As a result of the 2000 Census, the urbanized area of Salisbury, Maryland reached the 50,000-population threshold that requires establishment of an MPO. Established in 2004, the Salisbury/Wicomico MPO (S/W MPO) includes Delmar, DE, and a portion of Sussex County that is adjacent to Delmar. It is expected that some other areas of Sussex County will meet the 50,000-population threshold after the next census in 2010.

A Congestion Management System or Process is not required for MPOs with a population less than 50,000. When initially established, the S/W MPO had a population of approximately 60,000. Although a Congestion Management System is not required, the MPO has undertaken detailed transportation corridor studies for areas that are experiencing significant
development pressures and increased congestion. At the time of this publication, the S/W MPO has undertaken and completed five (5) detailed corridor studies including the following:

1. Pemberton Drive Corridor Study;
2. East Side Corridor Study;
3. Riverside Drive Corridor Study;
4. U.S. Route 13 / Bi-State Blvd / Foskey Lane Planning Study; and
5. U.S. Route 13 North / Naylor Mill Road Corridor Study.

The above mentioned studies analyze land use and existing and projected traffic volumes based on development (existing and projected) in the study area, and subsequently determines the impact(s) within the corridors. The analysis consists of identifying existing traffic and roadways based on development trends and anticipated development, as well as estimates existing and projected Levels of Service for the years 2010, 2020, and 2030. Based on the anticipated development, as well as Level of Service, recommendations to ensure congestion levels are at an acceptable level.

Based in the results/recommendations of the corridor studies, the impacted jurisdiction(s) can use these short-term and long-term recommendations to program future improvements (subject to funding availability).

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More information about the aforementioned studies is located online at the S/W MPOs website, www.swmpo.org

**Delaware MPOs**

Delaware is a small state with only 3 MPOs. DelDOT coordinates with these agencies on congestion management, related funding needs, and other transportation issues.

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