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## **DelDOT Announces Formation of US 113 North/South Study Working Groups**

*Dover, Delaware* – DelDOT Secretary Nathan Hayward III today announced the appointment of three citizen representative Working Groups that will assist the Department in the US 113 North/South Study in Sussex County. The US 113 Study is a cooperative effort between DelDOT, Kent and Sussex Counties and the towns within the study area. Working Groups have been formed for each of these areas:

- Milford
- Georgetown
- Millsboro and South (to the Maryland/Delaware line)

“We’re asking leaders from many constituencies in Sussex County to come together and help us make decisions to preserve the traffic capacity we have along US 113 today, upgrade the existing road wherever possible, and look to future improvements as needed for a limited access highway,” said Secretary Hayward. “Members of these Working Groups represent a diverse composition of community and civic leaders and groups, users of US 113, business, farm and property owners along the roadway, and state, county and local government agencies.”

Each Group will develop a vision statement, and a list of goals and objectives for its particular area. While contributing throughout the study process, the most important function of the Working Groups will be to review alternatives for the US 113 corridor and assist in selection of the preferred transportation improvements for their geographic area.

The US 113 North/South Study carries out the recommendations set forth in the *Sussex County North-South Transportation Feasibility Study*. Completed in 2001, the Feasibility Study identified the need for, and confirmed the feasibility of, a north/south limited access highway through Sussex County and recommended that the US 113 corridor be studied for this purpose.

This study will address existing and future transportation needs along US 113 while preserving environmental and historic resources and accommodating planned economic growth. Where possible, existing US 113 will be upgraded rather than providing an entirely new road. Alternatives for converting US 113 to a limited access highway will be developed, discussed with the public and analyzed in order to produce an integrated package of recommended improvements for US 113 from north of Milford through Selbyville.

Lists of the Working Group members are available on DelDOT’s website under the US 113 project site. ([www.deldot.net/static/projects/US113](http://www.deldot.net/static/projects/US113)).