

# Salisbury/Wicomico MPO Expansion

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# What is an MPO?

- ⦿ Metropolitan Planning Organization
- ⦿ Required by federal law for Urbanized Areas
  - 50,000+ persons
- ⦿ Responsible for transportation planning
  - Within the metropolitan planning area
  - 3-C planning process
    - Continuing
    - Comprehensive
    - Cooperative



# MPO Planning Area

- ⦿ Consists of the Urbanized Area as defined by the Census Bureau
- ⦿ Centered around a Core Urban Area
- ⦿ May include an expanded area due to forecast urban growth or air quality requirements



# MPO Goals

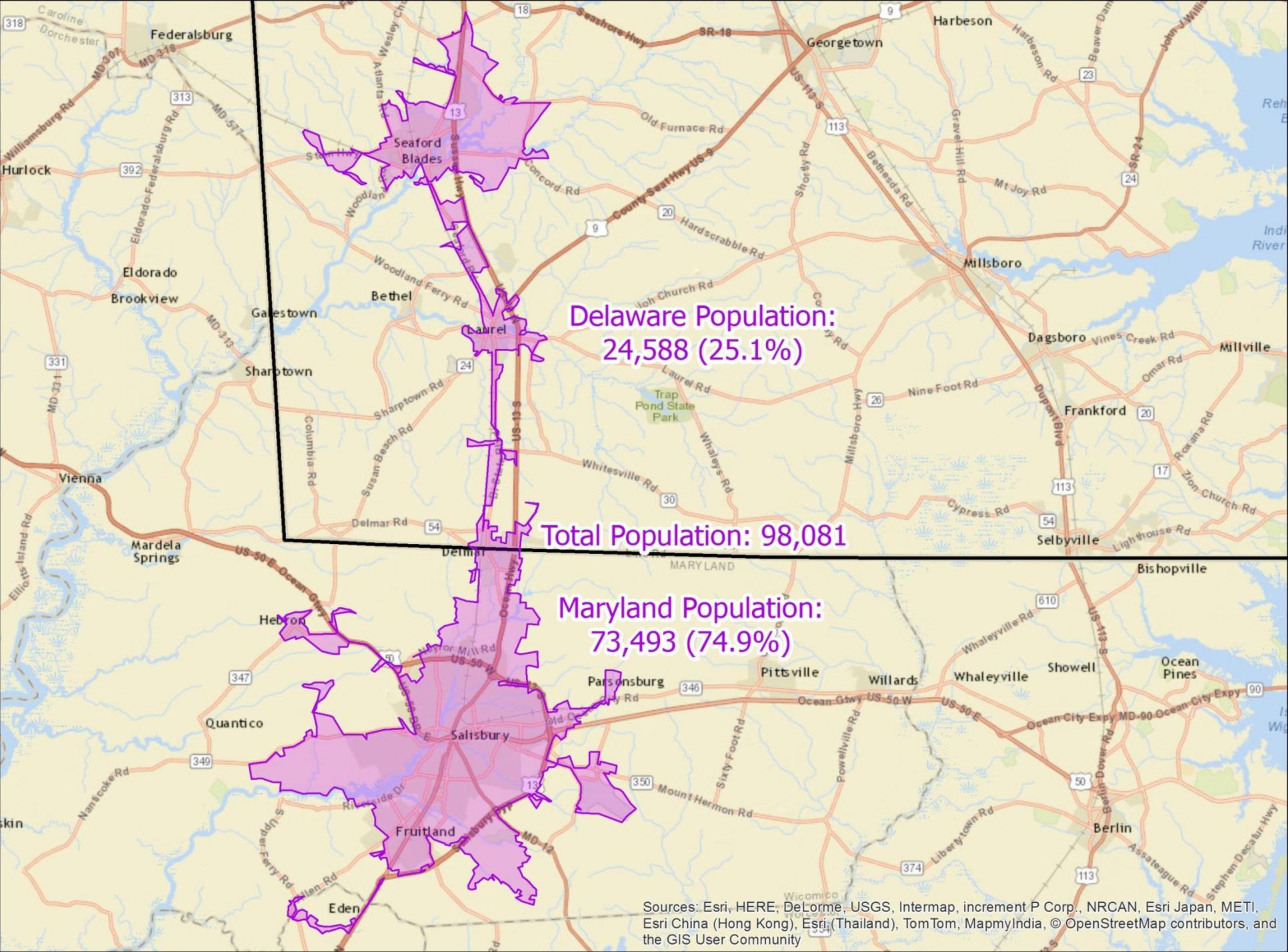
- ◎ Promote projects that support...
  - system preservation
  - integration of modes
  - economic vitality
  - safety and security
  - environmental and quality of life improvements
  - energy conservation



# Why the Expansion?

- ⦿ The Existing Urbanized Area centered around Salisbury expanded as a result of the 2010 Census.
  - Significant growth since 2000
  - Revised criteria allowed multiple clusters to connect
- ⦿ The US 13 corridor from Seaford to Delmar is now integrated with the Salisbury/Wicomico planning area.
  
- ⦿ Let's see the map...





Delaware Population:  
24,588 (25.1%)

Total Population: 98,081

Maryland Population:  
73,493 (74.9%)

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# What does this mean for Sussex County?

- ⦿ There are unincorporated areas within the Urbanized Area boundary.
- ⦿ You have representation.
  - 1 voting seat on the MPO Council
  - 1 member on the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)
- ⦿ The MPO will provide planning services within the MPO Planning Area.
- ⦿ Capital projects within the Urbanized Area have new requirements.



# What does this mean for Sussex County?

- ◎ All federally-funded capital transportation projects within the urbanized area boundary must now...
  - Be consistent with the MPO Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)
  - Be prioritized in the MPO's Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
  - Be prioritized in DeIDOT's Capital Transportation Program (CTP)
  - The TIP and CTP must match.



# Next Steps

- ⦿ Sign the MOU
- ⦿ Approve the Bylaws
- ⦿ Begin Council and TAC attendance
- ⦿ Complete the 2015 LRTP
  - All future projects must be consistent with the LRTP



# Questions?

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