

2.0 PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The proposed undertaking will consist of a limited-access tolled facility on new location, extending from existing U.S. 301 at the Delaware/Maryland state line in the southwest to S.R. 1, just to the south of the Chesapeake & Delaware Canal in the northeast. A limited-access tolled spur highway will extend north from the new U.S. 301 to an interchange with S.R. 15/896 to the south of Summit Bridge. The project is sponsored and funded by the Delaware Department of Transportation (DelDOT) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). Section 1 of the proposed highway extends along the highway's main line from its crossing of the Norfolk Southern Railroad to and including the S.R. 1 interchange, a distance of approximately 5.4 miles.

Section 1 of the proposed highway intersects the former corridor of the Mt. Pleasant to Port Penn Railroad in a single location only. This intersection occurs to the north of Boyds Corner Road, between Ratledge and Jamison Corner Roads, in survey segment 14 of the Phase Ib archaeological survey. Currently, this land is owned by the Welfare Foundation, Inc., a private organization that preserves land in the vicinity from development. The property on which the section of railroad grade is located is presently farmed by a tenant.