



# Engineering Countermeasures

Delaware Highway Safety  
Summit  
April 17, 2024



## *Excellence in Transportation* **Every Trip.**

We strive to make every trip taken in Delaware safe, reliable and convenient for people and commerce.

## **Every Mode.**

We provide safe choices for travelers in Delaware to access roads, rails, buses, airways, waterways, bike trails and walking paths.

## **Every Dollar.**

We seek the best value for every dollar spent for the benefit of all.

## **Everyone.**

We engage our customers and employees with respect and courtesy as we deliver our services.

# Presentation Overview



- Statewide traffic fatalities
- Safe System Approach
- Countermeasures
  - Safety Messages
  - Enhanced Signage and Striping
  - Traffic Calming Devices
  - Intersection control
  - Electronic Safety Programs
  - Roadway Departure countermeasures
  - Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Initiatives
  - Wrong Way driving improvements
- Resources



# Delaware Traffic Fatalities



## 2024 Delaware Traffic Fatalities as of 4/15/2024

|                             | 2024      | 2023         |        | 2022         |        |
|-----------------------------|-----------|--------------|--------|--------------|--------|
|                             |           | Year-to-Date | Totals | Year-to-Date | Totals |
| <b>Fatalities</b>           | <b>30</b> | 47 ↓ -36%    | 137    | 42 ↓ -29%    | 164    |
| Delaware Residents          | 26        | 37 ↓ -30%    | 110    | 32 ↓ -19%    | 122    |
| <b>Person Types</b>         |           |              |        |              |        |
| <b>Vehicle Occupant</b>     | <b>20</b> | 33 ↓ -39%    | 89     | 29 ↓ -31%    | 103    |
| <b>Pedestrian</b>           | <b>6</b>  | 9 ↓ -33%     | 28     | 9 ↓ -33%     | 32     |
| <b>Bicyclist</b>            | <b>1</b>  | 2 ↓ -50%     | 5      | 1 0%         | 7      |
| <b>Motorcyclist</b>         | <b>3</b>  | 3 0%         | 15     | 3 0%         | 22     |
| <b>Crash Types</b>          |           |              |        |              |        |
| <b>Curve Related</b>        | <b>3</b>  | 8 ↓ -63%     | 28     | 6 ↓ -50%     | 19     |
| <b>Roadway Departure</b>    | <b>11</b> | 23 ↓ -52%    | 69     | 14 ↓ -21%    | 55     |
| <b>Intersection Related</b> | <b>10</b> | 14 ↓ -29%    | 37     | 14 ↓ -29%    | 50     |
| <b>Median Crossover</b>     | <b>0</b>  | 3 ↓ -100%    | 8      | 2 ↓ -100%    | 8      |
| <b>Wrong Way</b>            | <b>1</b>  | 0 ↑ N/A      | 1      | 2 ↓ -50%     | 7      |
| <b>Work Zone</b>            | <b>2</b>  | 3 ↓ -33%     | 9      | 0 ↑ N/A      | 4      |



# **SAFE SYSTEM** APPROACH

Zero is our goal. A Safe System is how we get there.

# What is the Safe System Approach?



Aims to eliminate fatal and serious injuries for all road users by:



**Accommodating  
human mistakes**

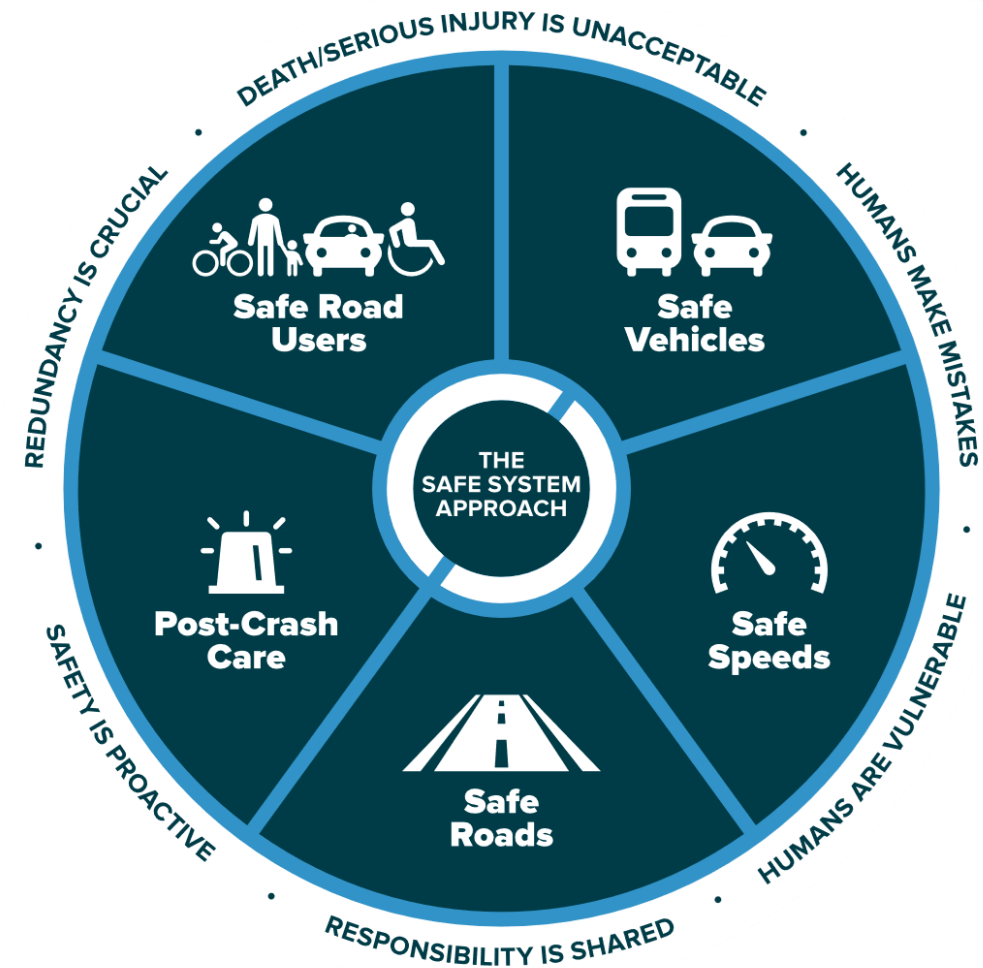


**Keeping impacts on the human  
body at tolerable levels**

# Safe System Objectives



- 1) Reduce the severity of conflicts between all road users
- 2) Modify travel speeds to match roadway conditions
- 3) Reduce impact forces so that collisions are never deadly



# 6 Safe System Principles



- **Death/Serious injury is unacceptable**
  - Prioritizes the elimination of these types of crashes
- **Humans make mistakes**
  - Mistakes and decisions that can lead or contribute to crashes is inevitable.
- **Humans are vulnerable**
  - Physical limits for tolerating crash forces before death or serious injury occurs.
- **Responsibility is shared**
  - Everyone: all levels of government, industry, advocacies, researches, public, law enforcement, educators, etc.
- **Safety is proactive**
  - Identify risks and mitigate risks
- **Redundancy is crucial**
  - If one part fails, the other parts still protect.





# 5 Safe System Elements



- Safe road users
  - Walking, biking, driving, transit, other
  - Not distracted or impaired, following rules of the road, and acting within the limits of the road design
- Safe vehicles
  - Active safety (proven safety countermeasures)
  - Passive safety (seatbelts, crash-absorption devices, etc.)
  - Technology (connected and automated vehicles)
- Safe speeds
  - higher speeds increase crash severity leading to more fatalities and serious injuries.
- Safe roads
  - Prevent crashes
    - Separating users in space, separating users in time, and increasing attentiveness and awareness
  - Keep impacts on the human body at tolerable levels
    - Managing crash kinetic energy
- Post-crash care
  - 1st responders, medical care, crash investigation, incident management, and justice



# Traditional approach vs. Safe System Approach



## Traditional approach

Prevent crashes →

Improve human behavior →

Control speeding →

Individuals are responsible →

React based on crash history →

## Safe System approach

Prevent death and serious injuries

Design for human mistakes/limitations

Reduce system kinetic energy

Share responsibility

Proactively identify and address risks

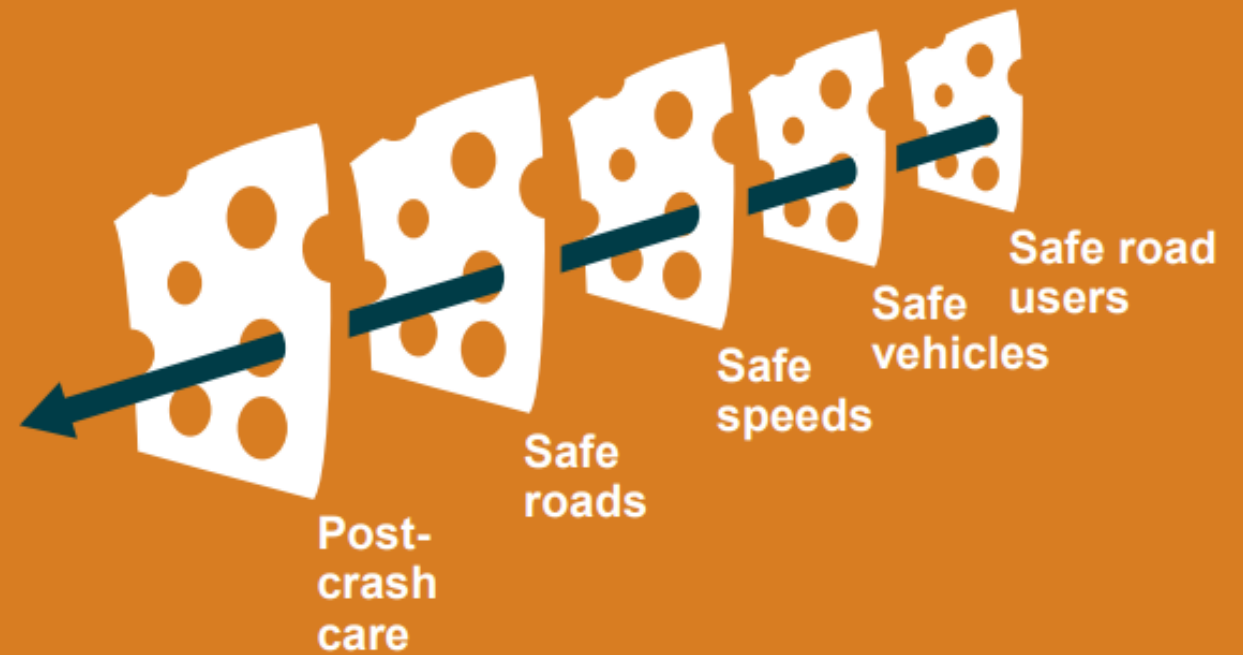
# Create Redundancy



The "Swiss Cheese Model" of redundancy creates layers of protection



Death and serious injuries only happen when all layers fail



# Countermeasures



# Safety messages



WATCH  
OUT FOR  
BAMBI!

SAVE WARP SPEED  
FOR  
CAPT KIRK

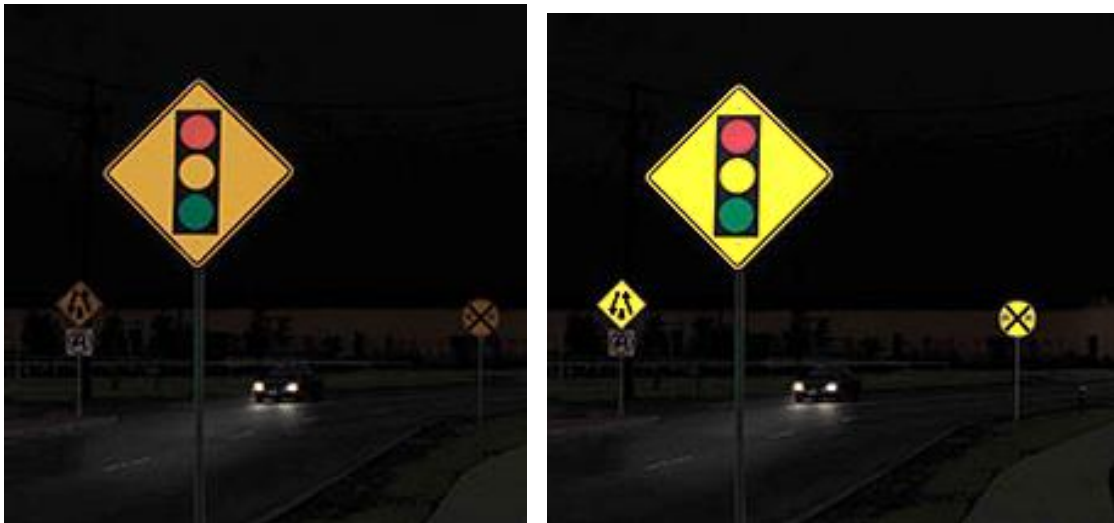
YOUR OMG  
AND LOL  
CAN WAIT

PLAY CUPID  
NOT STUPID  
DRIVE SOBER

ENJOY  
THE JOURNEY  
ARRIVE ALIVE

FEEL THE NEED?  
THE NEED FOR  
SPEED?

# Traffic Control Device Reflectivity

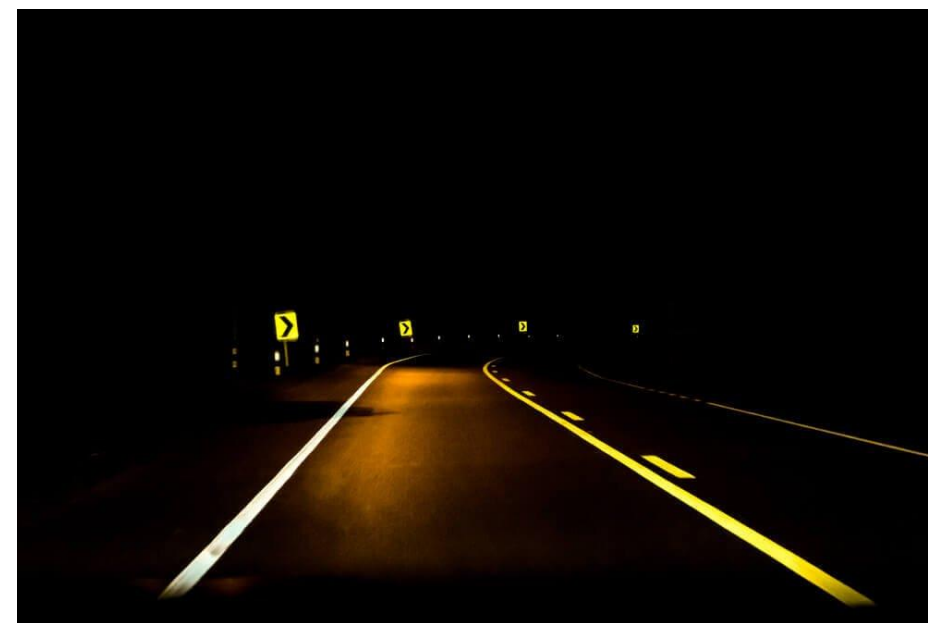


| County                          | 2021-2022<br>Signs Inspected | 2022-2023<br>Signs Inspected | 2021-2022<br>Signs Replaced | 2022-2023<br>Signs Replaced |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| New Castle (above canal)        | 2250                         | 437                          | 164                         | 320                         |
| Kent & New Castle (below canal) | 1893                         | 728                          | 37                          | 15                          |
| Sussex                          | 347                          | 2600                         | 413                         | 168                         |
| <b>Total</b>                    | <b>4490</b>                  | <b>3765</b>                  | <b>614</b>                  | <b>503</b>                  |

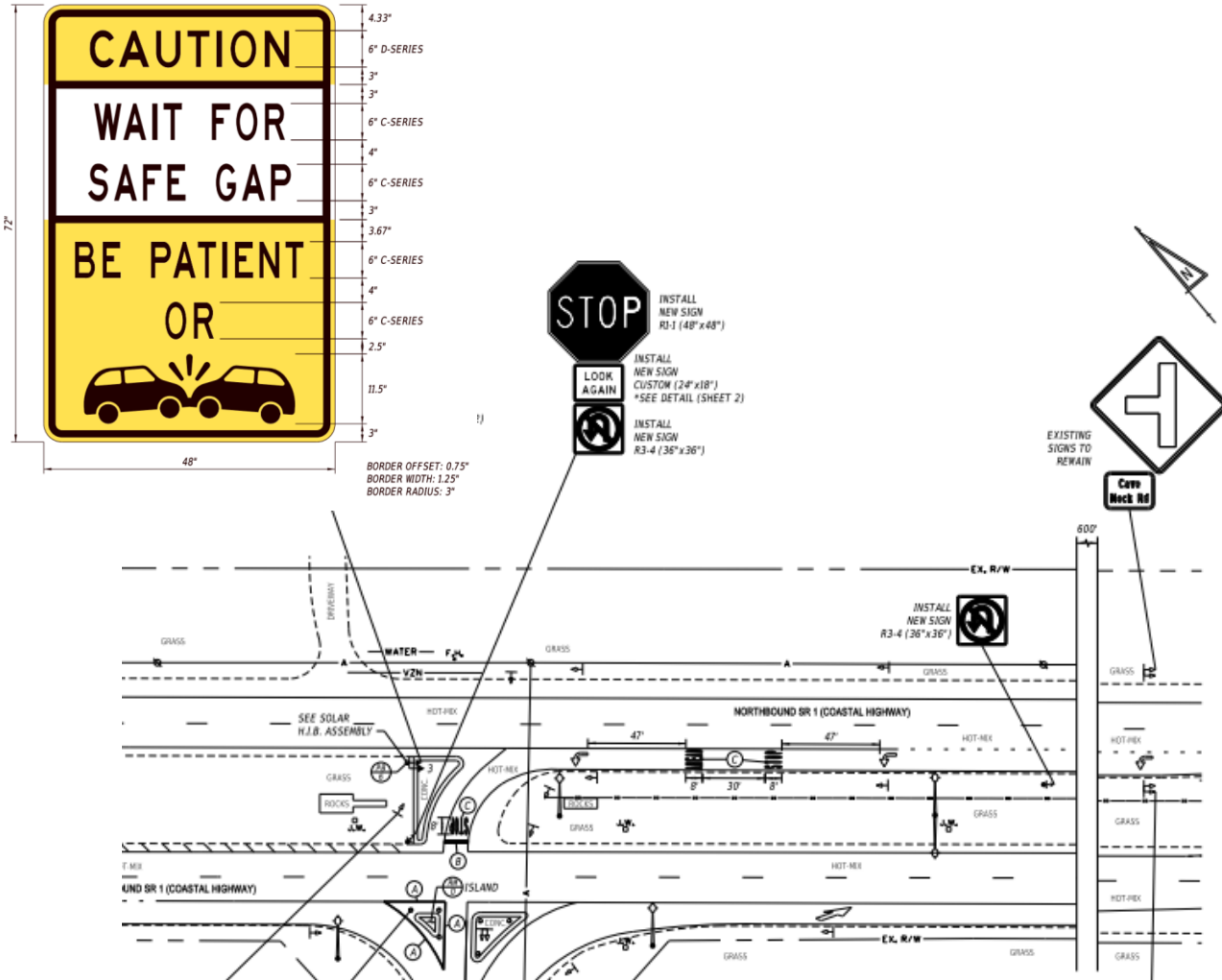
- Increasing retroreflectivity of a STOP sign can decrease crashes by 9%
- Increasing retroreflectivity of pavement markings can decrease nighttime crashes in a rural setting by 14-28%

| Calendar Year | Latex striping<br>(linear feet) | Cost          |
|---------------|---------------------------------|---------------|
| 2021          | 19,159,532                      | \$3,189,259.9 |
| 2022          | 15,783,247                      | \$2,735,119.9 |
| 2023          | 19,412,908                      | \$3,672,181.5 |

| Calendar Year | Epoxy striping<br>(linear feet) | Cost          |
|---------------|---------------------------------|---------------|
| 2021          | 6,385,848                       | \$2,443,744.3 |
| 2022          | 8,147,545                       | \$4,256,816.8 |
| 2023          | 6,057,211                       | \$3,313,891.5 |

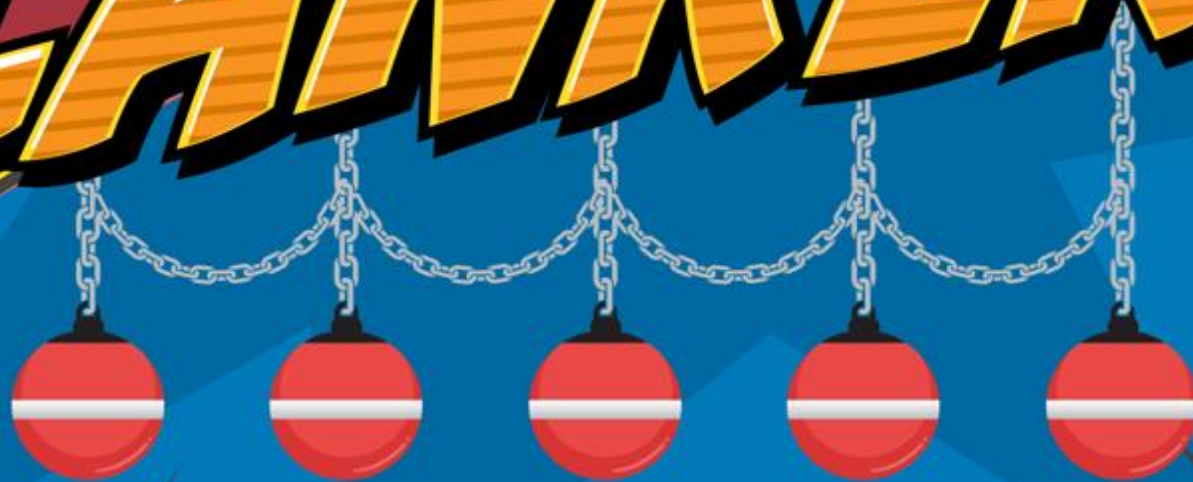


# Enhanced Signage and Striping





# CASHO MILL ROAD CLANKERS





# Clankers – Casho Mill Road, Newark



November 1979

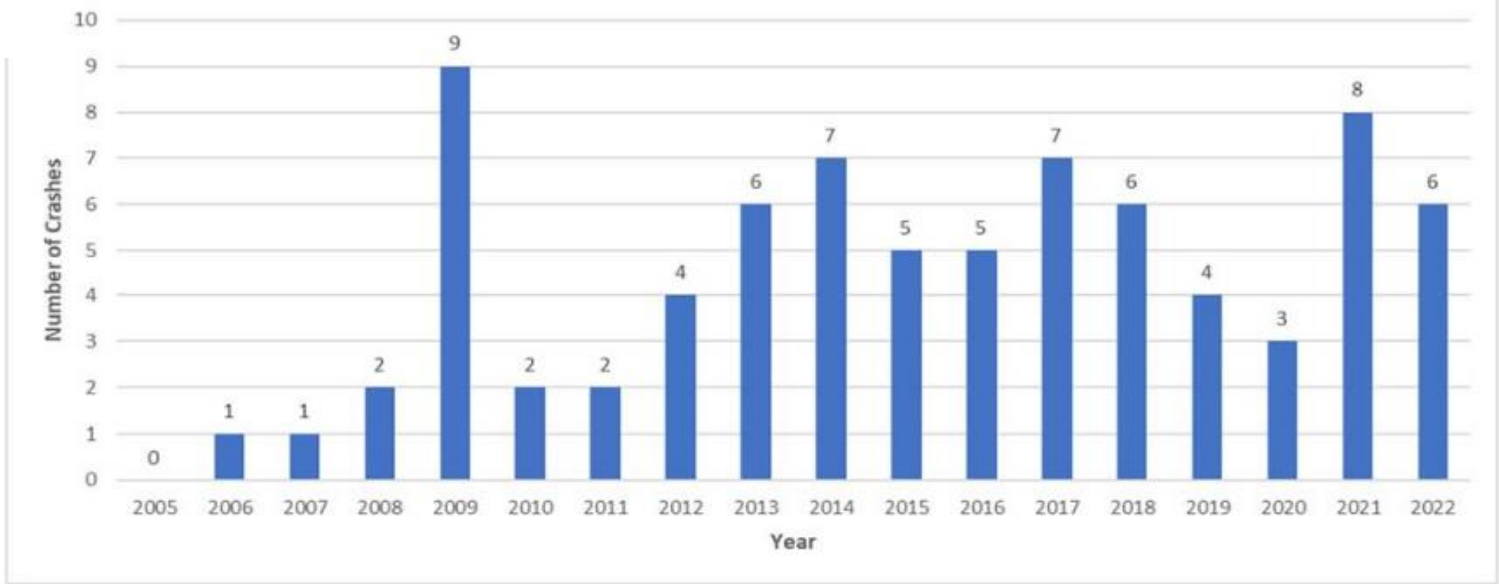
OG bridge: 11'-1" clearance  
circa 1883-1886

**Casho Mill Road – Bridge 1-628**  
(78 Total Crashes, +6 in 2022)



May 2016

BR 1-628 on Casho Mill Road



# Clankers – Casho Mill Road, Newark



**Initial  
warning  
devices  
installed 2003**



# Clankers – Casho Mill Road, Newark

**More  
emphatic  
but...  
ineffective  
installed 2017**



# Clankers – Casho Mill Road, Newark

**“All-out  
design”**

installed  
August 2022



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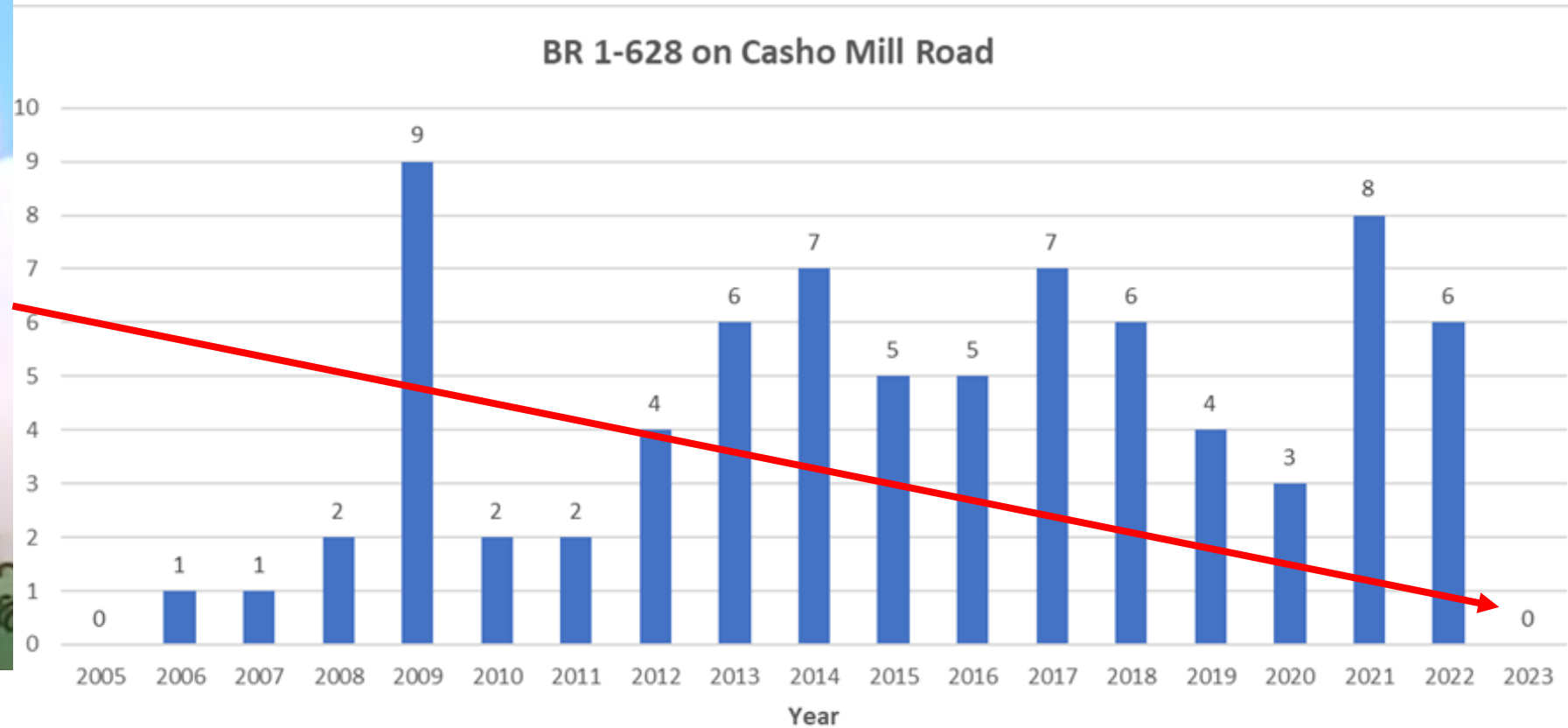
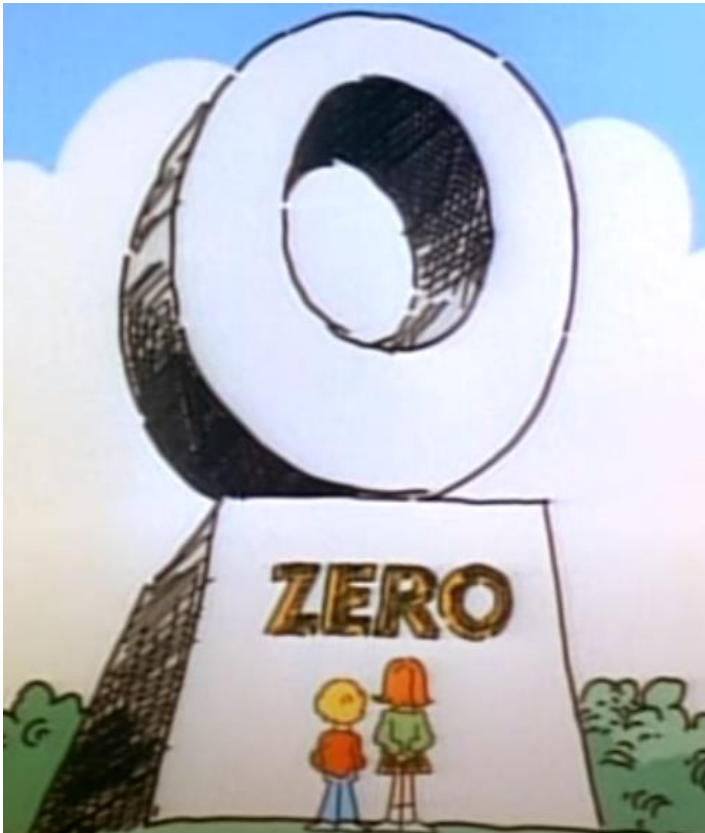


**Final Cost = \$330,000**

# Clankers – Casho Mill Road, Newark

## Casho Mill Road – Bridge 1-628

(78 Total Crashes, +0 in 2023)



# Clankers – Casho Mill Road, Newark



NCAM243 - CASHO MILL RD @ SOUTH OF CSX



# Traffic Calming Devices



- Our Delaware Traffic Calming Design Manual (TCDM) outlines several traffic calming measures that can be used on Delaware roadways

## Horizontal Measures

- Lateral Shift
- Chicane
- Realigned Intersection
- Traffic Circles
- Mini-Roundabouts
- Corner Extension / Bulbout
- Choker
- Median Island
- Partial Closure
- Road Diet
- Diagonal Diverters
- Intersection Barriers
- Forced Turn Islands

## Vertical Measures

- Speed Hump
- Speed Cushion
- Speed Table / Raised Crosswalk
- Raised Intersection

## Other Measures

- Yard Signs
- Radar Speed Signs
- One-Way Restrictions
- All-Way Stop Control (AWSC)
- Lane Narrowing
- Speed Reduction Markings

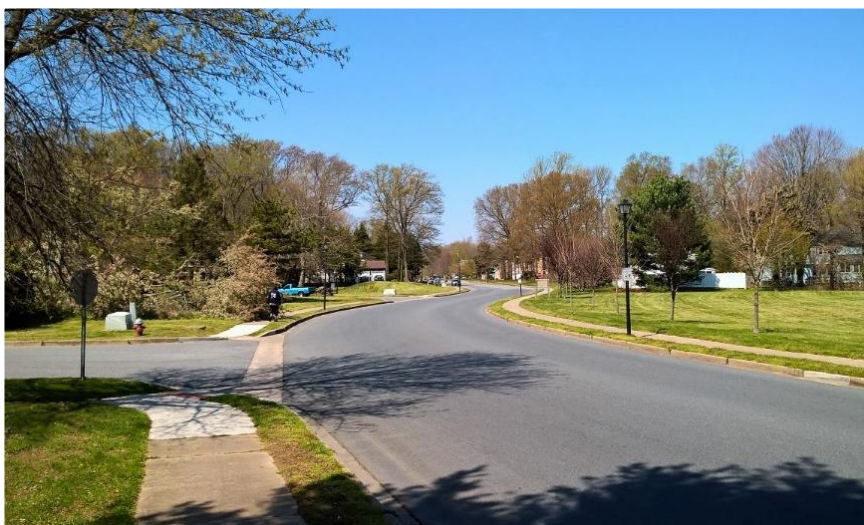
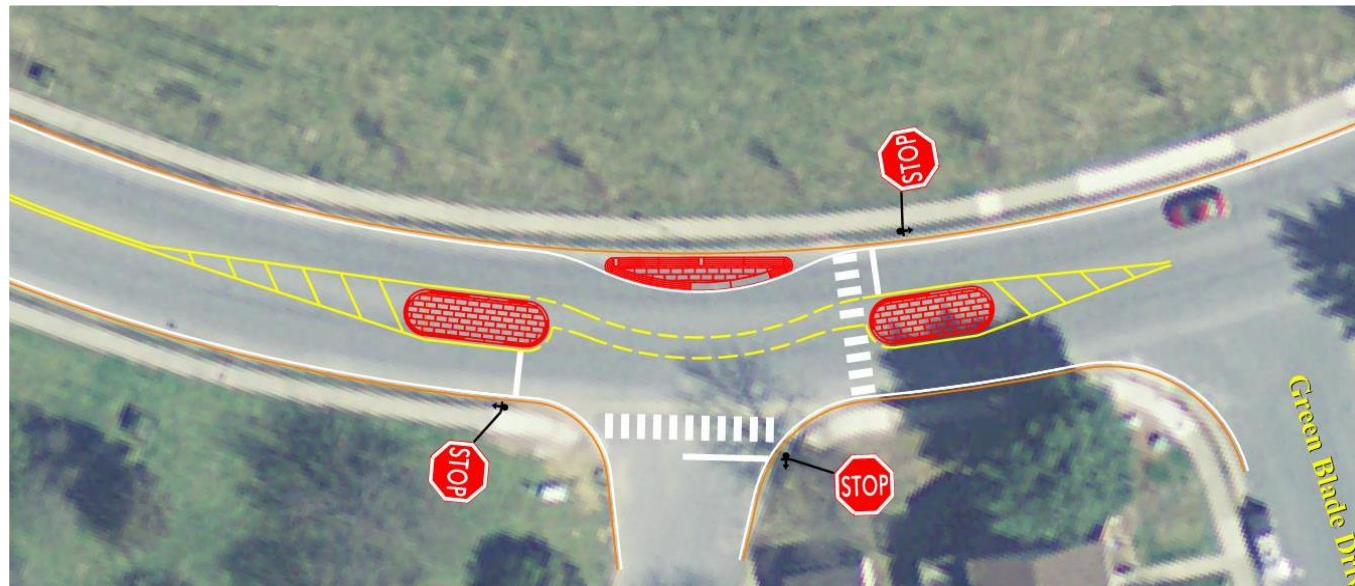


# Traffic Calming Installations



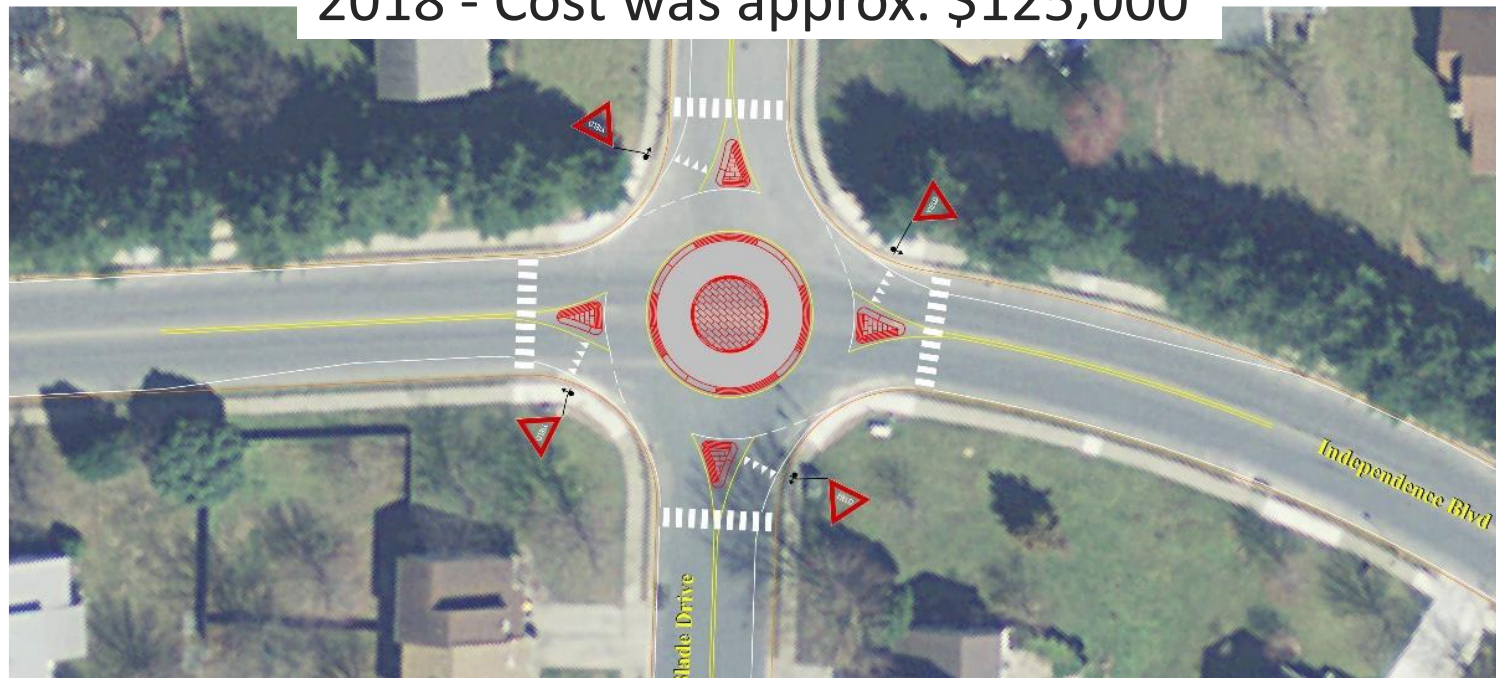
# Realigned Intersection – Independence Blvd, Dover

2018 - Cost was approx. \$55,000



# Mini-Roundabout – Independence Blvd, Dover

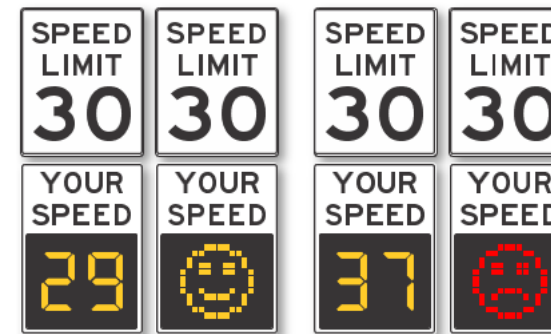
2018 - Cost was approx. \$125,000



# New Pictorial Radar Speed Signs (pilot)

- Pilot program to determine effectiveness of 11 radar speed signs that display smiling and frowning faces based on speeds

| Site | Location                  | Average Speed Change (mph) |            |
|------|---------------------------|----------------------------|------------|
|      |                           | At sign                    | Downstream |
| 1    | Grubb Road                | -3.8                       | -2.8       |
| 2    | Marsh Road                | -0.6                       | -2.2       |
| 3    | Mt. Lebanon Road          | -1.9                       | -1.6       |
| 4    | Milltown Road             | -3.9                       | -2.8       |
| 5    | Glasgow Avenue            | -5.2                       | -1.8       |
| 6    | Kirkwood St. Georges Road | -0.6                       | +0.9       |
| 7    | Forrest Avenue            | -6.9                       | -4.6       |
| 8    | Peachtree Run             | -0.6                       | -0.5       |
| 9    | Johnson Road              | -2.5                       | -0.9       |
| 10   | Long Neck Road            | -0.5                       | +0.5       |
| 11   | Bayard Road               | -1.3                       | +1.1       |



# All-Way Stop Control (AWSC)

- Low-cost/step-wise countermeasure
- Increased usage of this countermeasure in last 5 years
- 2023 National Roadway Safety Award Recipient



**Table 2. Annual Crashes at 25 Newly Converted AWSC Intersections**

| Total Annual Crashes from All Study Intersections | Crash Type |       |          |                |            | Severity |        |       |
|---|------------|-------|----------|----------------|------------|----------|--------|-------|
|   | Total      | Angle | Rear End | Single Vehicle | All Others | PDO      | Injury | Fatal |
| Before  | 120.67     | 67.33 | 17.00    | 19.33          | 17.00      | 70.33    | 48.67  | 1.67  |
| After   | 52.33      | 22.67 | 12.17    | 11.33          | 6.17       | 43.67    | 8.67   | 0.00  |
| % Change  | -57%       | -66%  | -28%     | -41%           | -64%       | -38%     | -82%   | -100% |

# Traffic Signal



**Table 1. Annual Crash Rate Changes at New Signals**

| Before   | Total | Rear End | Angle | Other | PDO  | Injury |
|----------|-------|----------|-------|-------|------|--------|
|          | 3.83  | 1.21     | 1.73  | 0.89  | 2.72 | 1.11   |
| After    | Total | Rear End | Angle | Other | PDO  | Injury |
|          | 5.86  | 3.05     | 1.47  | 1.34  | 4.40 | 1.46   |
| % Change | 53%   | 152%     | -15%  | 51%   | 62%  | 31%    |

- New signals
- Design upgrades
- Left-turn phasing
- Advanced warning
- Yellow times
- Red Protect
- Pedestrian upgrades



# Roundabouts



- 31 existing in Delaware
- Dozens in various phases of planning/design

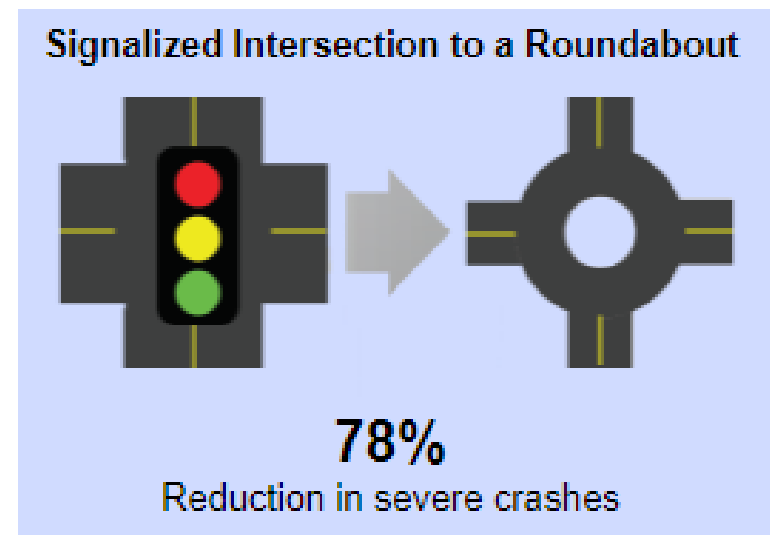
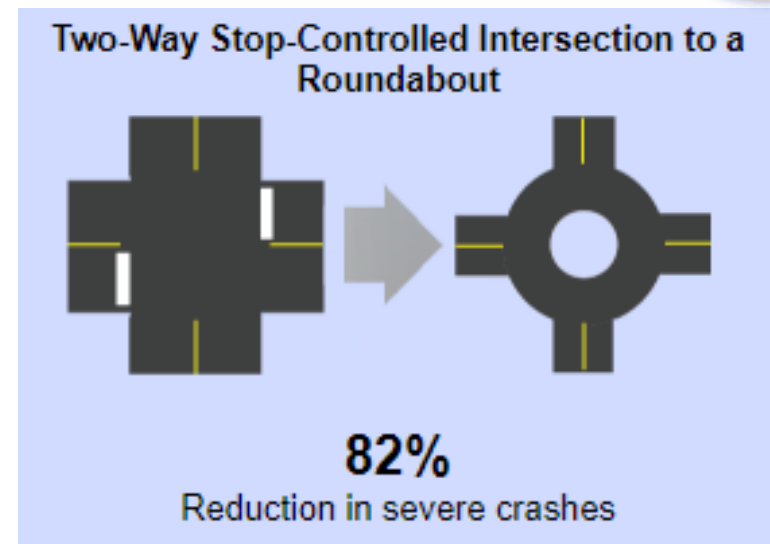
|                               | <u>PDO</u>          | <u>PI</u>           | <u>Fatal</u>         | <u>Total</u>        |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| Crash Rate Before             | 1.74                | 0.53                | 0.01                 | 2.24                |
| Crash Rate After              | 1.33                | 0.28                | 0.00                 | 1.62                |
| <b><i>Crash Reduction</i></b> | <b><i>23.4%</i></b> | <b><i>46.1%</i></b> | <b><i>100.0%</i></b> | <b><i>27.7%</i></b> |





# Why a roundabout?

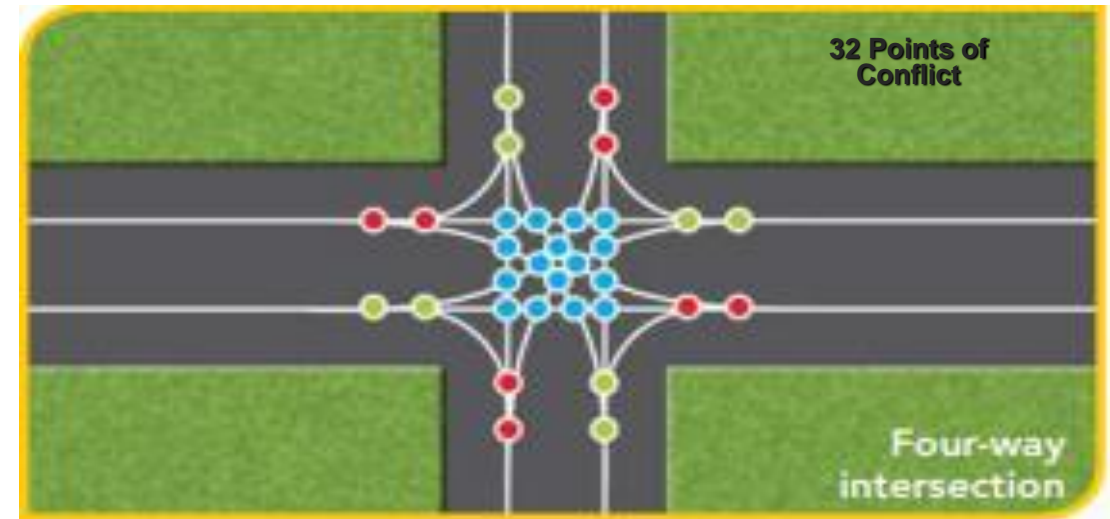
- Intersections is the #1 Primary Emphasis Area in the 2021-2025 Delaware Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP)
  - Accounts for 39.4% of the fatal and serious injury crashes
- Success throughout the US (MD, MO, WI, etc.) and Countries (Europe/Australia)
  - Over 7,000 roundabouts in the US (<https://roundabouts.kittelson.com/>)
- Less delay in many situations
- Traffic calming
- Aesthetics / streetscaping / environmental benefits
- Lifecycle cost benefits
- Easier for novice and senior drivers
- Safety Benefits
  - Drastically reduces crash percentages
  - Proven safety countermeasure by FHWA



# Roundabout Safety Benefits



- Reduced speeds (typically <25 mph)
- Elimination of left-turn and right-angle conflicts
- Drastically reduces severe crash injuries
  - 90% reduction in fatal crashes
  - 75% reduction in injury crashes
  - 30-40% reduction in pedestrian crashes
  - 10% reduction in bicycle crashes
- Improves travel times
- Reduce pollution and fuel use





# Grade Separated Intersections

- SR 1 Corridor, Dover to Lewes
  - All signals removed except for SR 16
    - GSI under construction, completion in 2025
  - 2 GSIs in design
- US 113 Corridor
  - 6 GSIs in design
- New Castle County
  - US 40 / SR 896
  - SR 896 / Bethel Church Road
  - US 40 / SR 7
- Corridor Capacity Preservation Program



# Grade Separated Intersections



- SR 1/Thompsonville
  - 14 crashes per year with signal
    - 32% injury crashes
  - 7 crashes per year with GSI
    - 1 injury crash



# Electronic Safety Programs



## ■ Electronic Red Light Safety Program

- State program started in 2004
- Data-driven selection process
- Currently, 46 signalized intersections; 102 approaches
  - Total crashes increased by 6%
  - Angle crashes reduced by 41%
  - Red Light Running crashes reduced by 25%
  - Rear end crashes increased by 10%
- CY2023: 59,716 violations issued

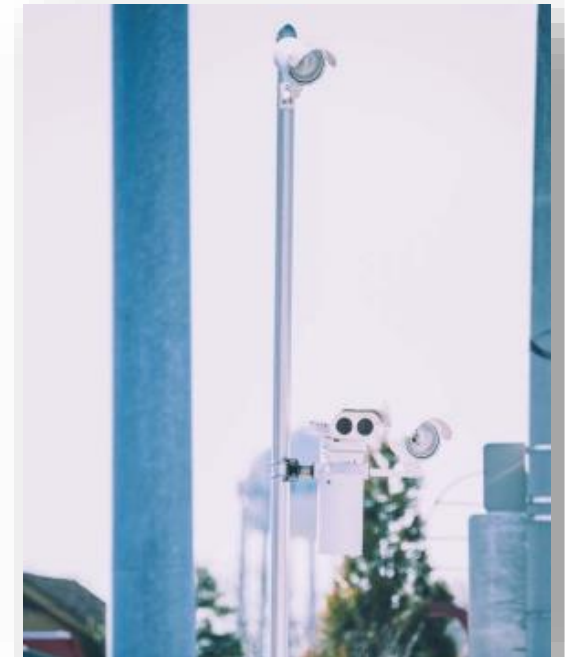
| Period                   | Inter-sections | Data Years | Total Years | Crash Severity <sup>1</sup> Rates per Year |      |      |       |       |       |
|--------------------------|----------------|------------|-------------|--|------|------|-------|-------|-------|
|                          |                |            |             | K  | A    | B    | C     | O     | U     |
| Before                   | 16             | 3.00       | 48.00       | 0.04                                       | 0.33 | 2.69 | 1.08  | 16.27 | 1.58  |
| After                    | 16             | 6.54-7.10  | 109.38      | 0.00                                       | 0.09 | 2.08 | 1.33  | 15.08 | 2.51  |
| Average Annual Reduction |                |            |             | 0.04                                       | 0.24 | 0.61 | -0.25 | 1.19  | -0.92 |
| Percent Reduction        |                |            |             | 100%                                       | 73%  | 23%  | -23%  | 7%    | -58%  |

<sup>1</sup>Legend:

- K: Fatal Injury
- A: Suspected Serious Injury
- B: Suspected Minor Injury
- C: Possible Injury
- O: Property Damage Only
- U: Unknown

## ■ Electronic Vehicle Obstruction/“Block the Box” Program

- Signed October 2022 by Governor
- Regulation, program business rules, and contract documents under development



# Electronic Speed Enforcement: I-95 pilot



- Epilogue Language Authorizing Pilot for the I-95 Restore the Corridor Project
- Cameras Installed January 17, 2022
- Warning Period from January 17 – April 17
- Violations Started April 17
  - First Violation was a Warning
  - Second Violation was a Citation
- Cameras Removed in November 2022
- 63,714 Warnings Issued
- 8,765 Citations Issued

| Daily Average Speeds    |             |             |
|-------------------------|-------------|-------------|
|                         | <u>NB</u>   | <u>SB</u>   |
| <i>Before Cameras</i>   | 54.3        | 49.0        |
| <i>After Cameras</i>    | 49.0        | 43.1        |
| <b>Difference (mph)</b> | <b>-5.4</b> | <b>-5.9</b> |
| <i>% Difference</i>     | -9.9%       | -12.1%      |

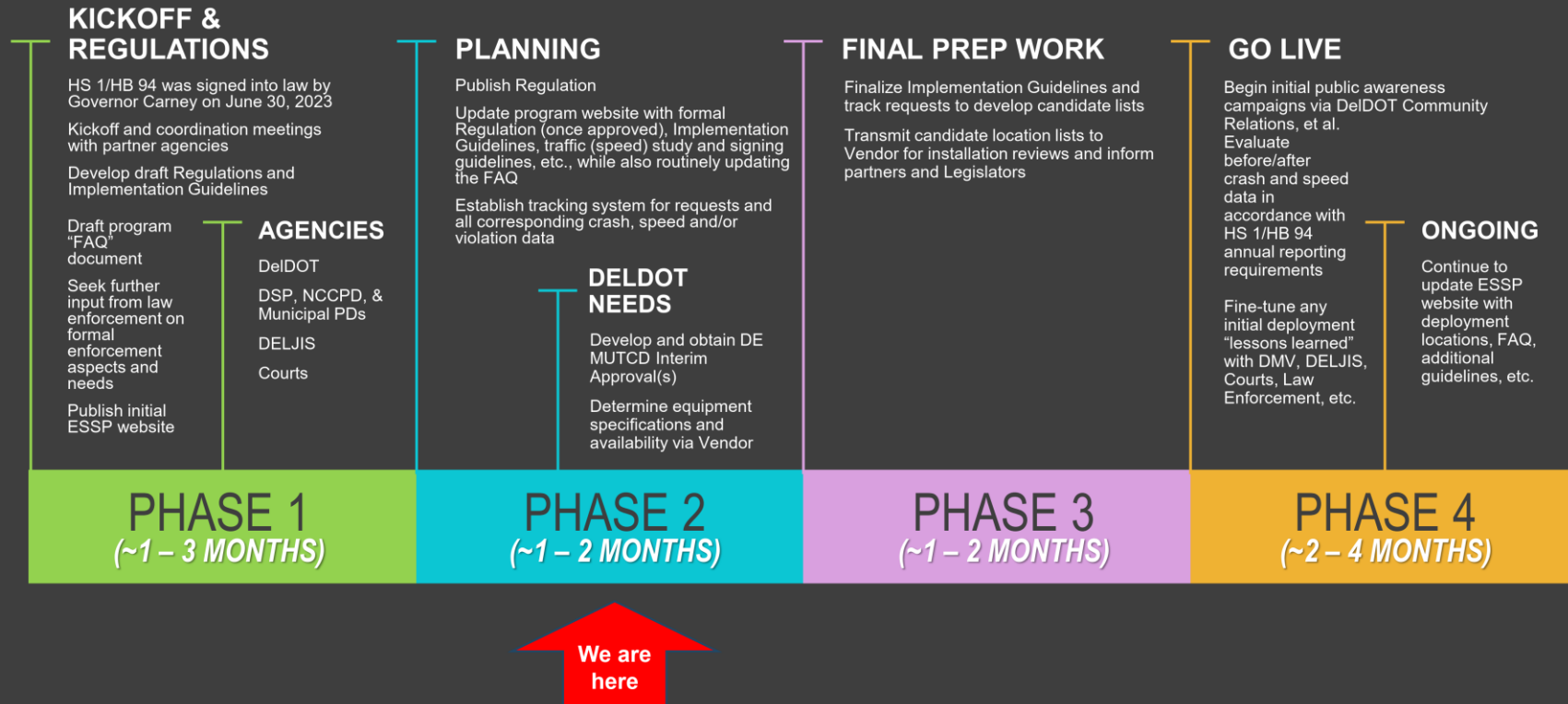
## 2021 – Viaduct Under Construction

|                | 2021 | 2022 | Change      |
|----------------|------|------|-------------|
| Total Crashes  | 267  | 141  | <b>-47%</b> |
| Injury Crashes | 42   | 23   | <b>-45%</b> |

# Electronic Speed Enforcement



## ELECTRONIC SPEED SAFETY PROGRAM (ESSP) TENTATIVE TIMELINE – AS OF JANUARY 2024, SUBJECT TO CHANGE



Electronic Speed Enforcement Devices (House Substitute 1 for House Bill 94) signed June 30, 2023

# Horizontal Curve Warning Sign Program



## ■ Road departures

- Nationally – 51% of fatalities
- Delaware – 28% of fatalities and 16% of serious injury crashes



- Program began in 2014 (systemic vs. hot spot)
- Evaluate curves on roadways and ramps for traffic control devices
  - Systemic - 3,761 curves statewide
    - 1,938 New Castle County
    - 724 Kent County
    - 1,099 Sussex County
  - Hot Spot – 1,990 curves statewide
    - 438 New Castle County
    - 479 Kent County
    - 1,073 Sussex County
- Implementation ongoing





# Dynamic Curve Warning System (pilot)

- Enhancement to existing curve warning signs and chevrons
- Flashing LED lights mounted to sign face
  - Solar powered
  - Activated based on approach speeds
- Pilot program – 2 locations
  - I-95 SB approaching Brandywine River Bridge
  - Ramp from I-95 NB to SR 1 SB





# Longitudinal Rumble Strips

- Edge Line and Shoulder Rumble Strips
- Installed on all freeways (SR 1, I-95, I-495, etc.)
- Implementation of sinusoidal rumble strips (aka “Mumble” strips)
  - Minimize noise impacts to residential properties (less than a 2 dBa change from distances 50 feet or greater)



TRADITIONAL



SINUSOIDAL

# High-Friction Surface Treatment



- Thin epoxy-based pavement overlay
- Aggregate designed to resist polishing
  - Maintains friction longer than traditional aggregates
- 40+ installations statewide
- Curves and stop-controlled approaches
- Before/After crash results
  - 55% reduction in wet weather crashes where HFST is installed
  - 56% reduction in roadway departure crashes where HFST is installed
- 2017 National Roadway Safety Award Recipient



# Median Barrier



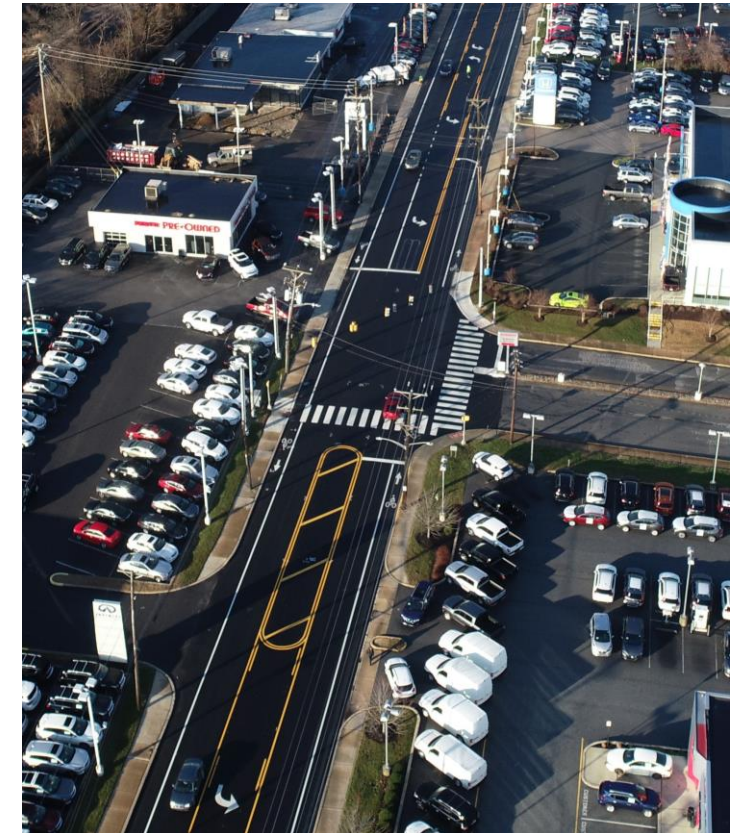
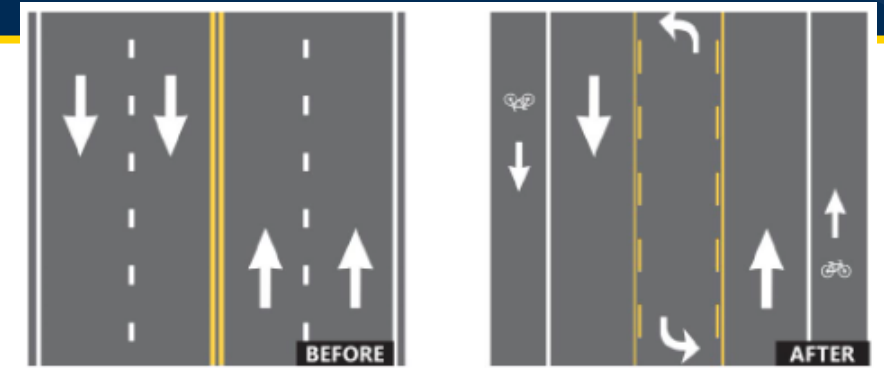
- Program began in 2009
- Installed median barrier on majority of freeway system to close unprotected medians
  - Interstate 95
  - Interstate 495
  - SR 1 from C&D Canal to south of Dover Air Force Base
  - 38+ miles of barrier installed
- SR 1 from Barker's Landing to SR 30 (in construction)
- US 301 (in design)





# Roadway Reconfiguration/Road Diet

- Involves converting an existing 4-lane undivided roadway to a 3-lane roadway consisting of 2 through lanes and a center two-way left-turn lane (TWLTL).
- Safety Benefits
  - Reduction in total crashes by 19-47% <sup>1</sup>
  - Reduces vehicle-to-vehicle conflicts that contribute to rear-end, left-turn, and sideswipe crashes.
  - Reduction in vehicle operating speed which decrease crash severity.
- Operational Improvements
  - Reduce delays at intersections due to separate left-turn lane.
  - Comfortability improved from side-street traffic.
  - Consistent traffic flow vs. “accordion-style”
- Pedestrian and Bicycle Benefits
  - Reallocate space for bike lanes, sidewalks, and median refuges.
  - Reduces pedestrian-to-vehicle conflicts due to fewer travel lanes.
- Quality of Life Benefits



<sup>1</sup>Evaluation of Lane Reduction "Road Diet" Measures on Crashes

# Lea Blvd - Roadway Reconfigurations/Road Diets



- AADT: 6,130 vehicles/day
- Posted speed: 35 mph
- 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speed: 44.8 mph
- 1/1/05 to 12/31/21:
  - 100 total crashes (approx. 6 crashes/year)
  - Angle and front to front crashes account for 46% of the crashes



- Length: 3,200 feet
- Duration: 2.5 days
- Approx. Cost: \$75,000
- 7/27/23 to 2/29/24:
  - 4 total crashes (2 injury crashes)
  - 0 angle or front to front crashes



# Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Initiatives

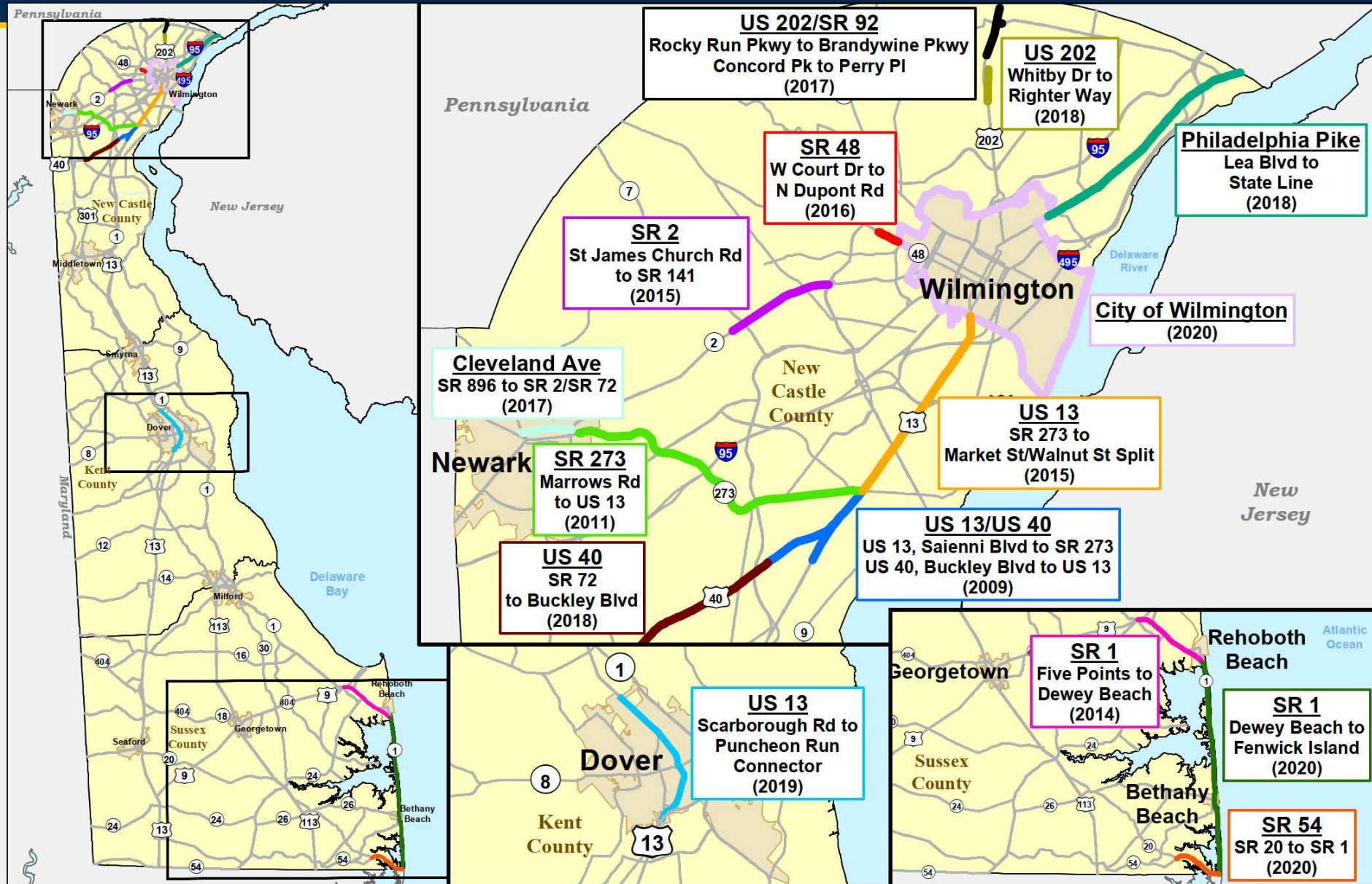


## Typical Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Countermeasures:

- Painted crosswalks at signalized intersections
- Pedestrian and bicycle signalization
- Marked crosswalks at appropriate mid-block crossing locations
- Active/enhanced pedestrian crossing systems (i.e., RRFBs)
- Corner sight distance improvements
- Curb bump outs to decrease crossing distances
- Median refuge areas
- Audible pedestrian signals
- Transit improvements
- Sidewalk connectivity improvements
- Traffic calming
- Improved warning signage
- Barriers to prevent undesired mid-block crossings



# Pedestrian Safety Audits

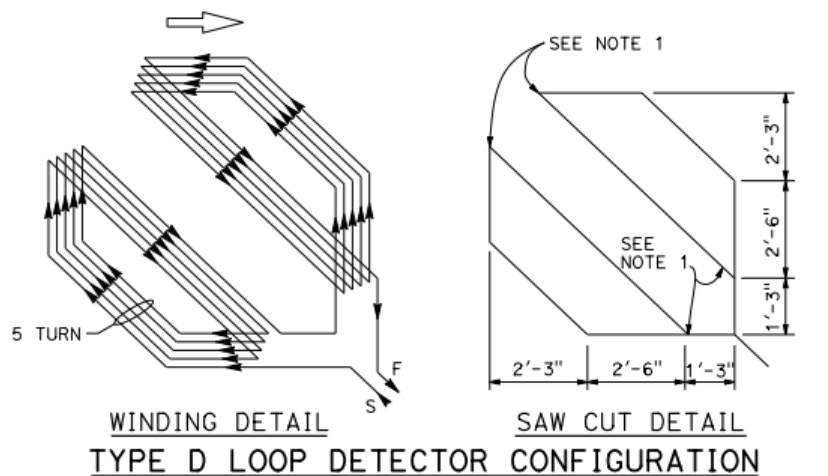




# Two-stage Bike Boxes

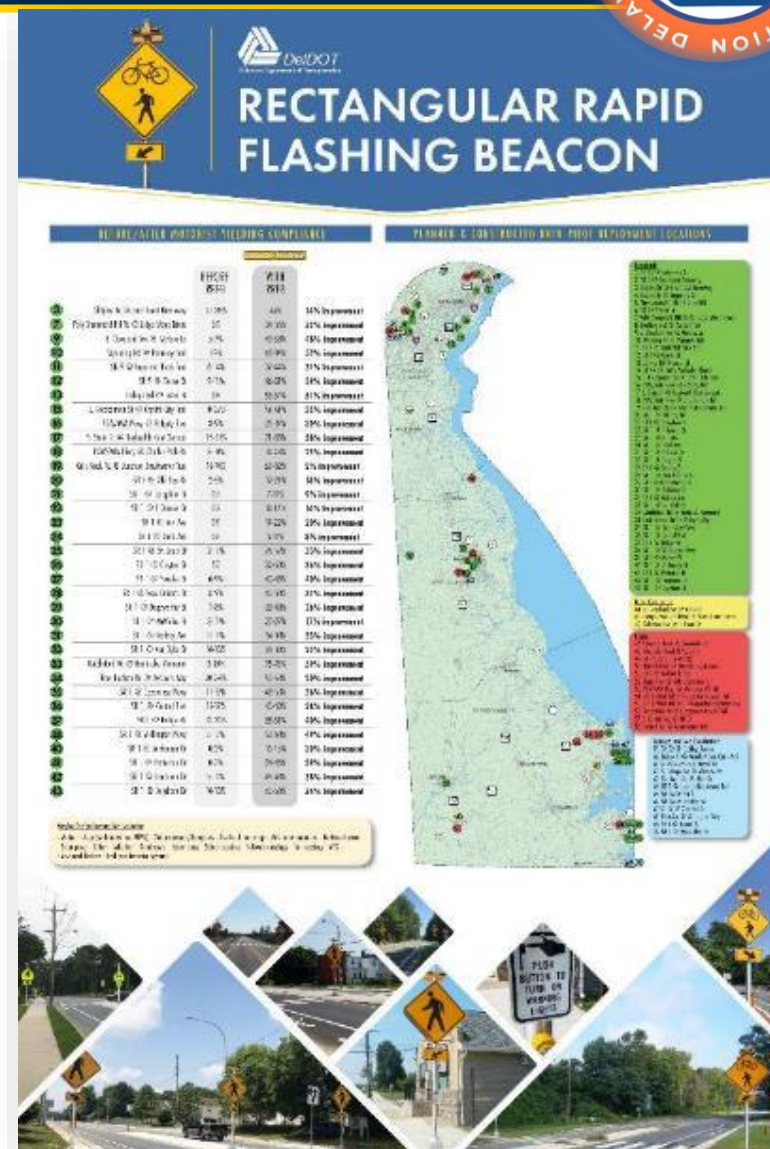


- SR 1, Dewey Beach
  - Delaware's first ever application
  - FHWA interim approval issued 2017
  - Allows cyclists to safely make a left turn from the right shoulder/bike lane without having to merge across through lanes and into a left-turn lane
  - Includes specialized in-pavement loop detectors for passive bicycle detection to call the side street phase



# Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB)

- Pedestrian-actuated warning device used at uncontrolled, marked crosswalks
- Intended to improve compliance with motorists yielding to pedestrians in marked crosswalks
- First installation in April 2016
- 25% average improvement in motorist yielding compliance across all sites



# High intensity Activated crosswalk (HAWK) Signals



- 5 locations statewide
  - SR 72 at Farm Ln, 2 along SR 1 in Rehoboth, and SR 8 at Heatherfield Way
- Compliance Study completed in May 2020
  - Motorist compliance down 25%-29% from 2016 to 2019
  - Total crashes increased at both SR 1 locations in Rehoboth
    - 27% increase at Rehoboth Ave and 114% increase at Holland Glade Rd
  - Frequent driver and pedestrian/bicyclist confusion and non-compliance observed
- Study Recommendations:
  - HAWKs should be considered at mid-block locations only and should no longer be installed at intersections.
  - HAWKs should only be considered when a single-stage pedestrian crossing can be accommodated.



Figure 6: Bicyclists failed to stop for the SR 1 and Holland Glade Road HAWK Signal



Figure 8: Examples of conflicts at SR 1 and Holland Glade Road HAWK Signal

# Roadway Lighting



- Driver Safety and Comfort
- Increased visibility
- Increased driver comfortability
- Can see oncoming traffic at intersections
- Vehicular safety
  - Can reduce fatal nighttime crash rates by 65% <sup>1</sup>
    - Nighttime fatalities are 3x that of daytime
  - Can reduce nighttime injury crashes on rural and urban highways by 28% <sup>2</sup>
  - Can reduce nighttime crashes at rural and urban intersections by 33 – 38% <sup>2</sup>
- Pedestrians and Bicyclists safety
  - Can reduce nighttime injury pedestrian crashes by 42% at intersections <sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Federal Highway Lighting Handbook

<sup>2</sup>Handbook of Road Safety Measures, Elvik, R. and Vaa, T.



**Imagine driving down these two roads at night.**

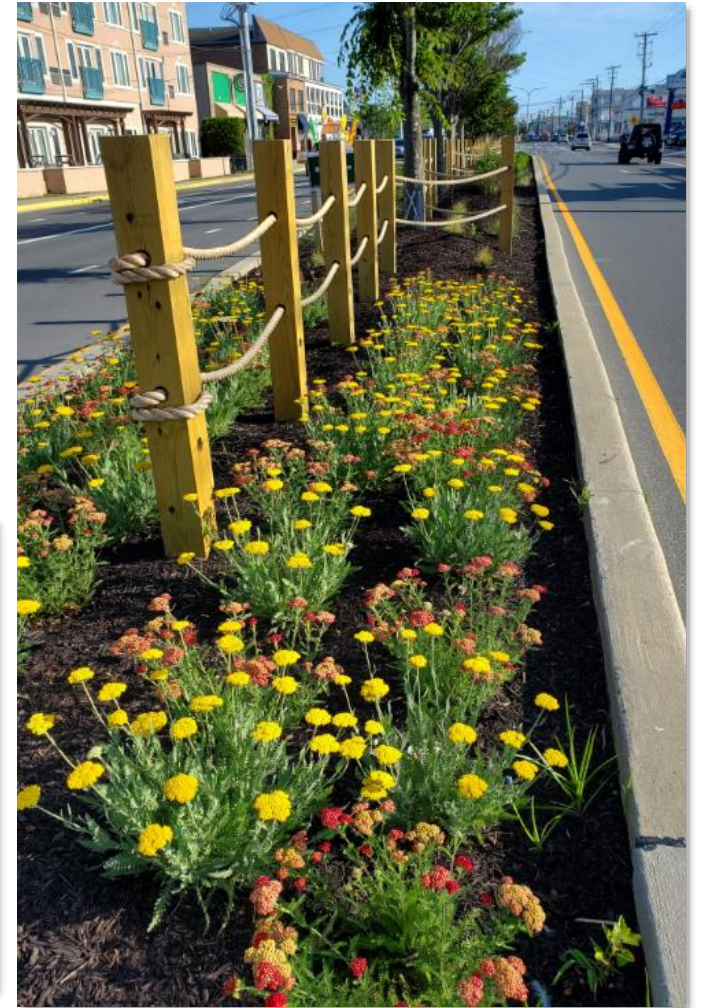
Would you be able to see someone on a bike? What about a pedestrian?  
What if you were walking along one of these roads? Where would you feel safer?



# Pedestrian Median Barrier



SR 1, Dewey – Delaware's First-Ever!

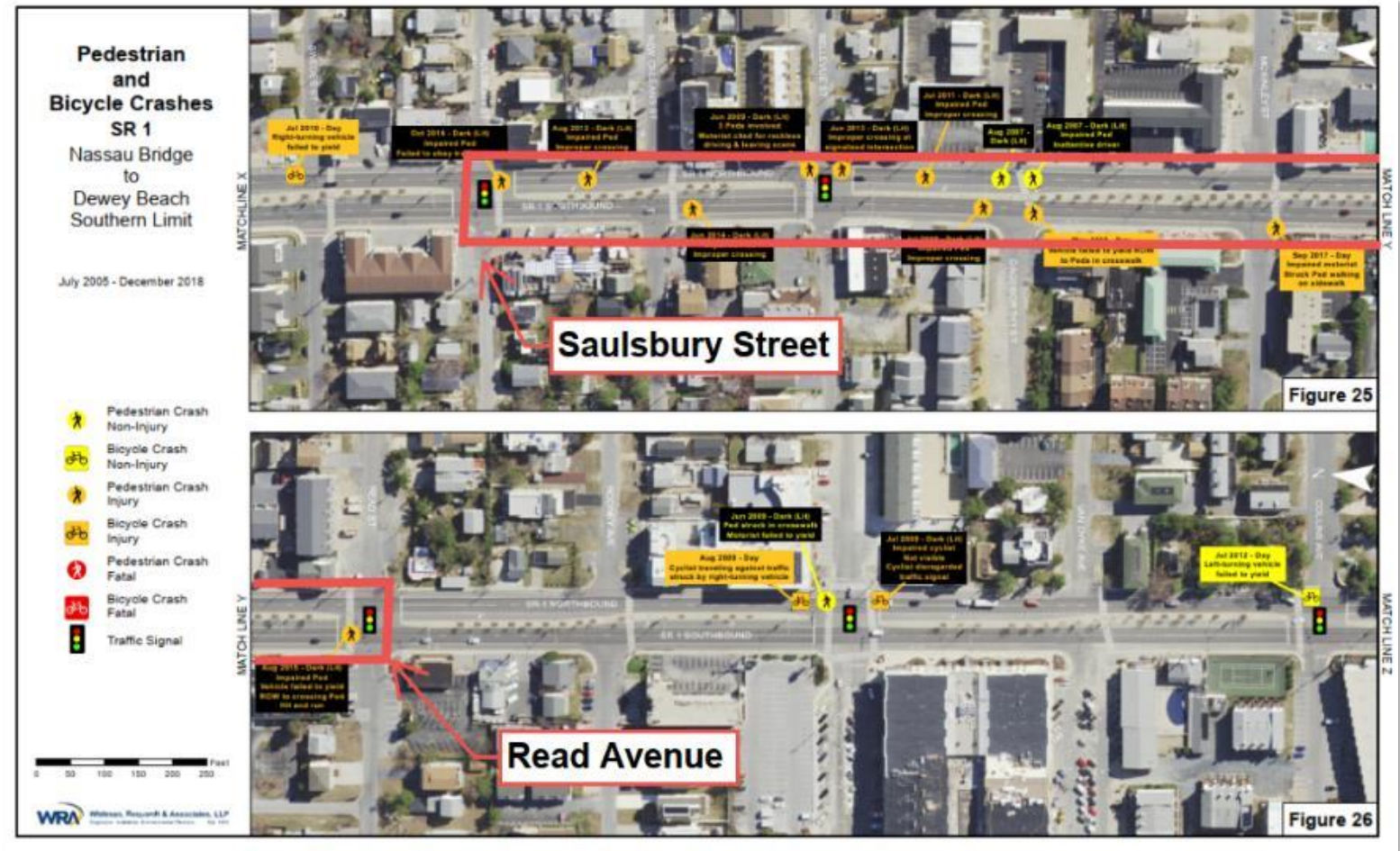


# Pedestrian Median Barrier



## “Pilot” Median Barrier Project Limits – Saulsbury Street to Read Avenue

- Cost: \$470,000
  - Funded by DeIDOT Traffic with Town and local legislator contributions
- Limits based on historical pedestrian / bicycle crash clusters and adjacent land use
- ~1,500 linear feet

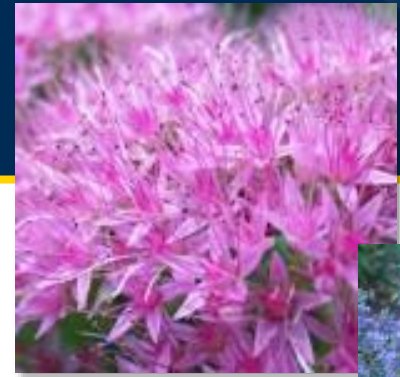
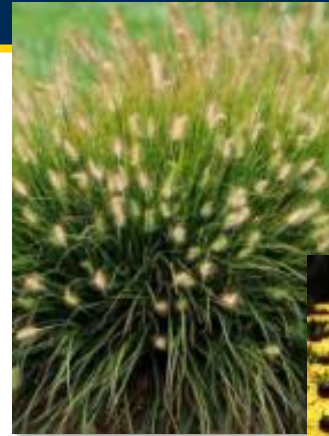


# SR 1, Dewey - Pedestrian Median Barrier



## Median Pedestrian Barrier Constructed over 2021-2022 “Off-Season”

- Intended to “funnel” pedestrians to crosswalks and deter mid-block crossings
- Nautical post-and-rope theme
- Removal of 8,500 SF of existing concrete and replacement with 1,000+ low-level native plantings and mulch
- Extension of the town’s lighting system from Houston Street to Bayard Ave
- Town Agreement → Town to own and maintain barrier system, landscaping, and additional lighting



*Inspiration Photos*

# SR 1, Dewey - Pedestrian Median Barrier



- 1 reported pedestrian crashes along SR 1 from time of installation (April 2022) through February 2024!
- Phase 2:
  - Collins Avenue to Read Avenue and Saulsbury Street to Clayton Street
  - Anticipated construction: end of 2024/early 2025
- Community feedback has been overwhelmingly positive

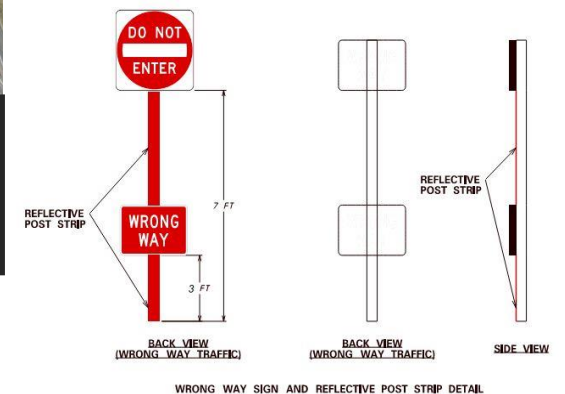
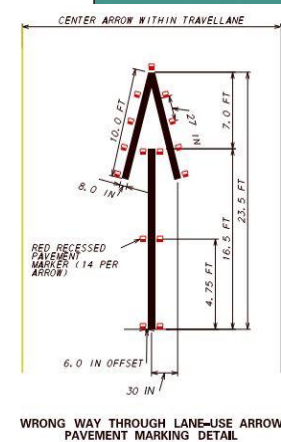
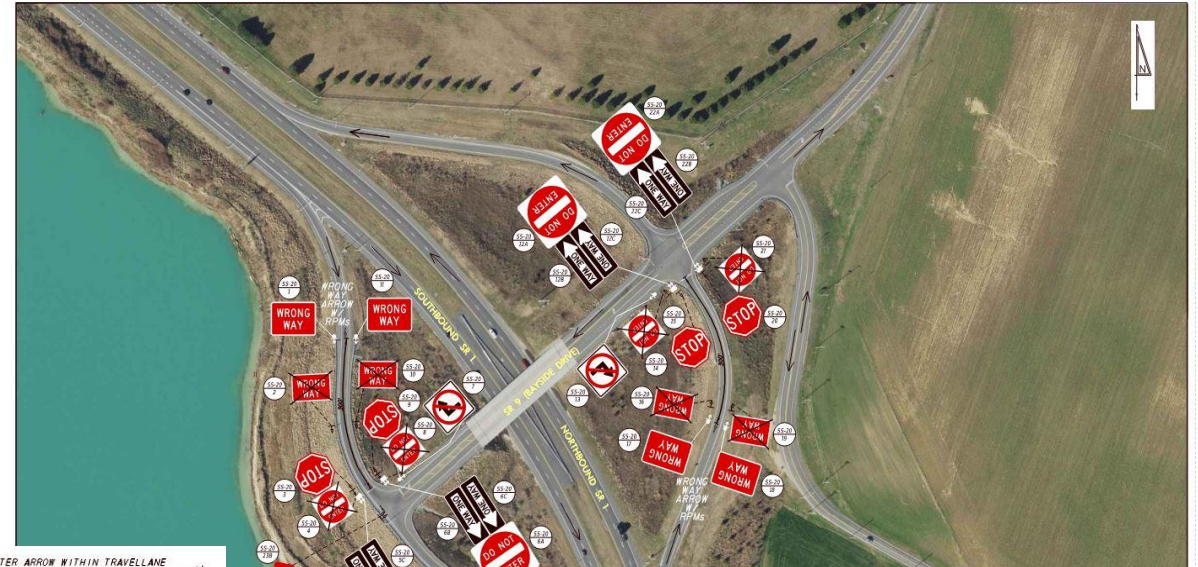




# Do Not Enter/Wrong Way Signage and Striping



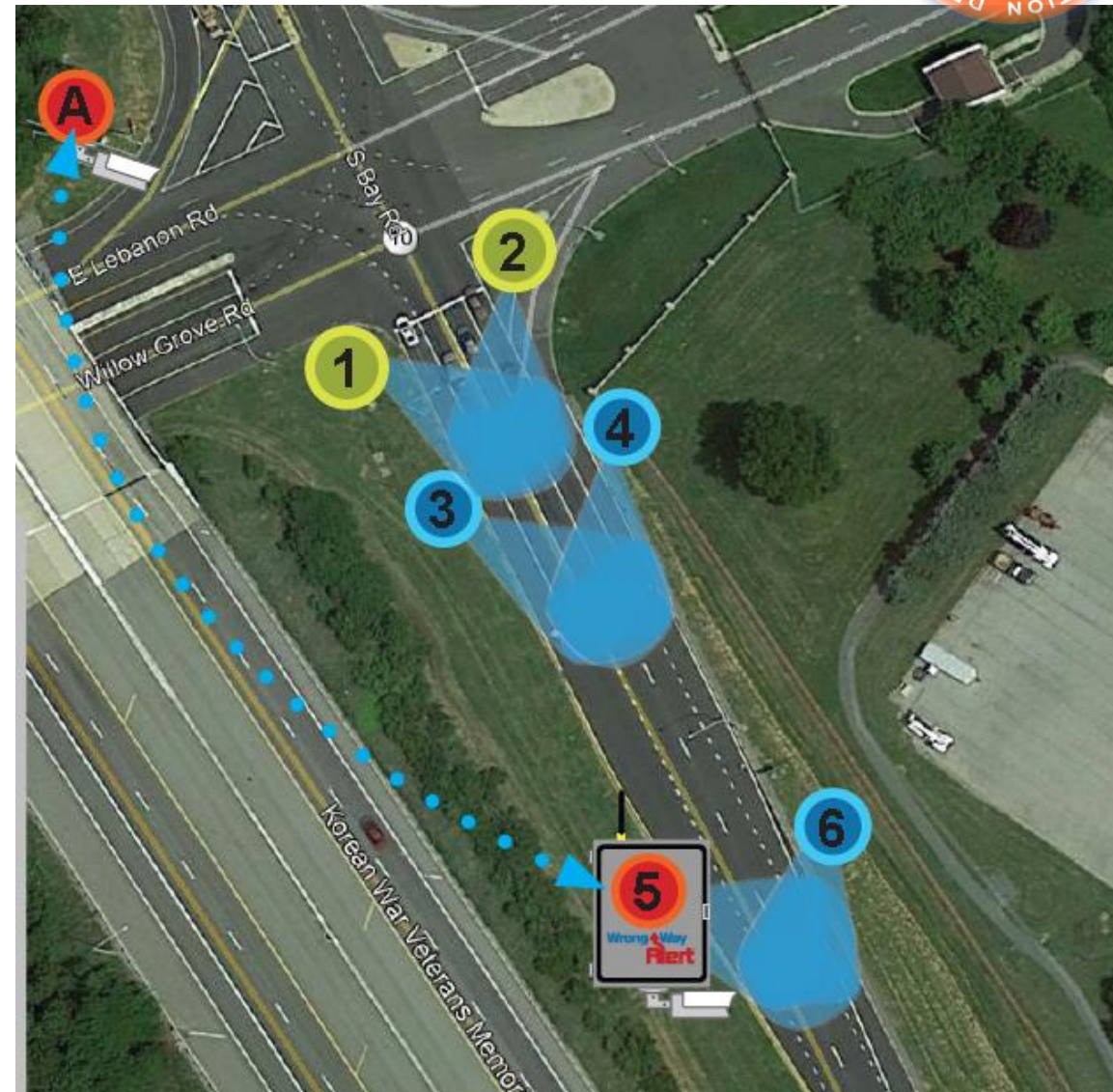
- March 2019 – Initiated Do Not Enter/Wrong Way Safety Project (ongoing)
- Every Interchange ramp that terminates at an intersection
- 143 locations statewide
  - 117 ramp locations
  - 26 emergency median crossovers



# Wrong Way Prevention System (pilot)



- Implemented at Bay Road and SR 10/SR 1 northbound Off-Ramp/Dover Air Force Base North Gate
- Selected based on risk severity (i.e., prevent crashes)
- Operation upon detection:
  - LEDs flash on the Do Not Enter and Wrong Way signs facing the wrong way driver.
  - System provides alerts to DelDOT's Transportation Management Center (TMC).



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***Thank you for your time and interest in safety on  
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