



US 301 Project Development



RANGE OF ALTERNATIVES RECOMMENDED FOR FURTHER EVALUATION

ORANGE Alternative

The fewest number of Workshop attendees who completed the comment form provided comments on this alternative, with 57 recommending that it be evaluated in greater detail and 114 urging that the Orange Alternative be dropped from further consideration. A representative sample of the reasons presented (verbatim) for their recommendations follows:

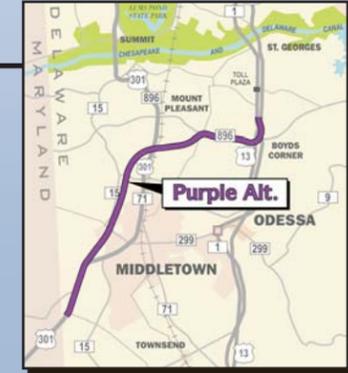


- Support this option but it makes access to businesses and communities difficult as the highway cuts the town in half.
- Less costly very good plan.
- Good plan already using existing roadway. Affects few established neighborhoods.
- Goes by too many neighborhoods. Need too much new property.
- Too much disruption during construction along 301 north of Middletown. Doesn't address Rt. 15/301 intersection. Too close to Elementary School.
- No. Consider families, the quality of life will be compromised.
- I like this option the most. It utilizes existing 301 and the cut over to SR 1 is away from 896. This will be away from the future developments along 896 farmlands.
- Too costly. Too many overpass bridges. It impacts too many properties.
- East/West alignment may be the best as it is least impactful of Scott Run. Interchange at Whitehall may pose bike/ped nightmare.
- Drop this option. Too much impact on existing communities. Makes a more miserable Delaware.

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PURPLE Alternative

Slightly more than 60% of the persons who filled out the comment form provided recommendations regarding the Purple Alternative, with 156 recommending it be evaluated in greater detail and 72 suggesting that the Purple Alternative not be considered further. Below is a representative sample of their reasons (verbatim) why this alternative should or should not be evaluated further:



- First Choice. Using this alternative has less impact to existing homes. It would effect proposed homes. But it is better to affect houses that are not built instead of effecting lived in houses. This road could be built without affecting the existing 896. Once completed, 896 could be improved.
- This is an awful option. It has very little merit beyond convenience. The west side of Middletown should remain tranquil and open as part of Liveable Delaware. This adds light pollution, noise pollution, and land scars to a relatively bucolic area.
- This route would probably eliminate a lot of disruption during construction. Much of the existing 301 would be available for north & south traffic. It also appears to be less invasive to existing developments. It should encourage truckers to use the newest bridge over the canal and avoid 896 N.
- Support this option because it goes around downtown Middletown, causing less problems with congestion in the town. It doesn't affect as many existing communities, which is good.
- No. Creates additional noise, lights, pollution where it is not today.
- Has least effect on large communities. Utilizes existing large roadways. Alleviates existing traffic on 301. Preferred.
- Seems to affect few communities and be the shortest/cheapest route.
- Good option but east/west portion is too "horizontal": not efficient for north/south travel.
- Undeveloped developments still can terminate/building cease. Shorter route of choice=least expensive.
- Not a viable alternative. Destroys integrity of the area.
- Don't like. Impacts too many people that should be outside of 301 reach. The homes built in this area in last 15 years should have never been approved if this was an option. Poor forward thinking.
- The fact that this is the shortest length and most direct route makes a lot of sense.
- Retain this plan as it seems to impact the least amount of development & environment.