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Meeting Minutes

Working Group Meeting #10

October 29, 2018, 6:00 pm
Beacon Middle School
19483 John J. Williams Highway, Lewes, DE 19958

Members present:

I.G. Burton
George Cole
Robert Fischer
Christian Hudson
DJ Hughes
Todd Lawson
Sen. Ernesto B. Lopez
Lloyd Schmitz
Rep. Peter Schwartzkopf
Josh Thomas
Ann Marie Townshend
Gail Van Gilder

Members absent:

Dennis Forney
Scott Green
R. Keller Hopkins
Rep. Steve Smyk

There were 38 members of the public in attendance. Names of those who signed in are listed at the end of these notes.

The meeting began with a quorum of 12 Working Group members present. Andrew Bing began by addressing the public. Andrew reminded everyone that the meeting is designed for the Working Group members. The public can observe and will have the opportunity to comment at the end of the meeting.

Andrew summarized the contents of the meeting packet provided to the members of the Working Group. In addition to the usual materials, the packet included the Phase 1 report and an invitation to the November 13, 2018 groundbreaking ceremony for the Georgetown to Lewes Pathway Phase II, Savannah Road to Minos Conaway Road.



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Sen. Lopez moved and Lloyd Schmitz seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the October 8, 2018 meeting. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Jeff Riegner provided a recap of the October 8 Working Group meeting prioritization process and results.

Jeff then briefly summarized the contents of the Phase 1 report. The report opens with a letter from the Working Group to DeIDOT.

The Phase 1 report describes the process used, from identifying transportation needs, to obtaining ideas to address needs from both Working Group members and the public, to the voting process that approved 78 ideas as recommendations of the Working Group. All 78 recommendations are listed in the report. Finally, the Working Group prioritized 24 of the recommendations, providing further guidance to DeIDOT. The report emphasizes the public involvement that occurred throughout the process. The public had opportunities to provide input at all working group meetings, via email, on the Five Points website, and at two public workshops. The report concludes with a brief introduction to Phase 2.

Details of Phase 1 will be provided in an online appendix, which consists of the meeting materials, minutes, and public comments that were provided to Working Group members at each meeting for their binders. The appendix will also include the public's prioritization of the 78 recommendations from the second public workshop. Both the report and the appendix will be kept on the Five Points website.

Drew Boyce, DeIDOT's Director of Planning, complimented the Working Group on the great job accomplished during Phase 1. He emphasized that the Phase 1 report will not simply be "put on a shelf." DeIDOT will make sure there is continuity and that many of the recommendations will move toward implementation. To help ensure that process happens, there will be a Phase 2 Working Group that DeIDOT and Sussex County will report to on a regular basis.

- Over the next couple months DeIDOT will put together the implementation plan. Other stakeholders, such as Sussex County, municipalities, DNREC, and the General Assembly, will be engaged. In early 2019, the Phase 2 Working Group will be convened to hear about the implementation plan with details on timelines and methodologies.
- It is important to maintain continuity. Current Working Group members are all invited and encouraged to continue to serve in Phase 2. DeIDOT will also add new members to broaden representation.



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- The goal of the Phase 2 Working Group is to monitor implementation and to support the project implementation process. DeIDOT wants future projects to be tied back to their origin in Phase 1 of the Five Points Transportation Study. Ongoing Working Group member involvement will strengthen this legacy. DeIDOT also wants to maintain momentum on the projects that are already active.
- The Working Group will meet two to three times a year. Transportation projects take time. Material presented in meetings should be significant, relevant, and a productive use of people's time.
- Public outreach will continue. There will be an annual public workshop and an annual report. Materials will be available online on the Five Points website. Many efforts will arise out of the Five Points recommendations; some will have their own public involvement.

Drew asked the Working Group whether they had any questions or comments.

- Sen. Lopez asked whether the Five Points website will remain open for continued public comment. Drew answered yes, the website will be open for the foreseeable future, with ability to add comments.
- Lloyd Schmitz stated that two to three meetings annually may not be enough. If too much time passes between meetings, things may happen that fall through the cracks. Drew responded that it would always be possible to schedule additional meetings for specific reasons. DeIDOT wants to be sure there is enough time between meetings to make enough progress so there is substantial material for the Working Group to respond to and so the meetings are productive.
- Bob Fischer asked how and when DeIDOT will solicit Phase 2 Working Group members. Andrew stated that DeIDOT will reach out to each current Working Group member soon to see whether they want to continue to serve. Then DeIDOT will evaluate how to make the Phase 2 Working Group as inclusive and representative as possible. DeIDOT intends to expand the Working Group with new members.
- Gail Van Gilder asked what DeIDOT will want feedback on and at what stage, e.g. during pre-design. What will the Phase 2 Working Group be doing and what will its influence be? Drew responded that Phase 1 has established expectations that some recommendations will be implemented. DeIDOT's implementation plan must demonstrate a comprehensive plan or program of

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actions needed to accomplish the items. The Working Group's role in the first Phase 2 meeting will be to provide input on the implementation plan. In future meetings there will be other specific things DeIDOT will want input on.

- Drew stated that Working Group members are additionally encouraged to be engaged at public workshops for current active projects. Other projects may have their own working groups; some projects may have a construction working group whose purpose is to minimize impacts to businesses during construction. There are many opportunities to be engaged.
- DJ Hughes stated he brought a handout for Working Group members that he would like entered into the Phase 1 record. [The handout is attached at the end of these minutes.] He documented conditions on Route 1 on Saturday, August 25, 2018. DJ found that from 9:30 am to noon on a summer Saturday, there were queues on southbound Route 1 north of Five Points on Nassau Bridge extending to and beyond Red Mill Pond, showing that Route 1 problems aren't caused solely by Rehoboth Avenue. He urged DeIDOT to get the projects that are already in the pipeline (i.e. the SR 1/Minos Conaway Road grade separation and the New Road project) completed as soon as possible. DJ commented further that many of the recommendations in the 2003 SR 1 Transportation and Land Use study weren't implemented, and that shouldn't happen to the recommendations of the Five Points Transportation Study.

Andrew stated that Phase 1 is now concluded. He emphasized that DeIDOT is looking for Working Group members to be champions and advocates in Phase 2. Some of the recommendations will be controversial, and members' support will be needed to move forward.

Todd Lawson and Secretary of Transportation Jennifer Cohan offered closing remarks. Todd Lawson thanked Secretary Cohan for making the Five Points study happen. The Working Group brought DeIDOT and the County together. Todd expressed his excitement about what comes next, saying there is a good road map in front of us and now we've got to see this through. He noted that a number of critically important CTP projects are already in design and right-of-way acquisition. He thanked the legislators for continuing to see that funding for these projects is there. The County is committed to working hand in hand with DeIDOT in Phase 2.

Secretary Cohan thanked the Working Group and the DeIDOT project team for all their efforts over the past ten months. She said the hard work starts now. She emphasized DeIDOT's commitment to transportation investments. DeIDOT will spend a billion dollars in Sussex County over the next six years. At the same time,



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DeIDOT needs commitment back. DeIDOT will need Working Group members as ambassadors for difficult projects. Secretary Cohan remarked that this partnership is unprecedented, and she is excited to see it continue.

Certificates of appreciation were presented to each member of the Working Group in recognition of their hard work and contributions.

Public comments

- Joe Hardin appreciated the openness and transparency of the process but felt that it was not fair to the elected officials. He suggested that certain ideas such as idea 65, raising the gas tax, should be considered sensitive items so they don't need to be voted on in public.
- Donna Brown wanted to know what the pink flags along both sides of Route 1 are for. A flag is located ten feet from her house. A DeIDOT representative spoke to Ms. Brown after the meeting to address her questions.

Andrew adjourned the meeting at 7:45 pm. A group photo was taken of the Working Group members and Secretary Cohan.

Public sign-in list

Baker, Kathleen	Kauffman, Jared
Becker, Ted	Ledge, Christine
Brown, Donna	MacNamara, Dennis
Crosby, Sumner	MacNamara, Maggie
Cullin, Bill	Moore, Jan
Cullin, Irene	Moore, Ken
Daneri, Charlie	O'Hagan, Diana
DeBoissiere, Dan	Reese, Brooke
Helene Faber	Roth, Nick
Steve Faber	Safina, Michael
Fischer, P.	Schreck, Neil
Friedland, Ian	Spadafino, George
Hardin, Joe	Steinbeck, Bob
Healey, Glennes	Thompson, Blake
Hill, Robert	Waxman, Madeleine
Hill, Susan	Waxman, Scott
Gaeckle, Bill	Williams, Emily
Gaeckle, Christine	Young, Carol
Geniti, Edward	Young, Dave



AUGUST 25, 2018
9:30 AM
Southbound Route 1
Queue on Top of Nassau Bridge

DJ Hughes exhibit



AUGUST 25, 2018
9:48 AM
Southbound Route 1
Queue blocking Minos Conaway Road



AUGUST 25, 2018
9:52 AM
Southbound Route 1
Queue on Red Mill Pond Bridge



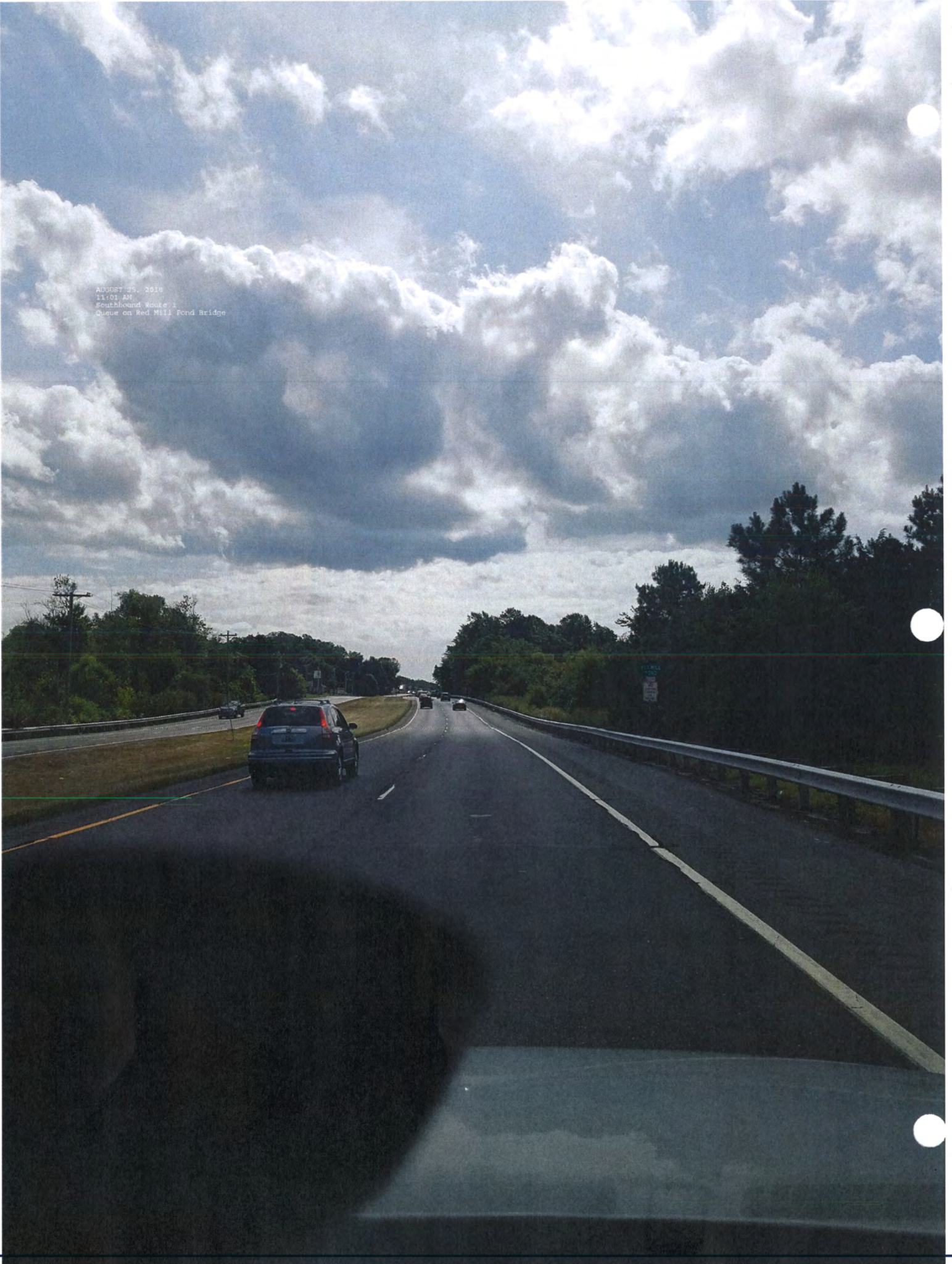
AUGUST 25, 2018
10:03 AM
Southbound Route 1
Queue to Best Lane (Schaefer's, REMAX, Beach Babies)



AUGUST 25, 2018
10:03 AM
Southbound Route 1
Queue Beyond Red Mill In



AUGUST 25, 2010
11:01 AM
Southbound Route 1
Queue on Red Mill Pond Bridge





QUEUE ON
NASSAU BRIDGE

SOUTHBOUND ROUTE 1 LEFT-TURN LANE @ NEW ROAD
FULL AND STACKING INTO SOUTHBOUND THRU LANE

08.25.2018 12:04



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Delaware Route 1 Southbound - Cave Neck Road to Rehoboth Ave.

August 1, 2015
 Time Arrived @ Cave Neck Road - 1:19 pm
 Time Arrived @ Rehoboth Avenue - 2:16 pm
 Travel Time = 57 minutes
 Travel Speed = 7.8 mph
 Distance = 7.4 miles

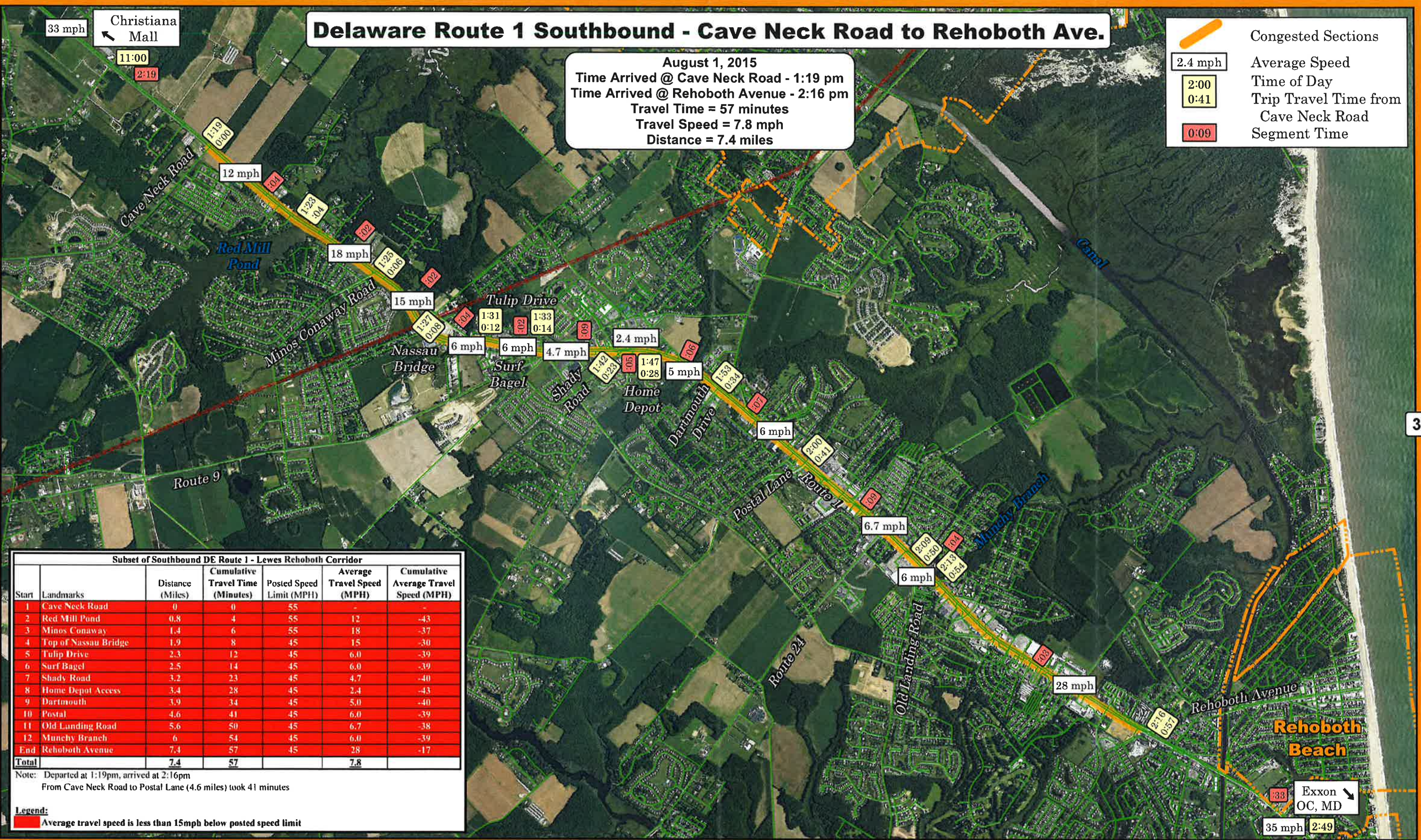
Congested Sections

2.4 mph Average Speed

2:00 Time of Day

0:41 Trip Travel Time from Cave Neck Road

0:09 Segment Time



Subset of Southbound DE Route 1 - Lewes Rehoboth Corridor						
Start	Landmarks	Distance (Miles)	Cumulative Travel Time (Minutes)	Posted Speed Limit (MPH)	Average Travel Speed (MPH)	Cumulative Average Travel Speed (MPH)
1	Cave Neck Road	0	0	55	-	-
2	Red Mill Pond	0.8	4	55	12	-43
3	Minos Conaway	1.4	6	55	18	-37
4	Top of Nassau Bridge	1.9	8	45	15	-30
5	Tulip Drive	2.3	12	45	6.0	-39
6	Surf Bagel	2.5	14	45	6.0	-39
7	Shady Road	3.2	23	45	4.7	-40
8	Home Depot Access	3.4	28	45	2.4	-43
9	Dartmouth	3.9	34	45	5.0	-40
10	Postal	4.6	41	45	6.0	-39
11	Old Landing Road	5.6	50	45	6.7	-38
12	Munchy Branch	6	54	45	6.0	-39
End	Rehoboth Avenue	7.4	57	45	2.8	-17
Total		7.4	57		7.8	

Note: Departed at 1:19pm, arrived at 2:16pm
 From Cave Neck Road to Postal Lane (4.6 miles) took 41 minutes

Legend:
 Average travel speed is less than 15mph below posted speed limit

Summer 2015
 Aerial Photo



FIGURE 14
 Delaware North-South Traffic Study
 Sussex County, Delaware

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 Feet

