

## U.S. 301, DE/MD State Line to SR1

DeIDOT is working on improvements to the U.S. 301 Corridor in Delaware, from the MD State Line to SR1, South of the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal. The existing U.S. 301 in Delaware is a two-lane highway with signalized and unsignalized access points. The corridor is experiencing congestion and increases in accidents caused by a growth in population in this area of New Castle County and the use of the roadway for regional traffic, including large percentages of trucks.

To address these short and long-term transportation needs, DeIDOT, on behalf of FHWA, initiated an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) in 2005, and evaluated alternatives consistent with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). A Draft EIS was published in November 2006, with a Final EIS published in November 2007. A Record of Decision (ROD) was issued by FHWA on April 30, 2008. The ROD selected a four lane limited access highway, from the MD State Line to SR1, and a two lane “spur” from the Armstrong Corner Road area to connect to the Summit Bridge over the Canal. The Selected Alternative, Green North + Spur, is shown below:



Design of the project was started in the fall of 2008. The design was near completion in 2011. Acquisitions of right-of-way are expected to be complete by late 2012/early 2013. The goal is to be in a position to move forward with construction when key factors (such as traffic, revenues, costs and market conditions) result in an acceptable US 301 Mainline Construction Financial Plan. This financial plan is required to be able to sell Toll Revenue Bonds that minimize risk to the State and Transportation Trust Fund. DelDOT believes the key factors are moving in the right direction.

The Selected Alternative will reduce traffic congestion and improve highway safety by removing through traffic, especially heavy truck traffic, from local roads in the rapidly developing area. The project will improve the current road conditions and will also promote the safety, health and general welfare of the citizens in this area and those that are traveling through the region.

More information on the project can be found at [U.S. Route 301 Project Development](#).

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