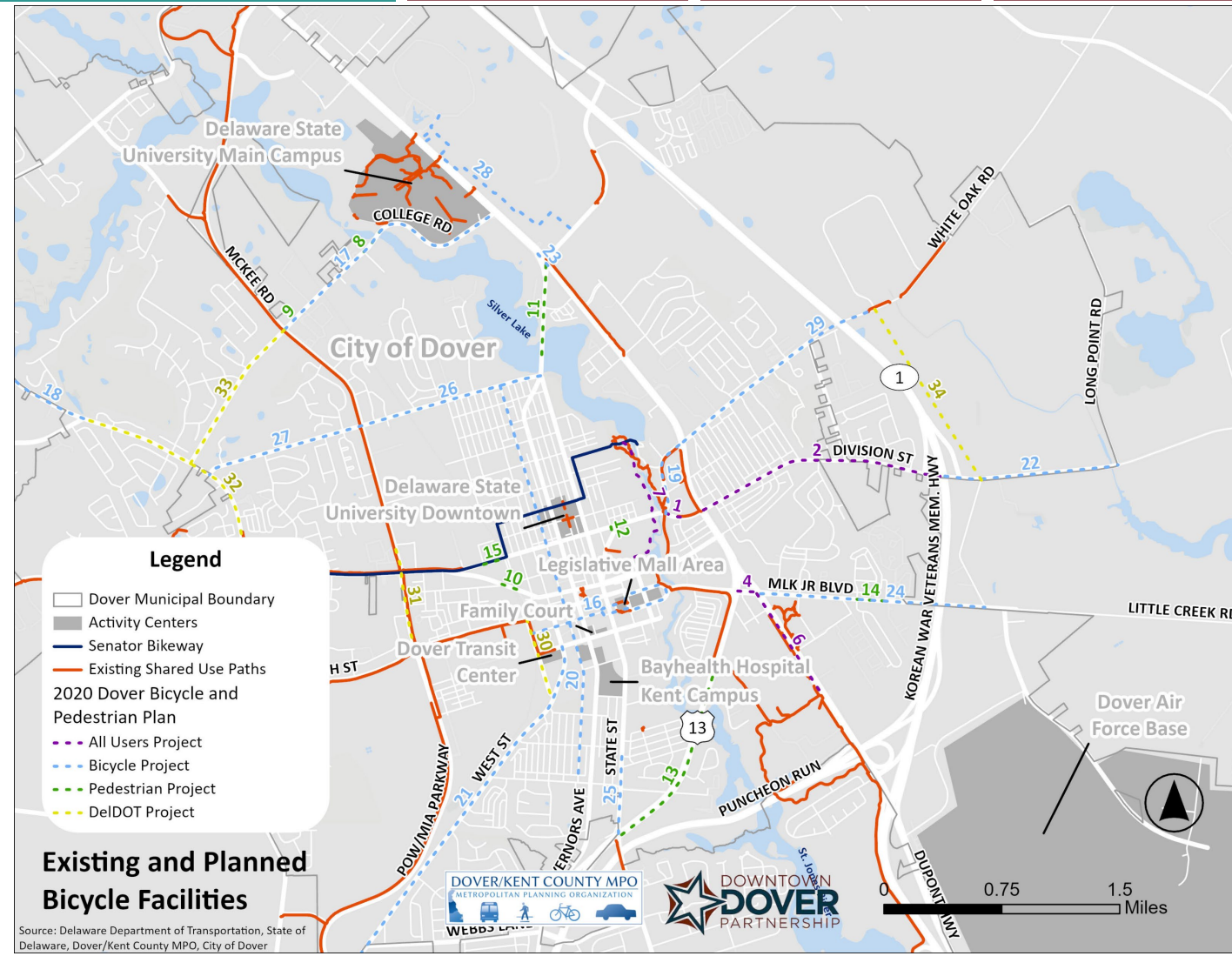


Bicycle Infrastructure

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Key Bicycle Routes:

- Planned facilities along McKee Road, Dupont Highway, and other routes

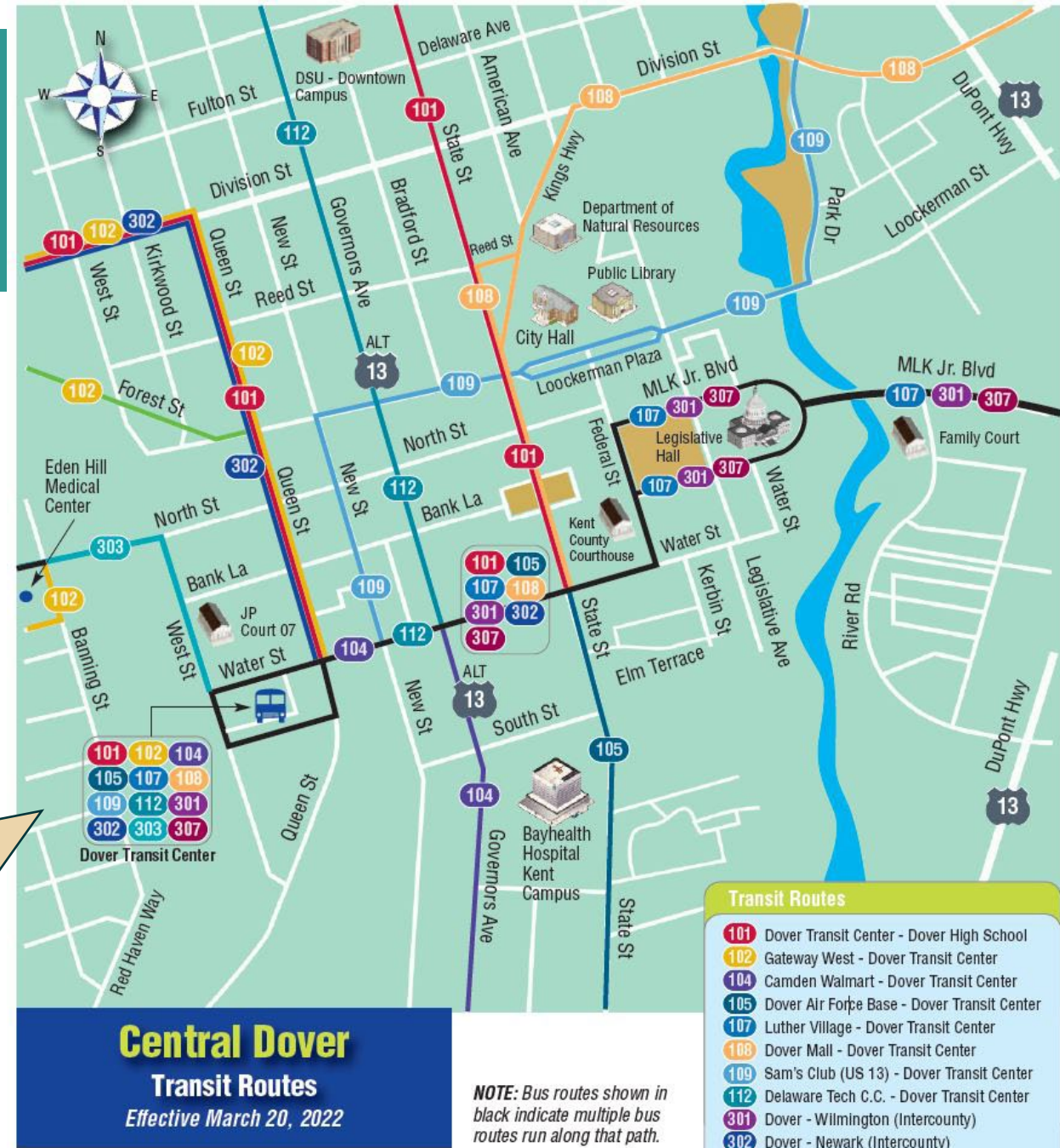


Transit Infrastructure

Key Streets for Bus Routes & Stops:

- State Street
- Governors Avenue
- Part of New Street
- Queen Street
- Loockerman Street
- Parts of Division Street
- North Street
- Water Street
- MLK Jr Boulevard

These routes may change due to DART Reimagined



Routing is subject to change based on rerouting due to construction or other circumstances that can only be addressed by altering the route temporarily or permanently. For assistance with trip planning, call 1.800.652.DART or use the Google Trip Planner at DartFirstState.com

Safety



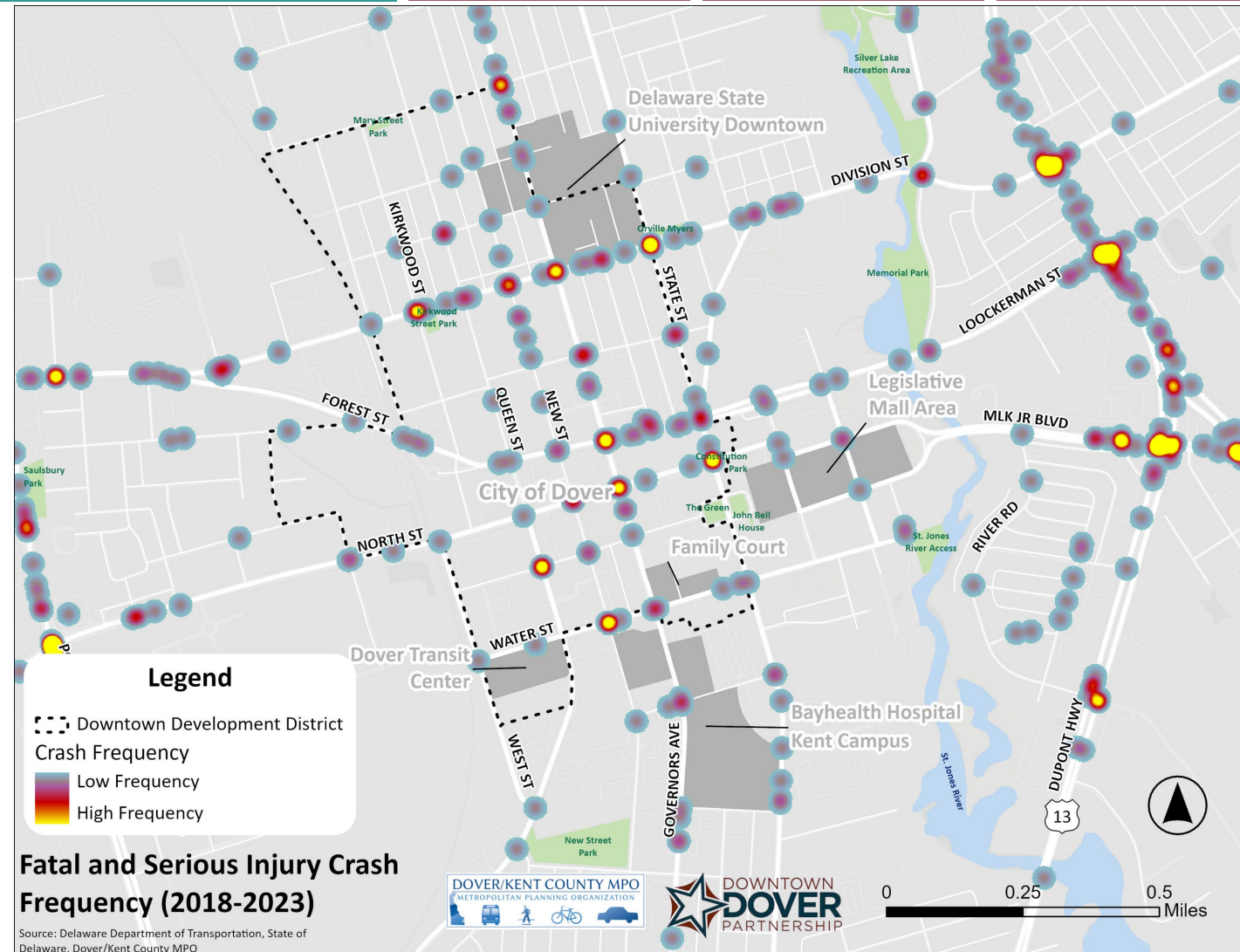
Fatal & Serious Injury Crashes (2013-2023)

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Streets with more crash severity:

- Dupont Highway
- Division Street
- Reed Street
- Loockerman Street
- North Street
- Bank Lane
- Water Street
- State Street
- Governors Avenue
- New Street
- Queen Street
- West Street

Severe crashes
are concentrated
at intersections



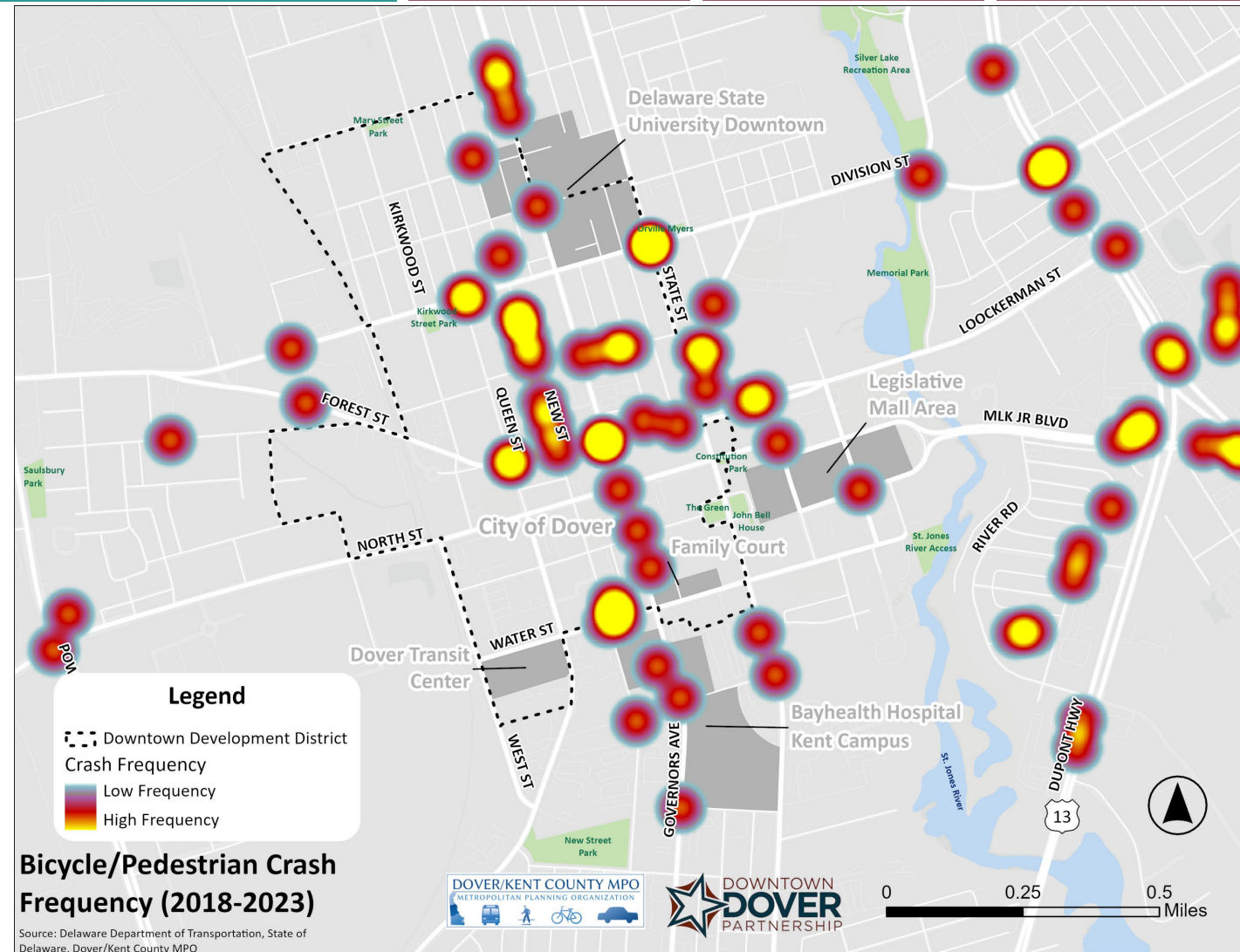
Bicyclist & Pedestrian Crashes (2013-2023)

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Streets with more bicyclist & pedestrian crashes:

- Division Street
- Reed Street
- Lookerman Street
- Water Street
- State Street
- Governors Avenue
- New Street
- Queen Street
- Dupont Highway

Bicycle / pedestrian crashes are concentrated on the north-south streets



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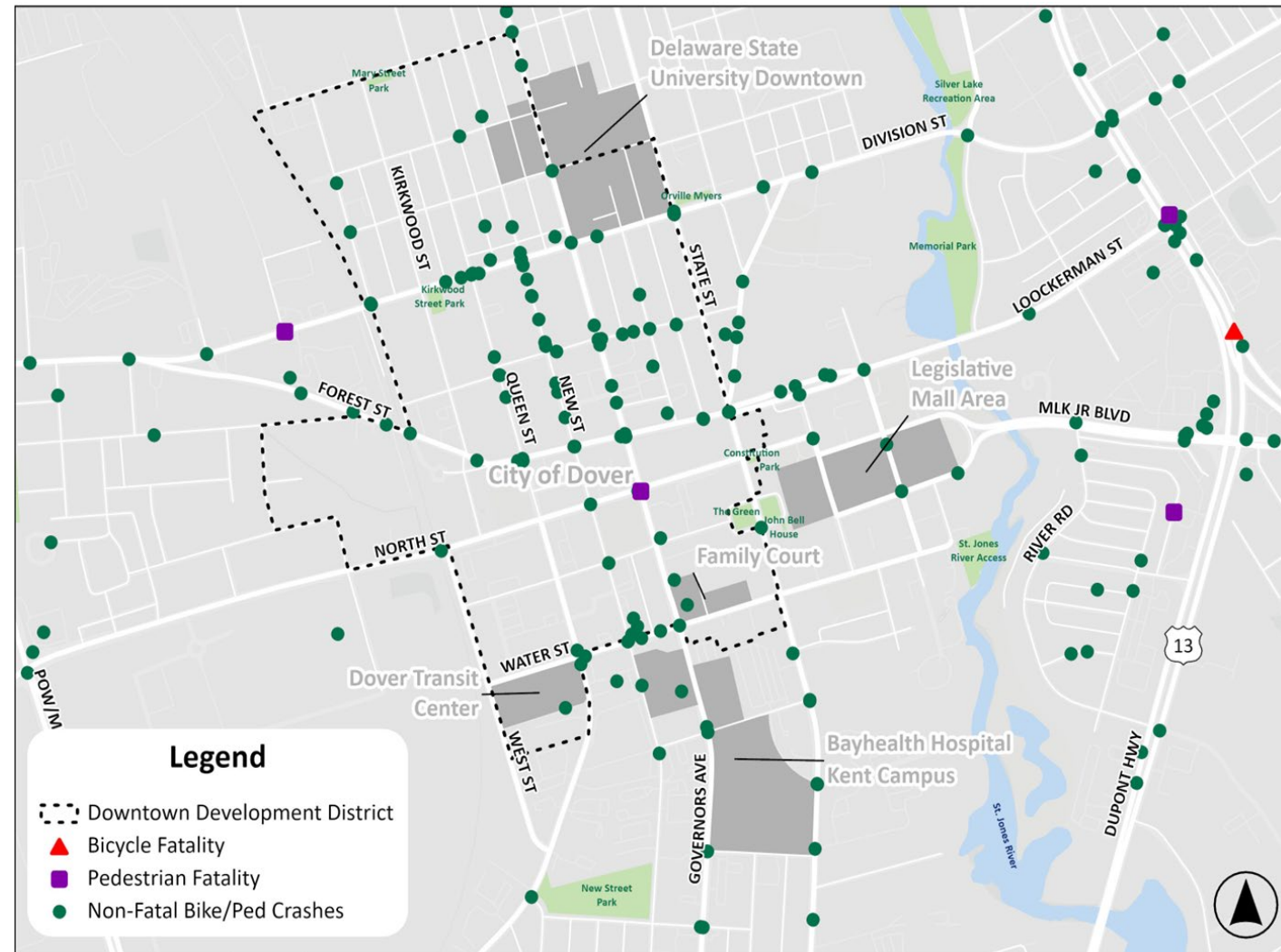
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Key Takeaways:

- Concentration of crashes on New Street between Lookerman Street and Division Street
- Concentration of crashes north of North Street

Fatalities:

- At intersection of North Street and Governor's Avenue
- Along Division Street



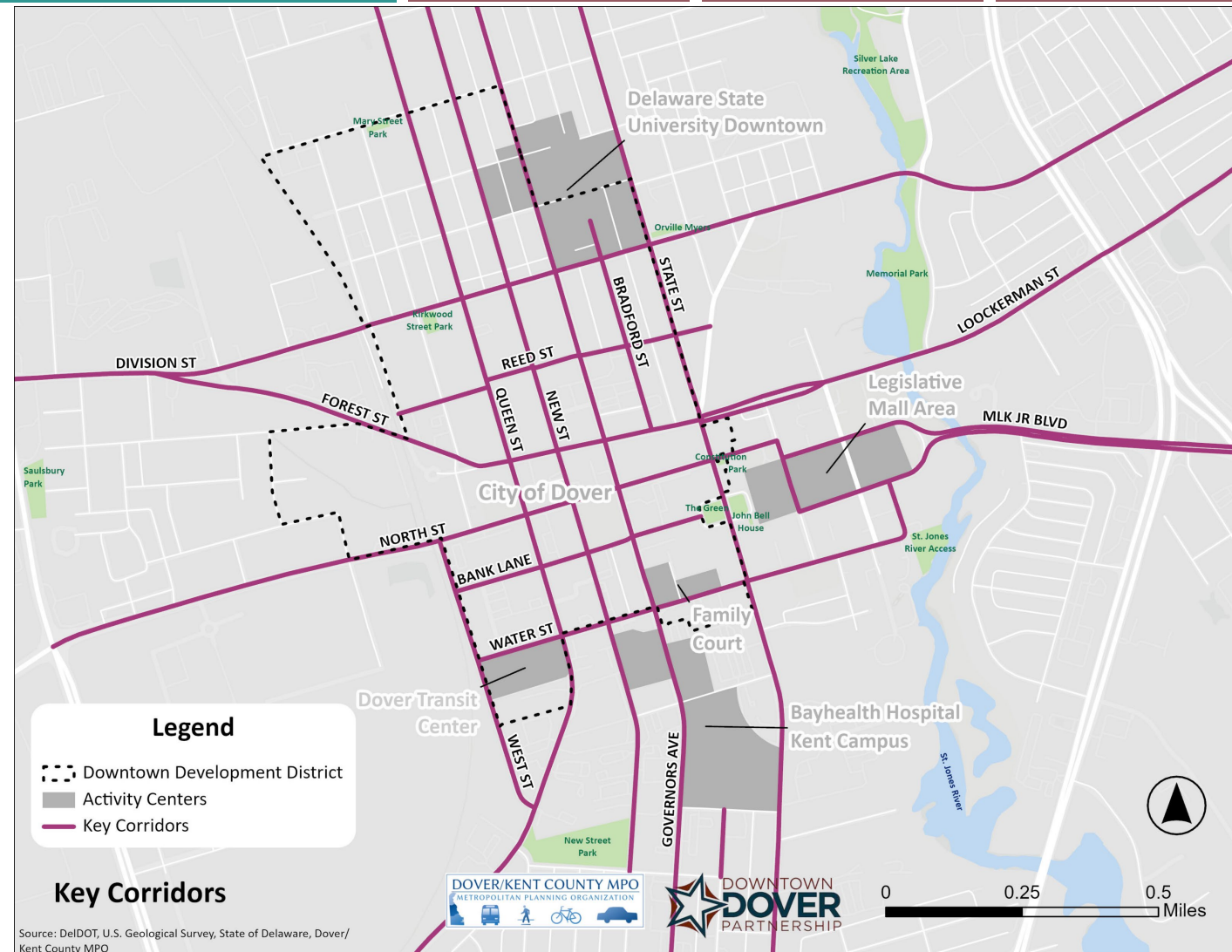
Summary



Key Corridors

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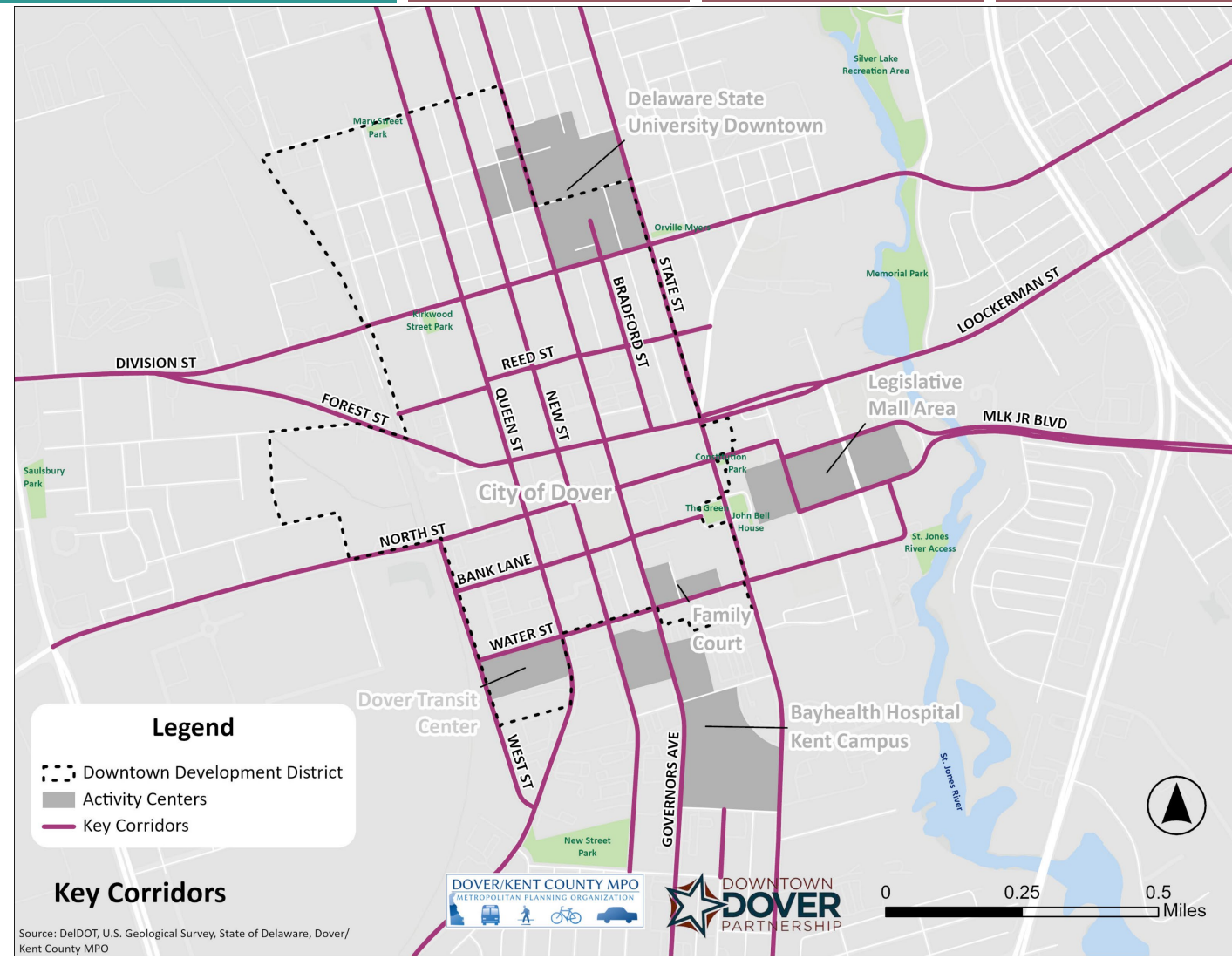
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- Loockerman Street / Forest Street
- North Street
- MLK Jr Boulevard
- Bank Lane
- Water Street
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- Bradford Street
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- Queen Street
- West Street



Key Needs

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- Provide north-south multimodal connectivity
- Improve Downtown intersection safety
- Designate priority transportation modes along Downtown streets
- Slow traffic in Downtown



How should we
measure success?



Potential Performance Measures

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- Continuous paths
- Low stress bicycle routes
- Pedestrian comfort
- Improved crossings
- Eliminate crashes
- Access to transit
- Support Downtown businesses
- Implement projects

Overall Goal: Create continuous, accessible north-south and east-west bicycle facilities through Downtown Dover and fill gaps in the pedestrian network.



Next Steps



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- Finalize Existing Conditions
- Finalize Purpose & Need
- Finalize Performance Measures
- Develop & Analyze Alternatives



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