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**PROJECT HISTORY**

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- *SR 26 System Analysis and Needs Report* 1999  
Report reviewed the overall southeastern Sussex County to determine the areas project needs
  - *Alternatives Analysis and Traffic Analysis* 2001  
Report reviewed the traffic along SR 26 and determined the project limits. Report also developed the following project goals:
    - To Reduce Construction
    - To Improve Safety
    - To Delineate Entrances and Exits
    - To Improve Roadway Conditions
  - SR 26, Assawoman Canal to SR 1 Project Completed 2001  
Added Shared Left Center Turn Lane
  - Initial Survey, Design and Project Corridor Established 2003  
Gathered existing information for both features and property owner information
  - Historic, Cultural and Environmental Resources 2003 – 2004  
Proposed alignment was determined based on minimizing impacts to the existing historic, cultural and environmental resources
  - Public Workshop 2004  
Selected Alternative was shown to the public. Two lane roadway was shown with right and left turn lanes.
  - Public Workshop 2005  
Shared Center Left Turn Lane was added to the project
  - Interim Improvements Implemented 2005  
Added signal at West Avenue and added right turn lane from Central Avenue onto SR 26
  - Public Workshop 2006  
Semi-Final design with additional information regarding cost impacts
  - Second Interim Improvement Implemented 2008  
Traffic signals, striping, and pedestrian improvements at the intersection of SR 26 and Old Mill Road
  - Final Environmental Documentation Approved 2008
  - Right of Way Acquisitions Begin 2009
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