

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) – All Way Stop Control (AWSC) for Residential Streets

Delaware Department of Transportation (DelDOT)

1. What is the process for requesting and installing an AWSC for a residential street?

For detailed information on this process, see the flow chart on page 2.

2. How do I request AWSC at an intersection in my community?

An AWSC Nomination Form must be submitted to DelDOT for review. There are several different paths to follow in order to request AWSC (HOA, Working Group, etc.). Refer to the [AWSC Guidelines for Residential Streets](#) for more information.

3. Where can I ask for the implementation of AWSC?

AWSC can typically be implemented at an intersection of two subdivision streets with speed limits of 25 mph. AWSC must also be at least 600 feet from an existing signalized intersection.

4. Will AWSC address speeding in my community?

AWSC is not meant to address speeding. Other traffic calming measures, such as vertical and horizontal speed control devices, have been found to better address speeding. AWSC can reduce cut-through traffic, address near-miss crashes, and reduce sight-distance related issues.

5. The intersection I requested AWSC for did not meet the minimum criteria.

What else can I do?

A request may still be made to DelDOT to determine if other modifications at the subject intersection may be appropriate. These efforts would be performed independently from the AWSC Guidelines for Residential Streets.

6. Do I need to request funding from my legislator for AWSC?

No, DelDOT will fund the implementation of AWSC as long as a complete Nomination Form has been received.

7. How is community support for AWSC confirmed?

As a part of the AWSC Nomination Form, voting members of the HOA or working group are required to sign off that a vote was conducted, and the AWSC was approved. It is the voting members' responsibility to make sure that AWSC is in the interest of the community as a whole.

8. DelDOT conducted a ballot and AWSC did not pass. When can we try again?

DelDOT will not reconsider AWSC at the same location for a minimum of two years.

9. DelDOT approved and installed AWSC at an intersection. How can I request the new stop sign(s) be removed?

The same procedural requirements that apply to initial installation (see AWSC Guidelines) will also apply to modification or removal of AWSC. However, if DelDOT determines there is a problem with the stop sign(s), including an increase in crashes following installation, DelDOT may remove the stop sign(s).

DeDOT All-Way Stop Control (AWSC) for Residential Streets Request Process

The process for installing AWSC on a state-maintained subdivision roadway is as follows:

1. A legislator, HOA, or working group submits a completed AWSC Nomination Form directly to DeDOT, confirming that the intersection meets the AWSC Guidelines minimum criteria.
2. DeDOT approves or denies AWSC at the requested intersection.
3. If a community ballot is requested, proceed to Step 4. If not, proceed to Step 5.
4. DeDOT conducts a community ballot to confirm approval of the installation of AWSC at the proposed intersection.
 - a. If at least 15% of the ballots are returned and at least 2/3 of the received ballots are in favor, continue to Step 5.
 - b. If less than 15% of the ballots are returned AND/OR less than 2/3 of the received ballots are in support, AWSC at this intersection will not be reconsidered for at least two years.
5. DeDOT installs the additional stop sign(s) at the proposed intersection.

NOTE: AWSC is not meant to be used to address speeding. AWSC can address issues such as cut-through traffic, near-miss crashes, and sight-distance related issues.

