CMS is not required for MPO’s with urban area populations of less than 200,000 persons. The Delaware Population Consortium projects that Kent County will reach that level at some point between 2030 and 2040. The MPO’s CMS is managed by the Delaware Department of Transportation (DelDOT) to collect and analyze the data and identify congested intersections and segments. The MPO defines a congested intersection as having an overall level of service (LOS) of “F.”

Congestion Management Projects:

There were two intersections previously identified as issues in the system; Division Street (DE 8) at US 13 and Loockerman Street at US 13. These Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) project on US 13 at DE 8 was completed in 2011. Two other projects addressing congestion management are the grade separated intersections on SR 1 at Little Heaven and at Thompsonville Road. The projects, while being implemented to provide a safe intersection, remove the two remaining traffic lights on SR 1 north of Milford. Construction at Little Heaven is anticipated to start in 2015 and at Thompsonville Road in 2016.

To date, the CMS has not been a factor in the MPO’s priority process. The MPO continues to work with DelDOT to monitor the situation to determine if there are periodic changes that need to be reconciled. We continue to coordinate our efforts to identify performance measures that should be incorporated into the scoring system. The MPO utilizes this information to determine priorities and performance indicators.

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