

Milford Area

Working Group

Meeting No. 3

May 11, 2004



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Agenda

- 4:00 Project Field Tour
Monroe Hite, III
Jeff Riegner
Joe Wutka
- 5:30 Return to Fire Hall
- 5:45 Call Meeting to Order
Bob Kramer
- 5:50 Opening Remarks
Monroe Hite, III
- 5:55 Strategies for State Policies and Spending Update
David Edgell
- 6:10 Field Tour Recap
Monroe Hite, III
Bob Kramer
Summary of Comments from Last Working Group Meeting
Brief Review of “On-Alignment” Concept(s) and Off Alignment Corridors
Jeff Riegner
Joe Wutka
- 6:30 Breakout Teams of 3 or 4 – Work Session
Breakout Teams
- 7:15 Breakout Teams Reports
Breakout Teams
Bob Kramer
- 7:45 Next Steps
Monroe Hite, III
- 7:55 Public Workshop – Working Group Involvement
Bob Kramer
- 8:00 Adjourn



Project Notebook

- **Tab 1: PowerPoint Slides**
- **Tab 2: Draft Meeting No. 2 Notes**
- **Tab 3: 400' Scale – “On-Alignment” Conceptual Alternatives**



Recent Project Team Meetings

- **April 8, 2004:** Environmental Resource Agencies – Quarterly Meeting
- **April 19, 2004:** Preliminary Land Use Service (PLUS) Meeting – Millsboro Comprehensive Plan Update
- **May 1, 2004:** Nanticoke Community Day
- **May 5, 2004:** Preliminary Land Use Service (PLUS) Meeting – Millsboro – Plantation Lakes Development
- **May 7, 2004:** Project Field Review with State Historic Preservation Office Staff



Upcoming Meetings

- **May 13, 2004:** Georgetown Area Working Group Field Tour / Meeting
- **May 19, 2004:** Millsboro-South Area Working Group Field Tour / Meeting
- **June 7, 2004:** Millsboro-South Area Public Workshop
 - 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM at Millsboro Fire Company, Dining Hall
109 E. State Street, Millsboro
- **June 9, 2004:** Milford Area Public Workshop
 - 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM at Carlisle Fire Company, Banquet Hall
615 N.W. Front Street, Milford
- **June 14, 2004:** Georgetown Area Public Workshop
 - 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM at DelTech Owens Campus,
Arts and Science Center
Room 344 A&B and Theatre



Comments on Preliminary Off-Alignment Corridors

WESTERN CORRIDORS

- “Western bypasses just not feasible”
- Western bypasses are “not viable”
- “Western by-pass too costly”
- “No far west bypass”
- Western bypasses will increase unwanted development west of Milford
- Western bypass that leaves existing US 113 just north of Thompsonville Road conflicts with interchange and proposed Hertrich development
- Near-western bypass “may be OK”
- Will the near western bypass have problems with development?
- With near western bypass, there are “still major issues” between the county line and SR 36



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EASTERN CORRIDORS

- Avoid Whitehead property if possible (mentioned by 4 groups)
- “Maintain N/S and E/W connections” at both ends of an eastern bypass (2 groups)
- Avoid Century Farm on east side of US 113 just north of Cedar Creek (2 groups)
- Avoid PDRs southwest of Lincoln (2 groups)
- Milford is growing to the south
- “East bypass OK”
- Eastern bypass south of Lincoln preferred
- Eastern bypass north of Lincoln “not too bad”
- “North end east side option preferred”



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EASTERN CORRIDORS - continued

- Time factor is critical in implementing eastern bypass due to development activity
- Avoid the eastern bypass option that has impacts east of SR 1
- Concern about wetlands at west end of eastern bypass north of Lincoln
- Keep eastern bypasses as far from Lincoln as possible; preserve it as an intact village
- Integrate SR 30 with interchange between SR 1 and eastern bypass
- Eastern bypass could encourage beach traffic to patronize businesses on US 113
- Does the eastern bypass north of Lincoln utilize the existing power line R/W?



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RESOURCE COMMENTS

- Note Christian Tabernacle (private school) (3 groups)
- Show Morris Elementary School in Lincoln (2 groups)
- Show family cemetery south of Lincoln Village (2 groups)
- Show paramedic station in Lincoln
- Show First Baptist Church/School on Old Shawnee Road
- There is no school on North Walnut Street – remove symbol
- Possible eagle nest/habitat at Silver Lake
- Clendaniel farm is Century Farm eligible
- Subdivision approved – east corner of Johnson Road and Cabbage Pond Road
- Valley extending from Clendaniel Pond Road cemetery to the east-southeast may contain wetlands



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GENERAL COMMENTS

- Truck traffic can't access SR 1 southbound without going through downtown Milford (3 groups)
- "Discourage cross town truck traffic"
- "On-alignment improvements to encourage people to use business 113"
- "Still look at on-alignment improvements regardless"
- "Signage important to maintain business route"
- Eliminate existing traffic signals on US 113
- "Bring truck traffic up [SR] 30 then grade separate @ 30/SR 1/US 113"
- Consider impacts to proposed DSWA transfer station
- Signs recommended north of Milford advising travel time to the beach via 1 vs 113
- SR 1/30 intersection is unsafe
- Consider future fire substation in the vicinity of Elks Lodge and Wilkens Roads
- There were numerous comments regarding access control along SR 1; the project team will provide CCPP information to the working group to address them.



Next Steps

- **Jun:** Public Workshops (3) – Conceptual Alternatives
- **Jul:** Project Team updates the Resource Agencies on Public Workshops Results and Conceptual Alternatives (July 8, 2004)
- **Jul – Sep:** Project Team develops Preliminary Alternatives and Assessment of Effects
- **Oct:** Resource Agencies provide input on Preliminary Alternatives and Assessment of Effects (October 14, 2004)
- **Oct:** Working Groups Reconvene – provide input on Preliminary Alternatives / Assessment of Effects
- **Nov:** Public Workshops (3) – Preliminary Alternatives / Assessment of Effects

