

301 US 301 Project Development

Welcome!

On behalf of the Delaware Department of Transportation (DelDOT), we welcome you to this initial public workshop for the US 301 Project Development effort.

The 301 Corridor has been studied numerous times in the past. DelDOT has determined that delaying this project further is not an option.

Selection of a final alternative is expected within the next six months. With that goal in mind, public involvement is vital as we seek a solution to address transportation problems in the US 301 area from the Maryland line to SR 1, south of the C&D Canal.

Tonight, we introduce the US 301 Project Development effort and invite your comments and participation.

Thank you for sharing your valuable time and insights.

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Purpose Of Workshop: Present And Listen

The purpose of this workshop is to begin the effort to evaluate and select a final alternative for an improved U.S. 301 from the Maryland Line to SR 1, south of the C & D Canal.

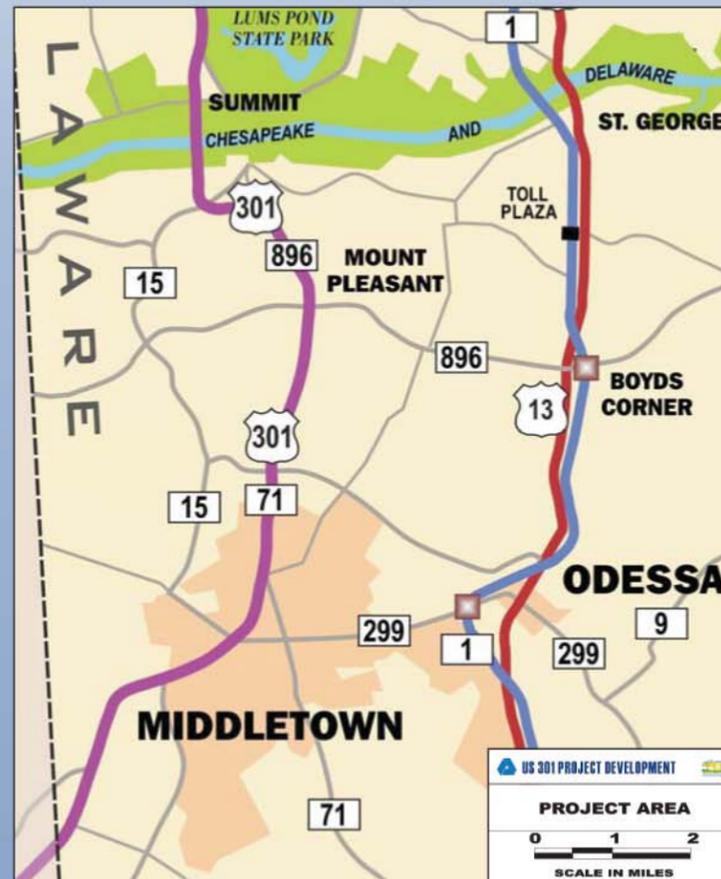
These workshops – more to be scheduled in the fall – are your opportunity to discuss and comment on which solutions you'd like to see DelDOT pursue. We encourage and welcome your comments on the material displayed tonight, such as:

- ▶ Project Purpose and Need / Vision, Goals and Objectives
- ▶ Alternatives Considered, But Not Recommended for Further Evaluation
- ▶ A Range of Alternatives To Be Evaluated (potential solutions) and
- ▶ An Assessment of the Effects of Each Alternative

Please feel free to ask questions of the Project Team members or write down your comments and make us aware of your concerns.

Comments need to be provided by July 21, 2005

Project Development Area



Project Development Schedule

The following project schedule is extremely aggressive. The Project Team is committed to meeting this schedule. Timely completion of the effort is critical. Alternative corridors that are available today to address project needs will become more costly, with significantly greater impacts, if the decision on this project is delayed. The transportation problems that exist today along US 301 will continue to get worse with the mixture of truck traffic and continued planned growth.



Feb – Jun '05	Develop Project Purpose and Need/Goals and Objectives, and Potential Range of Alternatives
Jun '05	Public Workshop #1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Present Project Purpose and Need/Goals and Objectives • Present Potential Range of Alternatives/ Preliminary Assessment of Their Effects
Jul – Aug '05	Evaluate Range of Alternatives and Develop Recommendations for Alternatives Retained for Detailed Study
Sep '05	Public Workshop #2 (Sep 12 th and 13 th -tentative) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Present Range of Alternatives and Assessment of Effects • Suggest Alternatives Recommended for Detailed Evaluation and Alternatives Not Recommended for Further Consideration
Sep – Nov '05	Complete Detailed Evaluation of Alternatives and Develop Recommendations of Preferred Alternative
Nov '05	Public Workshop #3 (Nov 7 th and 8 th -tentative) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Present Results of Detailed Evaluation of Alternatives Retained and Assessment of Their Effects • Propose Preferred Alternative
Nov – Dec '05	Develop Recommendation for Selected Alternative
Jan '06	Public Workshop #4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Present Selected Alternative
Jan – Mar '06	Complete environmental documentation and submit to Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)
Apr '06	FHWA Approval of Selected Alternative <i>(subject to availability of funding, provides authority to begin right-of-way acquisition, design and construction)</i>

Consultation and coordination with the environmental resource agencies will be continuous throughout the project development effort.