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 in approximately 2035. 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:**

The intersection on US 13 at Court Street was marginally improved as part of the major pavement project on US 13 through the City of Dover. There are two projects in Kent County that are planned for the next year that influence safety and congestion; the South Frederica and DE 14/North East Front Streets Grade separated intersections. Two other projects addressing congestion management that are further in the future 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 is in the process of refining a new priority process. This will take into account CMS factors, though not as an independent priority. 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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