

2015 Winter Workshop



DelDOT Highway Safety Improvement Program

February 20, 2015



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Agenda

- Crash Data Review
- Strategic Highway Safety Plan Update
- Systemic Safety Program Update
- Electronic Red Light Safety Program Update
- Work Zone Safety Initiatives
- New Tools in the Toolbox
- ET-Plus Saga

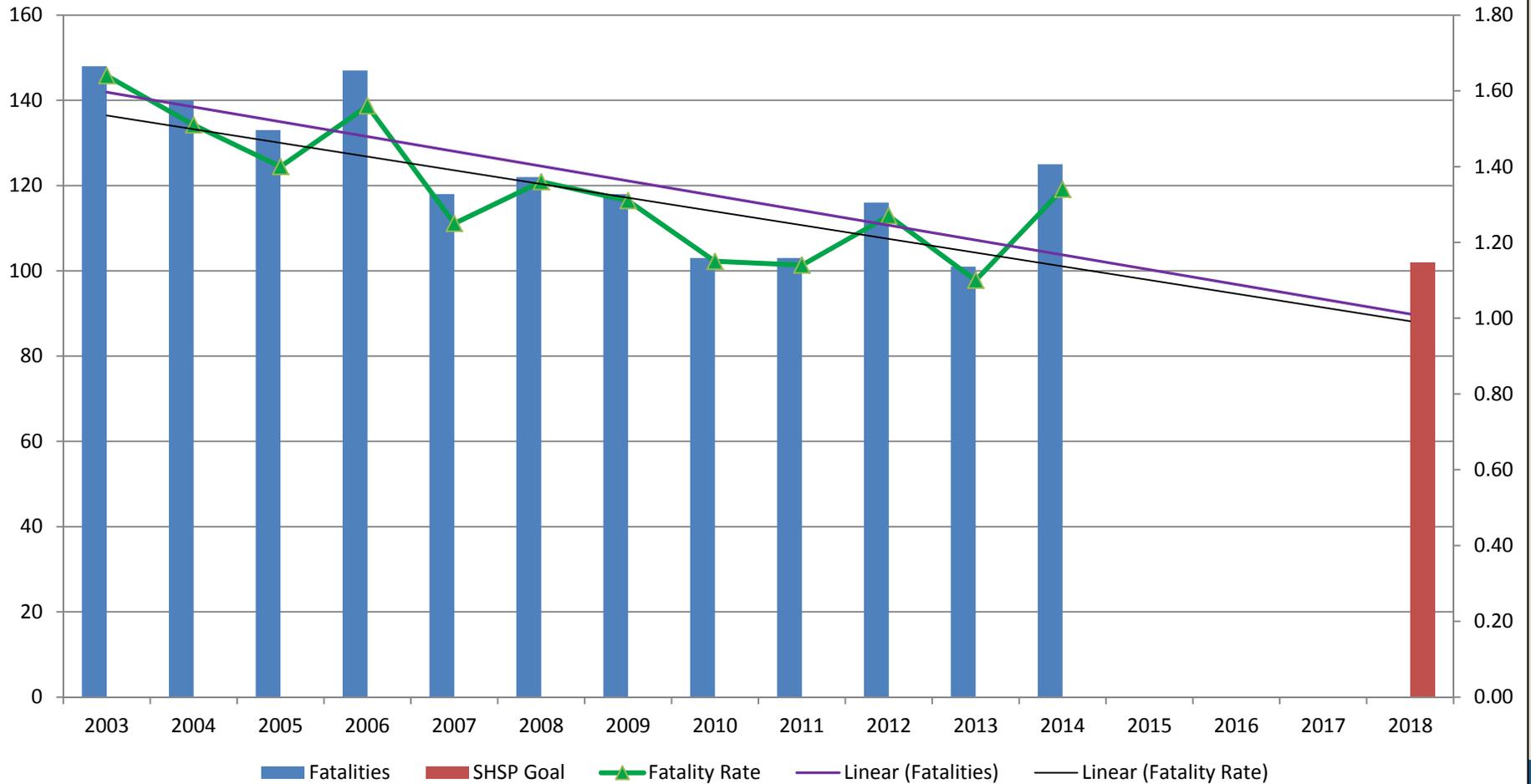
Crash Data Overview

- 2014 – 125 fatalities
 - 112 fatal crashes
- Increase from 2013
 - 101 fatalities
- Performance Goal
 - Achieve a fatality rate of 1.0 crash/100 MVMT by 2018
 - Still on pace to meet target



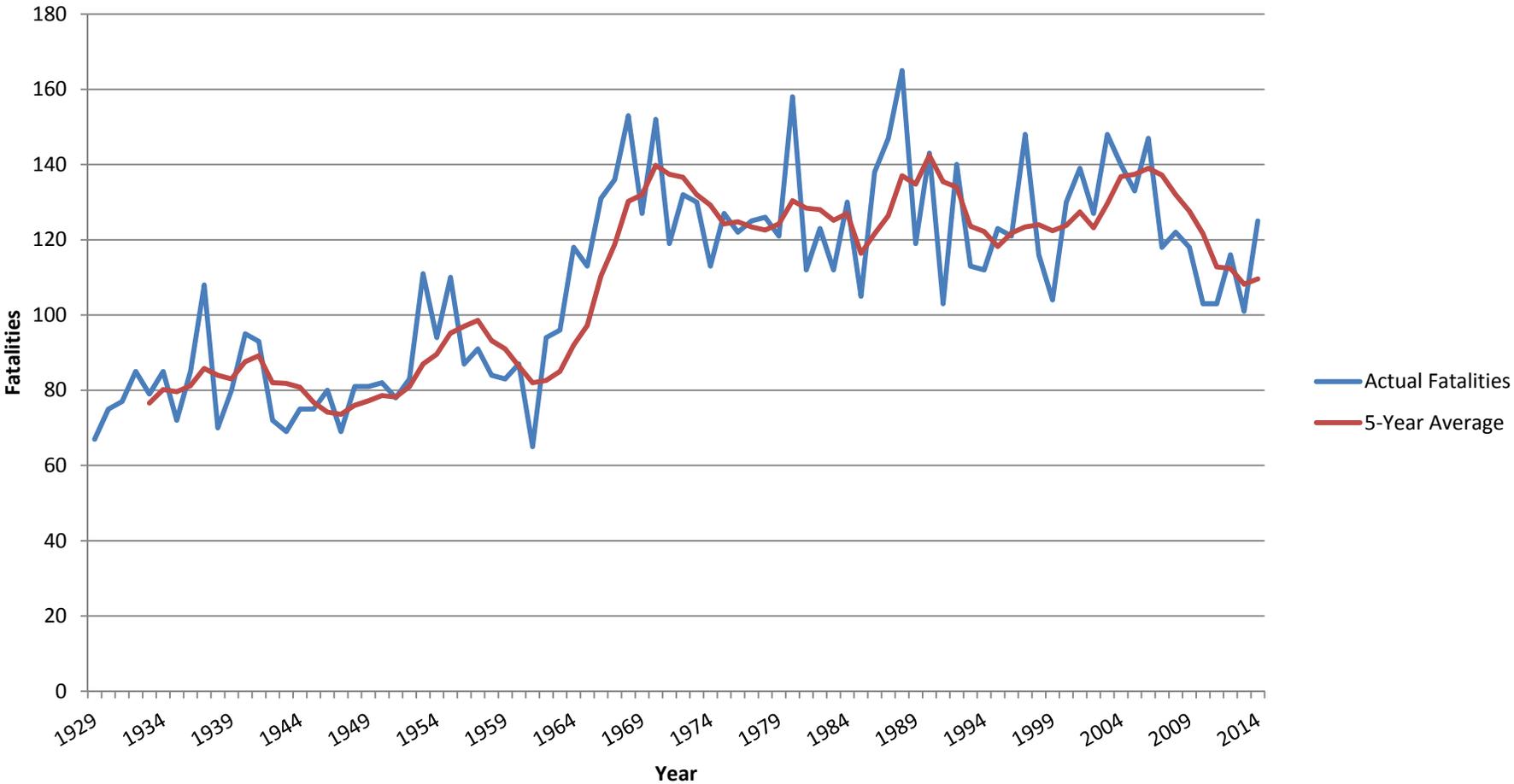
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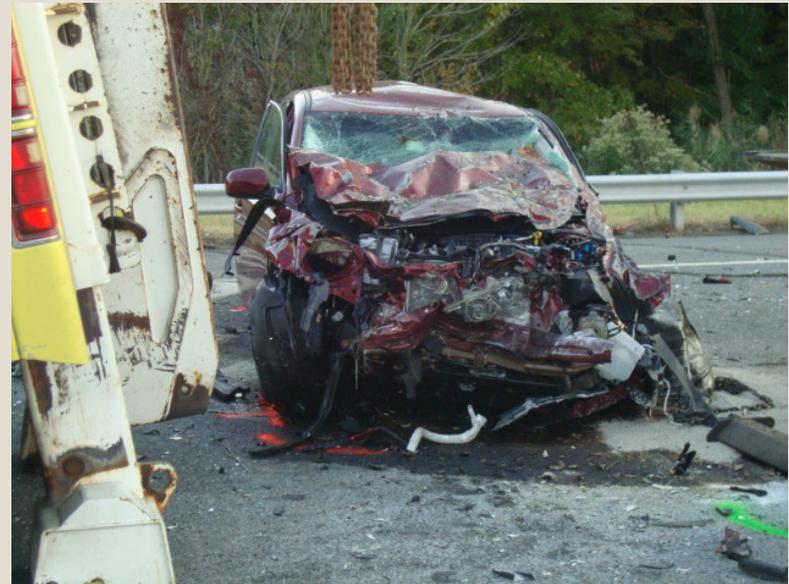
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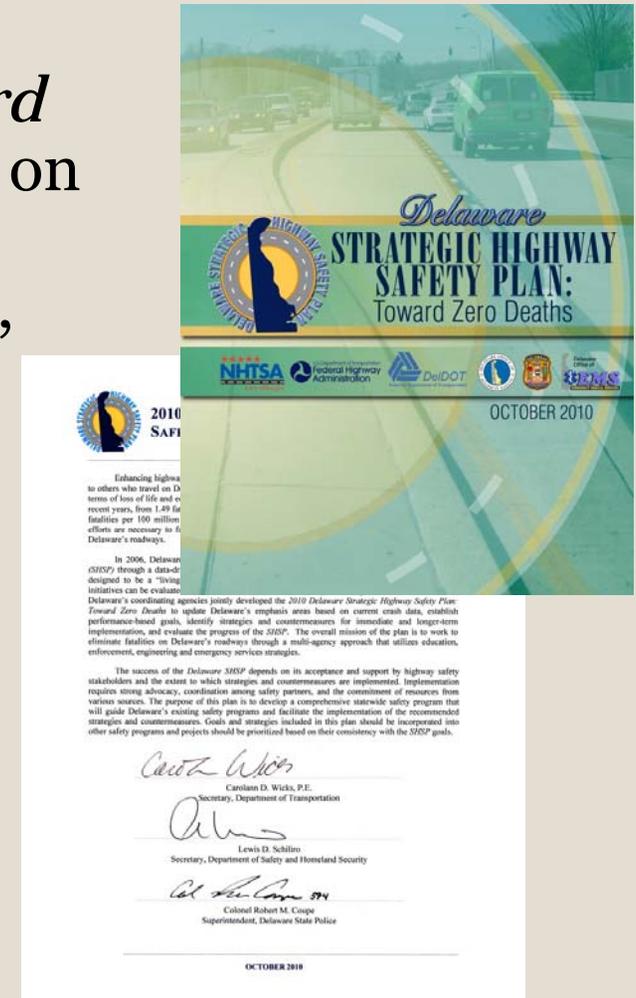
Crash Data Overview

- Identifiable trends in 2014:
 - 12 crashes involving multiple fatalities
 - ✦ Typically average 6 multiple fatality crashes/year
 - 27 pedestrians were killed
 - ✦ 26 were killed in 2013
 - 46% involved some level of impairment
 - 44% of those killed were unbelted
 - 39% were speed related crashes
 - 54% of crashes involved a roadway departure
 - 24% of crashes were intersection related
 - 17% of crashes involved an older driver



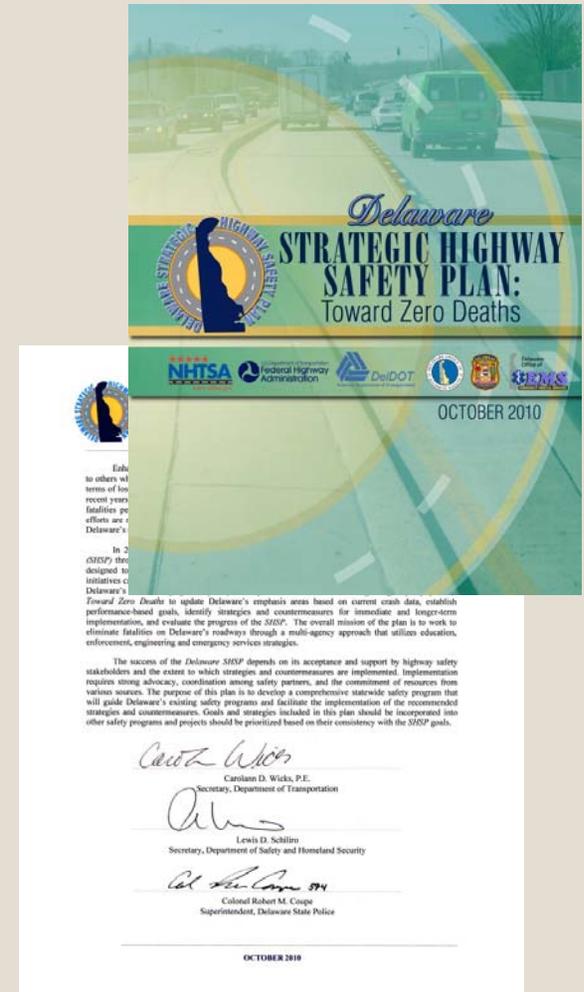
Strategic Highway Safety Plan

- **Mission Statement:** The *Delaware Strategic Highway Safety Plan: Toward Zero Deaths* aims to eliminate fatalities on Delaware's roadways through a multi-agency approach that utilizes education, enforcement, engineering and emergency services strategies.
- **Vision Statement:** The goal of Delaware's *Strategic Highway Safety Plan* is to achieve a fatality rate of 1.0 per 100 million vehicle miles traveled per year by 2018.



Strategic Highway Safety Plan – 2015 Update

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- **Vision Statement:** The goal of Delaware's *Strategic Highway Safety Plan* is **to be determined**

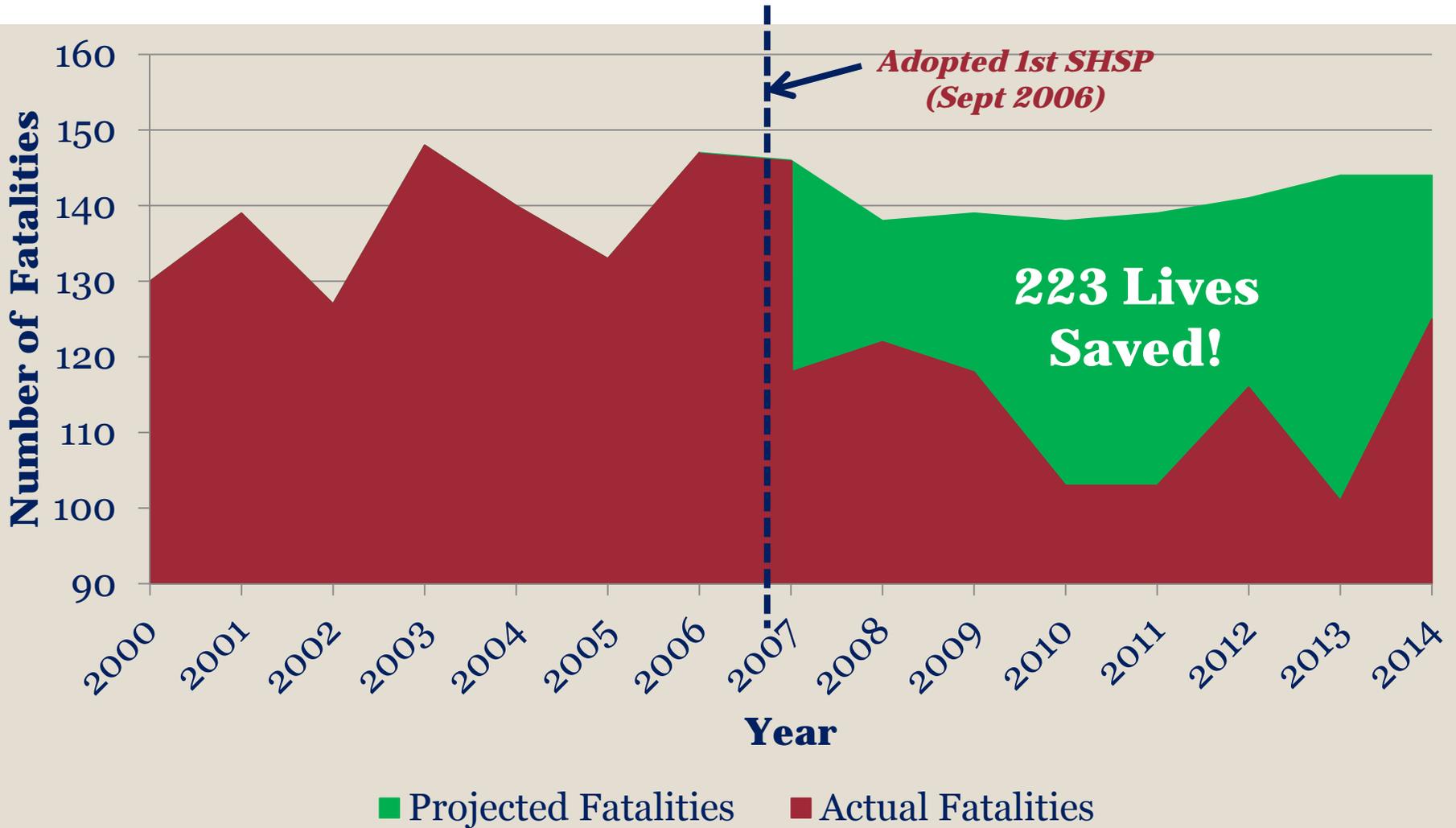


Strategic Highway Safety Plan

- SHSP Initiatives
 - High-Tension Cable Barrier
 - ✦ Successfully implemented two runs of cable barrier
 - ✦ Looking at additional locations on I-95 for future installation
 - Rumble Strip Installation
 - ✦ Expanding installation to rural collectors and locals
 - Based on SHSP data review
 - ✦ Open-end project awarded
 - High Friction Surface Treatment
 - ✦ Implemented test location in Sussex County
 - ✦ Open-end contract to be advertised
 - Pedestrian/Bicycle Safety Working Group
 - ✦ Address continued increase in vulnerable users crashes
 - ✦ Identify corridors for pedestrian safety audits
 - ✦ Develop countermeasures for addressing pedestrian crashes



Lives Saved Since First SHSP

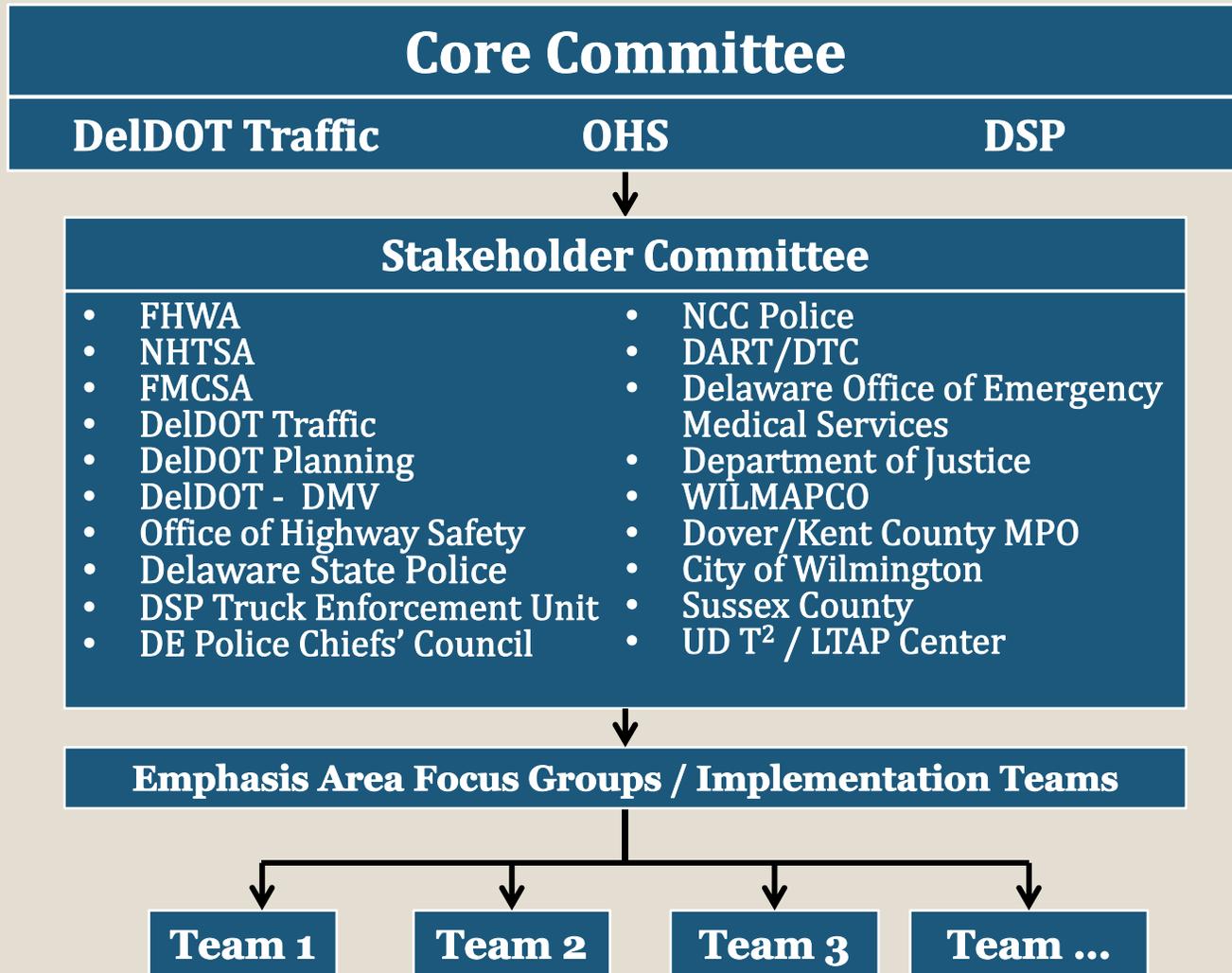


Projected Fatalities assuming 2000 – 2006 average crash rate remained the same

Delaware's SHSP History

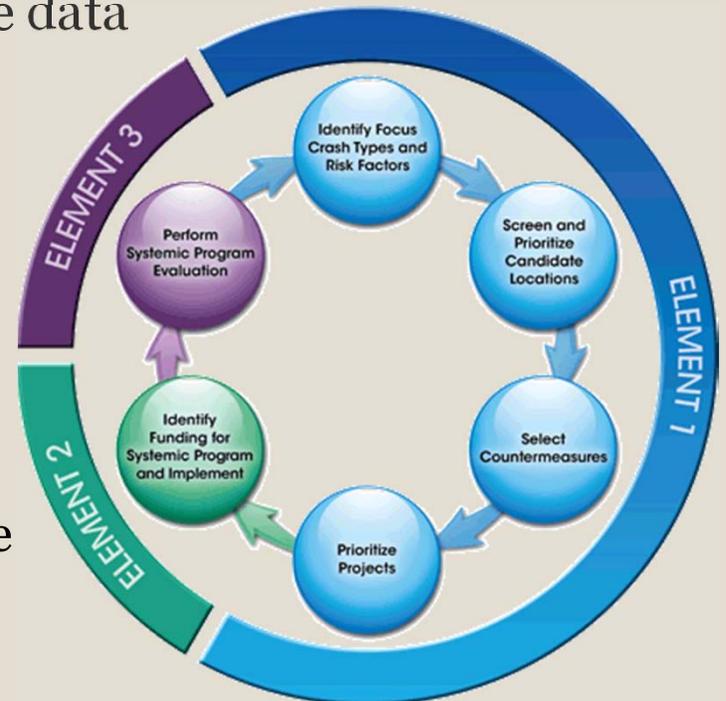


DE SHSP 2015 Committee Members



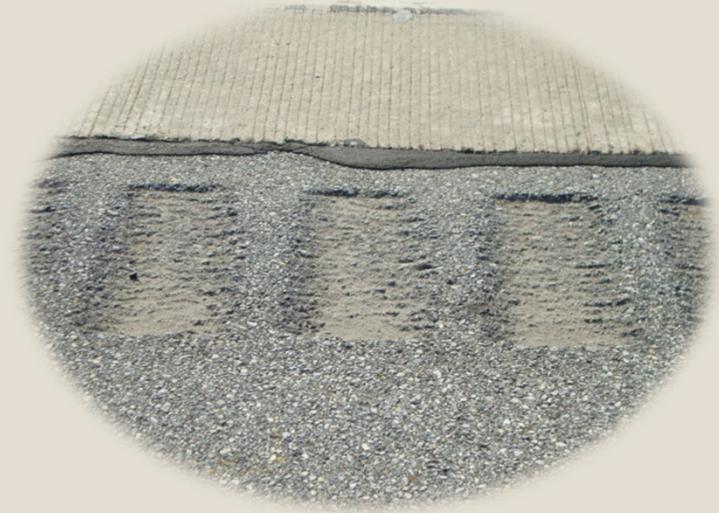
Systemic Improvements

- System Safety Improvement Program is currently under development
- Change in how we think about safety improvements
 - Identify problems based on system-wide data
 - ✦ Use SHSP to identify problem areas
 - ✦ Examples:
 - Road departure crashes
 - Pedestrian crashes
 - Wet weather related crashes
 - ✦ These types of crashes are spread across the road network, not clustered at specific locations
 - ✦ Look at roadway characteristics that are frequently present in severe crashes
 - Geometry
 - Traffic volume
 - Location



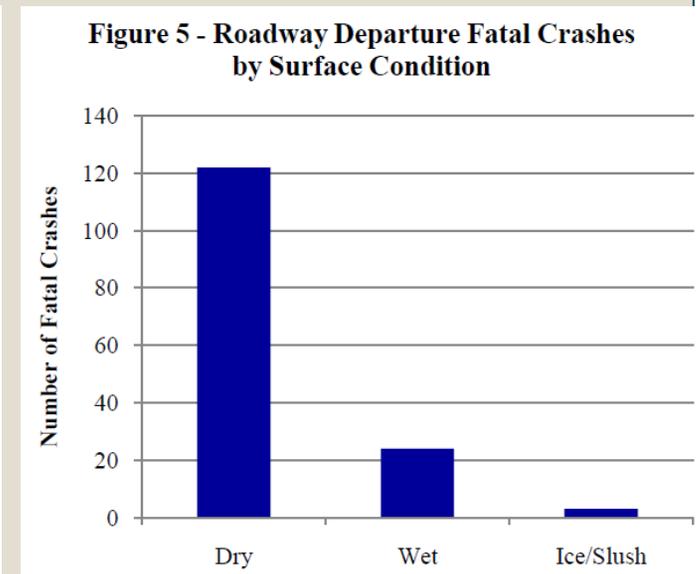
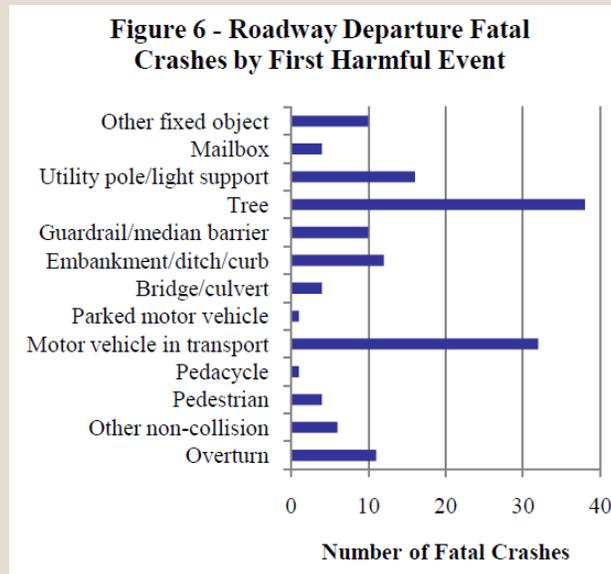
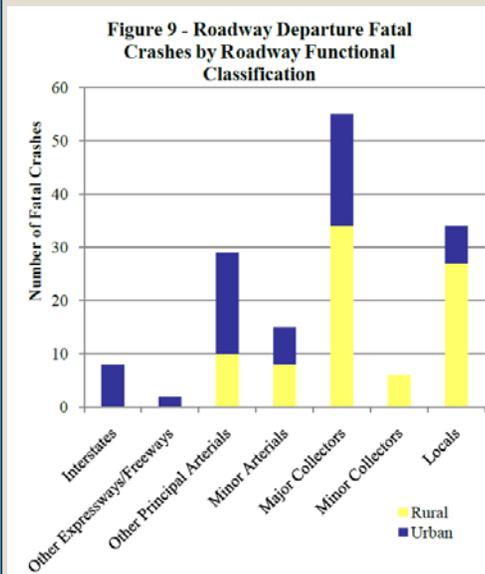
Systemic Improvements

- Focus on deploying one or more low-cost countermeasures
 - Address specific types of crashes on specific types of roadways
- Example improvements
 - Longitudinal rumble strips
 - Median barrier
 - Horizontal curve signage
- Program development/Next steps
 - Developed a draft process memorandum
 - ✦ Currently being finalized
 - Identify roadway types and crash types to be addressed
 - ✦ Road departures on locals and collectors
 - Identify low-cost safety improvements
 - ✦ Longitudinal rumble strips
 - ✦ High-friction surface treatment
 - Implement, implement, implement



Longitudinal Rumble Strips

- Addresses SHSP Roadway Departure Emphasis Area
 - Top emphasis area in Delaware
 - 47% of all fatalities involve a roadway departure
- Site selection based on crash data analysis

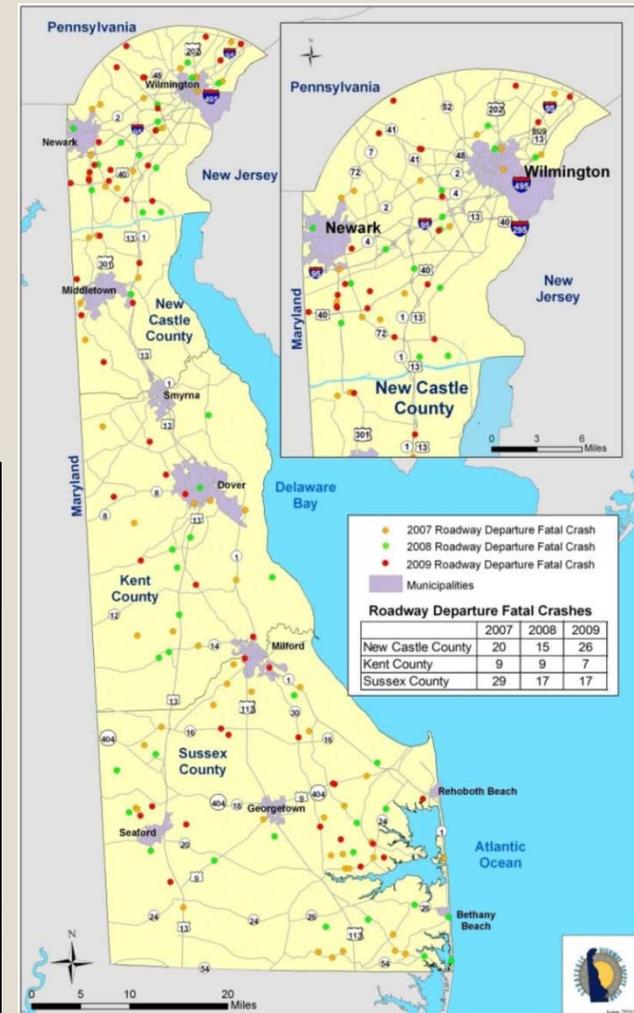
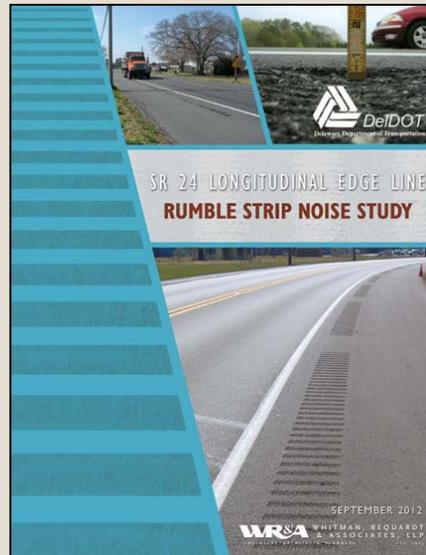


SOURCE: 2010 Delaware SHSP

Longitudinal Rumble Strips

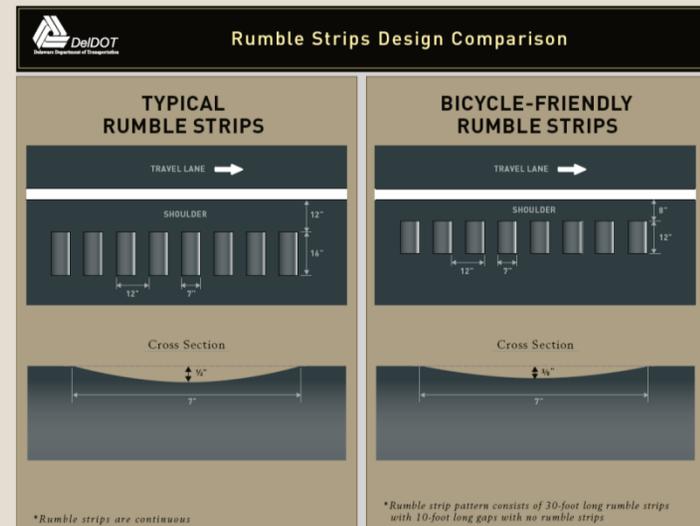
- Location Selection

- Focus on rural collectors and locals
- Account for residential noise impacts
- Shoulder vs. no shoulder
 - ✦ Presence of bike lanes
 - ✦ Rumble strip vs. rumble stripe
- Divided vs. undivided



Longitudinal Rumble Strips

- **Contract development**
 - Three-year open-end location
 - ✦ Statewide contract
 - Identified 8 initial locations
 - ✦ Included in contract documents
 - Remaining locations identified throughout life of contract
 - ✦ To date, 5 additional locations added with more to come
 - ✦ Currently developing systemic methodology for additional site selection
 - Awarded value = \$1,299,880.00
 - ✦ Funded with HSIP, HRRRP and Section 54 Penalty Transfer Funds
 - ✦ Awarded on January 19, 2013
 - Contractor: Safety Improvements, LLC

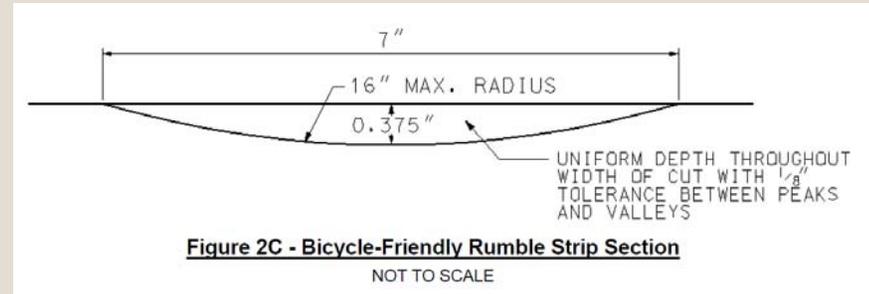
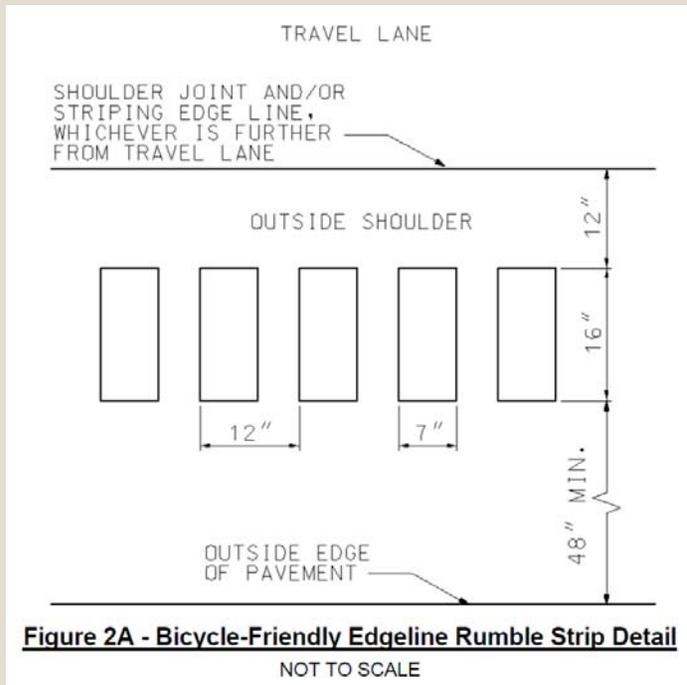


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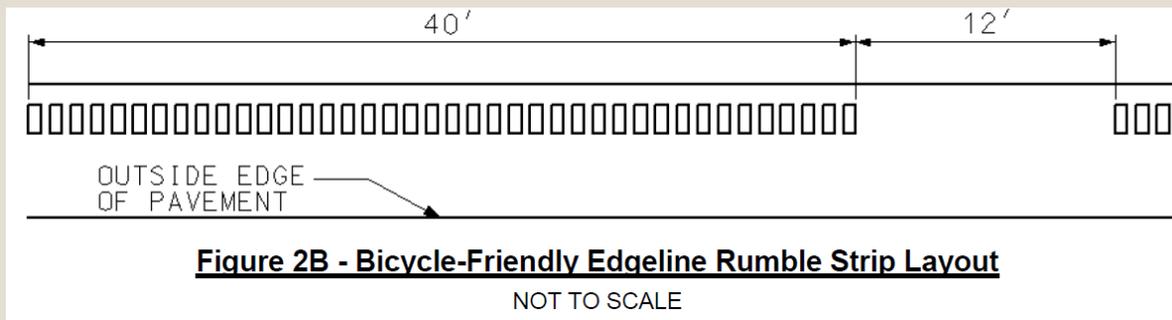
- Challenges
 - Contractor mistakes
 - ✦ Installed within marked bike lane
 - ✦ Usable shoulder width less than 4-feet in some areas
 - Details call for 4-ft minimum usable shoulder beyond rumble strip
 - Major outcry from cycling community
 - ✦ Worked with contractor for quick fix solution
 - ✦ Incorrect rumble strips were patched with Aquaphalt or FloMix material
 - Aquaphalt requires compaction with a roller
 - Products allowed for a very quick repair method
 - ✦ To address concerns from cycling community, DelDOT modified standard design of bike-friendly rumble strips



Longitudinal Rumble Strips

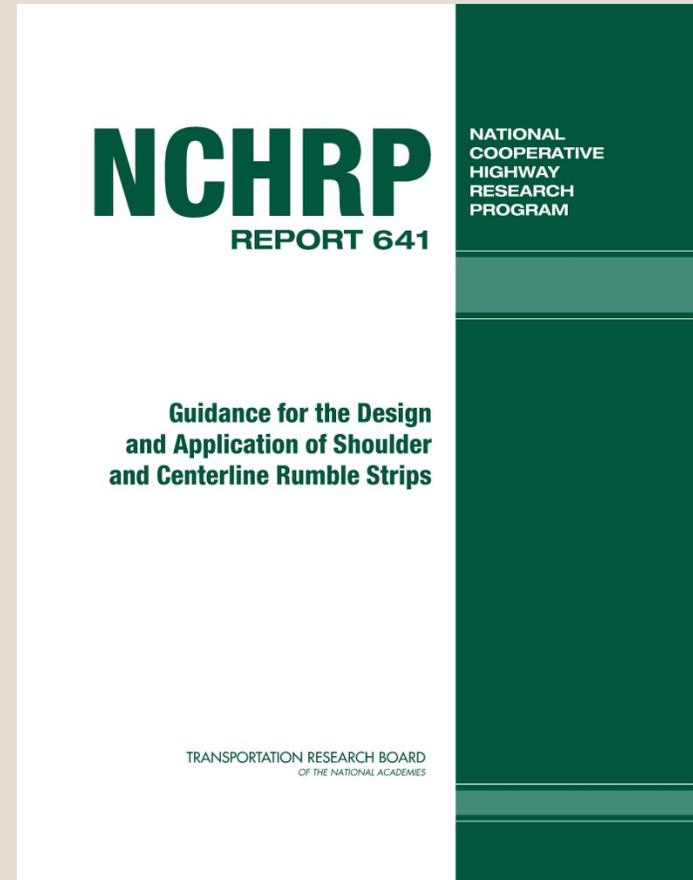


Details are consistent with FHWA recommendations



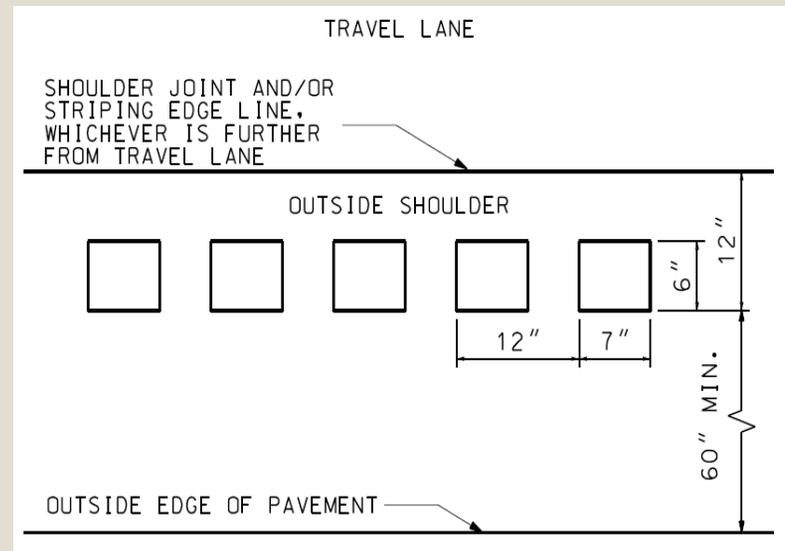
Longitudinal Rumble Strips

- Research of current practices from other states:
 - Including but not limited to AZ, CA, MD, MT, NJ, NY, OR, PA, VA and WA
 - Varying, inconsistent design of rumble strips across the nation
 - Most states range from 6” – 16” wide rumble strips
 - Many states have details for bicycle-friendly rumble strips as well as conventional rumble strips



Longitudinal Rumble Strips

- Proposed modifications include:
 - Reduction of offset from edge line or pavement joint to 6"
 - Reduction of width to 6"
 - Increase in required shoulder width behind rumble strip to 60"
 - ✦ A 48" shoulder may be permitted with concurrence from the Traffic Safety Section
 - ✦ If a 48" or greater shoulder cannot be maintained, bicycle-friendly rumble stripes may be used
 - DelDOT Pavement Management will be notified prior to the installation of all rumble strips
 - DelDOT's Bicycle Coordinator will be notified prior to the installation of all rumble strips



Longitudinal Rumble Strips

- Test Location
 - DE Route 71 from US 13 to Noxontown Road



High-Friction Surface Treatment

- Addresses SHSP Roadway Departure Emphasis Area
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Figure 9 - Roadway Departure Fatal Crashes by Roadway Functional Classification

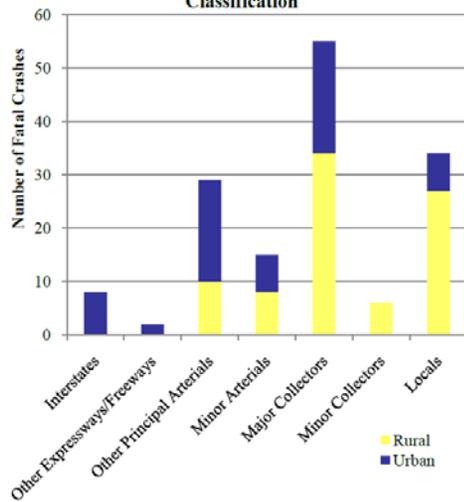


Figure 6 - Roadway Departure Fatal Crashes by First Harmful Event

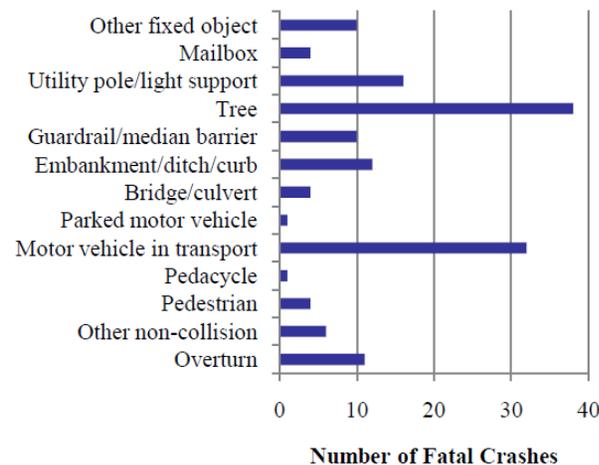
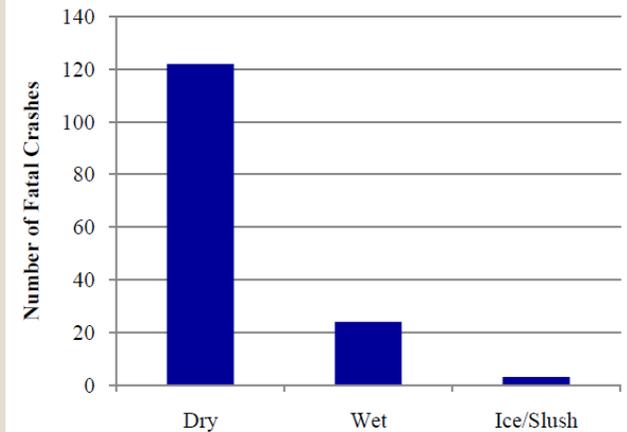


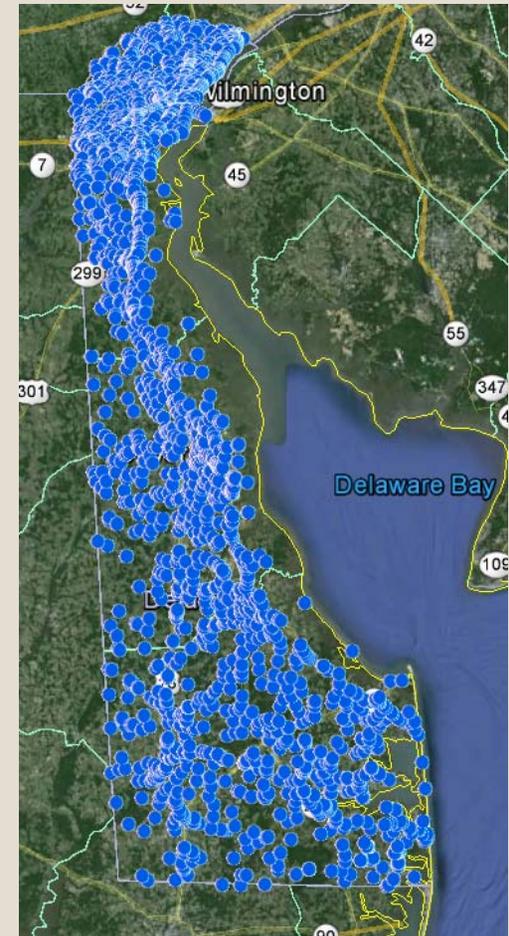
Figure 5 - Roadway Departure Fatal Crashes by Surface Condition



SOURCE: 2010 Delaware SHSP

High-Friction Surface Treatment

- Location Selection
 - Road Departure Crashes on wet roadways
 - Focus on rural collectors and locals
 - Horizontal curve locations
 - Location not included in any paving program
 - ✦ Pave & Rehab
 - ✦ Microsurfacing



High-Friction Surface Treatment

- Contract development
 - Three-year open-end location
 - ✦ Statewide contract
 - Identified 15 initial locations
 - ✦ Included in contract documents
 - Remaining locations identified throughout life of contract
 - Engineer's Estimate = \$1,087,820.80
 - ✦ Funded with HSIP, HRRRP and Section 154 Penalty Transfer Funds
 - ✦ PS&E on November 15, 2014
 - ✦ Awaiting advertisement
 - Contractor: TBD

STATE OF DELAWARE
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
DIVISION OF TRANSPORTATION SOLUTIONS
PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR:

CONTRACT NO. T201401004 PJE NO: 14-11004
FEDERAL AID NO. ESTP-2014(38)

CONTRACT TITLE: HIGH FRICTION SURFACE TREATMENT, STATEWIDE,
OPEN-END

PLANS PREPARED BY: ADAM S. WEISER, P.E., PTOE
SAFETY PROGRAMS MANAGER

DATE RECOMMENDED: _____	
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CHIEF TRAFFIC ENGINEER	
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Other Systemic Programs

- Median Barrier Installation

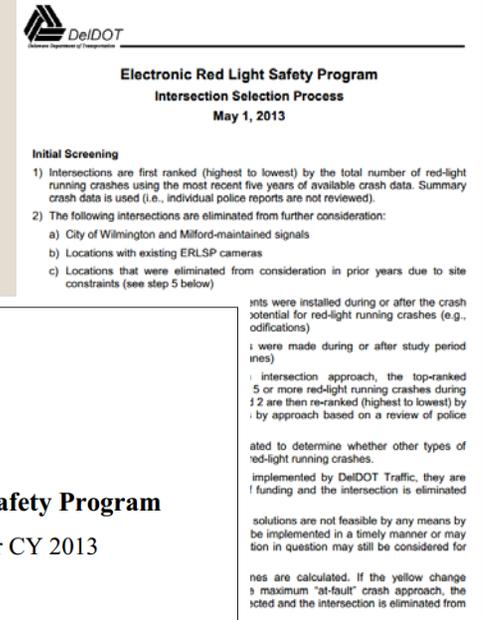
- Freeway median installations
- Considering high-tension cable barrier
- Three year contract to address remaining freeway medians in New Castle and Kent Counties
- Prioritization of remaining I-95 and SR 1 locations without median barrier.
Ranking system developed based on:

- ✦ ADT
- ✦ Horizontal Curvature (higher rating for higher degree of curvature)
- ✦ Head On and Cross Median Crashes / Mile
- ✦ Head On and Cross Median Crashes / 100 MVMT
- ✦ Head On, Cross Median, Roadway Departure to Left Crashes / Mile (Weighted by Crash Severity)



Electronic Red Light Safety Program (ERLSP) Lessons Learned

- Program overview
 - Statewide program launched in 2004
 - 51 monitored approaches at 30 intersections
 - Lease agreement with “turnkey” vendor
 - Data-driven selection process, pending legislator approval
 - Transparent reporting



Electronic Red Light Safety Program (ERLSP) Lessons Learned

Red-light cameras: Money over safety?

5:24 PM, Jul. 27, 2013 | Comments

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Our View

Traffic light cameras were supposed to be safety devices. Instead, they became [cash](#) cows.

The city of Wilmington, for example, is not monitoring the camera spots to see if they have had an effect on traffic safety. Instead, the city is using the cameras to hit motorists with fines for rolling turns on red lights. Such turns have the lowest percentage of intersection crashes.

In this age of data analysis, the information from the camera could

When it comes to the Delaware Department of Transportation, the safety concern with the cameras is more apparent. DelDOT, for example, can cite intersection crash statistics. It can show the effect of the cameras. The city cannot.

in this case, safety. But revenue creep takes over and the purpose becomes a revenue [stream](#).

An example is the state's involvement in legalized gambling. The state's purpose was to help the Delaware horse-racing industry.

Thema: Catching drivers red-light-handed without warning

4:16 PM, Aug. 4, 2013

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Red-light cameras rake in the green

The News Journal - Wilmington, Del.
Author: Melissa Nann Burke
Date: Jul 28, 2013
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The state and four small cities also make big money from red-light cameras. The Department of Transportation uses crash information and engineering data to show the effort has had its share of problems, including vendor overbilling.

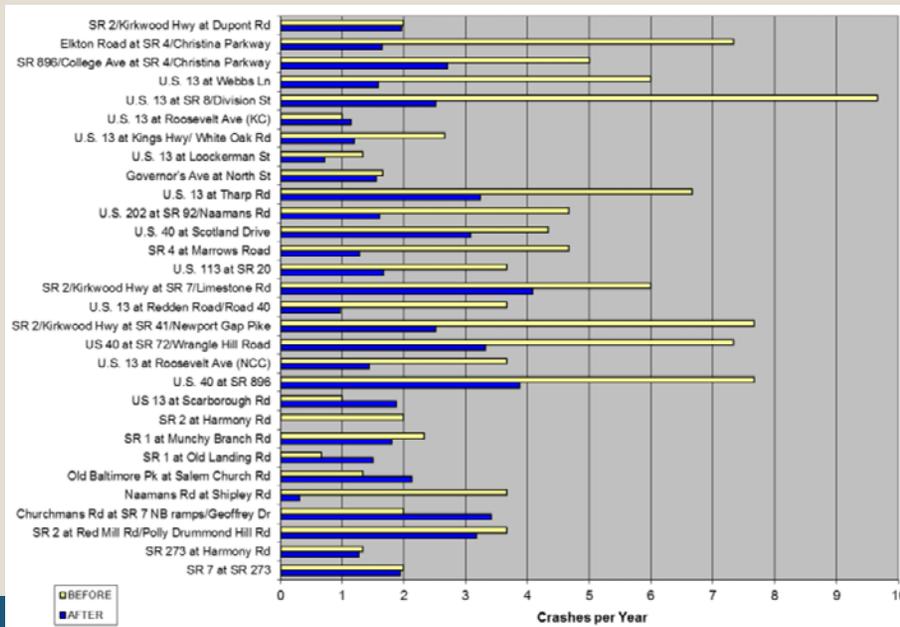
Red-light camera enforcement in Delaware 1; the numbers of signal-related crashes are reducing dangerous collisions, a trend that is also true for Wilmington, with nearly \$16 million in revenue since 2011 after the city began using cameras to catch inattentive drivers blowing through red lights.

Map: Signal-related crashes

Electronic Red Light Safety Program (ERLSP) Lessons Learned

- Results

- Angle crash reduction of 47%
- Red light running crash reduction of 29%
- Rear end crash increase of 3%
- Approx. \$4M to \$5M annual revenue



Electronic Red Light Safety Program (ERLSP) Lessons Learned

- “Turnkey” vendor challenges
 - Foresight for exit strategy
 - Lack of contractual “hammer” with outgoing vendor
 - Turf wars over existing infrastructure
 - Data retention



Work Zone Safety Initiatives



- Annual Work Zone Awareness Week



Wally the Work Zone Warrior

Kids Page on back!
Featuring Wally the Work Zone Warrior!

"Even I slow down in WORK ZONES!"

— Martin Truex Jr.
AAA Member

Out on the track there is no margin for error. From my safety equipment to my tires, safety is the name of the game. Believe it or not, this is not the most dangerous part of my day. My ride home on the highway is.

Work Zones in particular are not the place to take chances. Lanes are often narrower and there is equipment and people working very close to traffic.

On the track, I am surrounded by dozens of professional drivers who understand the risks and take the same safety precautions I do. Out on the road you never know what you might be up against. It pays to be alert and drive with care.

Whether it's 200 mph on the racetrack or 55 on the highway, there are hazards around every turn.

Lives depend on you being aware of your surroundings, slowing down and taking it easy.

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WORK ZONE SAFETY SPECIAL REPORT

Every April we pay special attention to work zone safety during Work Zone Safety Awareness Week. It is imperative that we make work zone safety a priority every time we get into our vehicles. Both motorists and workers are at risk. For every person killed or injured in a work zone accident, there is a mother, father, sister, brother, daughter, son or friend whose life is also changed forever. Now, when states throughout the United States, including Delaware, are in the midst of revitalizing the nation's roads, ramps and bridges, everyone needs to exercise patience and follow work zone safety rules.

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Work Zone Safety Initiatives

- Work Zone Safety & Mobility Training Series
 - Construction and Inspection staff
 - ✦ Trained 200 DelDOT inspectors and consultants
 - Equipment Operators
 - ✦ Trained 102 employees including management, supervisors and operators
 - Law Enforcement Officers
 - ✦ Working to get course integrated into normal academy training program
 - Utility companies (Delmarva Power)
 - Office staff (field awareness)
 - Design staff (course development underway)



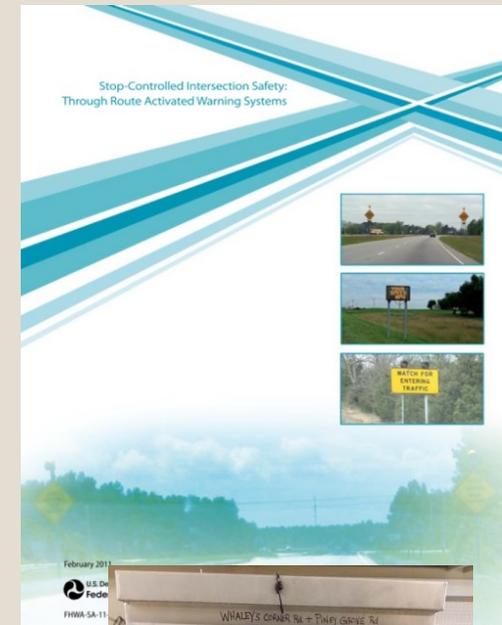
Through-Route Activated Warning System

- Whaleys Corner Road at Trap Pond Road
 - 2012 High Risk Rural Roads Program location
 - Existing conditions
 - ✦ Oversized STOP signs with CROSS TRAFFIC DOES NOT STOP
 - ✦ Transverse rumble strips on side street approaches
 - ✦ 50 mph speed limit with 85th percentile speeds over 60 mph
 - Crash data – 16 crashes (2008 – 2012) with 14 angle crashes
 - Options considered
 - ✦ Multi-way stop
 - ✦ Roundabout
 - ✦ ICB / warning beacons
 - ✦ Through-route activated warning system



Through-Route Activated Warning System

- Whaleys Corner Road at Trap Pond Road
 - Warn mainline motorists of a vehicle on the minor street with actuated flashing beacons
 - “Before / after” crash studies indicated 51% reduction of total crashes and 58% reduction of angle crashes
 - General Guidelines (FHWA Publication)
 - ✦ Where signals are not warranted and a roundabout is not appropriate → **MET**
 - ✦ Rural areas or where speed limit is ≥ 45 mph → **MET**
 - ✦ ≥ 10 total crashes in 5 years → **MET**
 - ✦ ≥ 5 angle crashes in 5 years → **MET**
 - ✦ Where substantial sight distance limitations either cannot be readily mitigated or are too costly to correct → **MET**
when vehicles are positioned at the stop line
 - Through route-activated warning system installed in 2014
 - ✦ Crash monitoring to be performed
 - ✦ Three detectors installed on the side street approaches



Lane Narrowing

- SR 30 at Johnson Road

- 2012 High Risk Rural Roads Program location

- Existing conditions

- ✦ Oversized STOP signs with CROSS TRAFFIC DOES NOT STOP

- ✦ 50 mph speed limit with 85th percentile speeds 55/56 mph

- Crash data – 18 crashes (2008 – 2012) with 14 angle crashes & 3 left-turn crashes

- Options considered

- ✦ Signalization

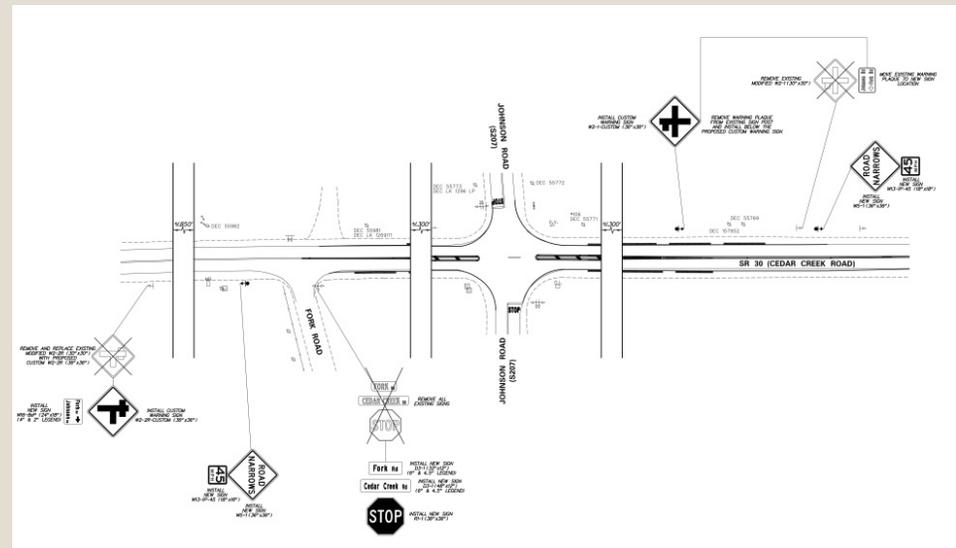
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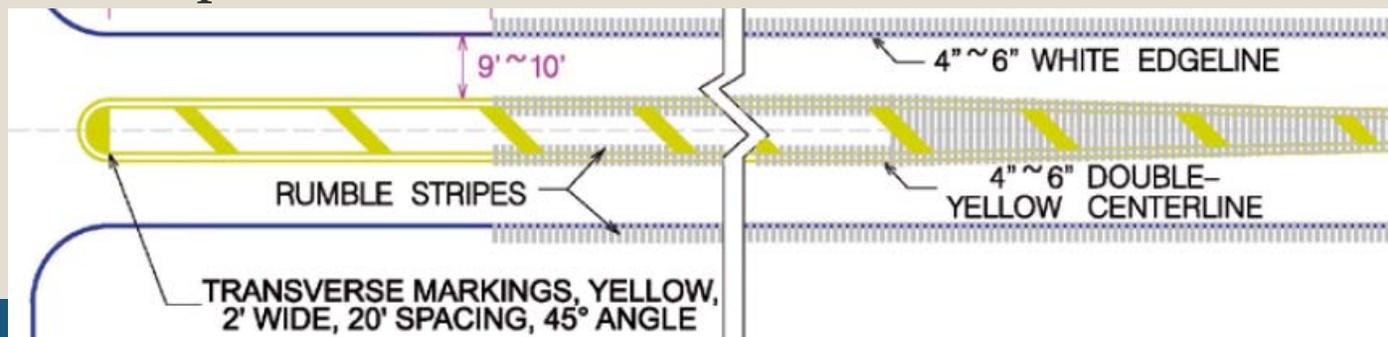
- ✦ Through-Route activated warning system

- ✦ Speed reduction through lane narrowing (***recommended and installed***)



Lane Narrowing

- SR 30 at Johnson Road
 - FHWA's *Crash Impact of Smooth Lane Narrowing with Rumble Strips at Two-Lane Rural Stop-Controlled Intersections*
 - ✦ 32% reduction in total intersection crashes
 - ✦ 4 of 8 test locations experienced an increase in rear end crashes
 - 38-foot pavement width along SR 30
 - RPMs may be installed in lieu of rumble stripes where noise is a concern



Grade Crossing Fire/EMS Monitoring System

- Concerns

- Trains in excess of 2 miles block multiple arterials and diversion routes (including US 40)
- Grade crossing blockage times in excess of 20 minutes
- Slow-moving trains
- Motorists attempt erratic and abrupt diversion maneuvers
- Delayed response for Fire/EMS emergencies
- Public and legislative firestorm

Delaware crude train counts expected to increase

Jeff Montgomery, The News Journal 11:19 p.m. EDT August 1, 2014

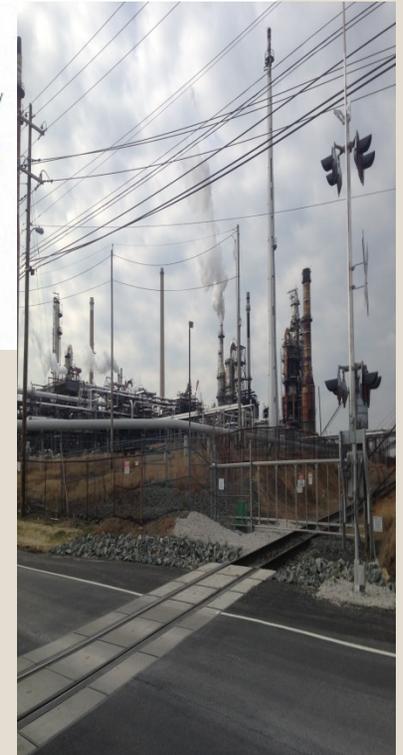


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Crude-oil rail deliveries to the Delaware City Refinery could jump by as much as 80 percent in volume in coming months as PBF Energy ramps up shipments to take advantage of a newly completed offloading complex expansion.

Company officials went back to the crude-by-rail complex several times Friday morning during a relatively upbeat second-quarter earnings report for investors that emphasized the company's third-straight positive quarter, with \$34.2 million in adjusted net income for the quarter ended June 30.



Grade Crossing Fire/EMS Monitoring System

- **Devices**

- Three integrated warning assemblies / flashers
- One exempt signal with advance diversion signs
- Two standalone monitoring interconnections (under construction)
- Compatible at all railroad preemption locations

Rail crossing upgrades, repairs underway near refinery



Melissa Nann Burke, The News Journal

10:34 p.m. EDT August 9, 2014



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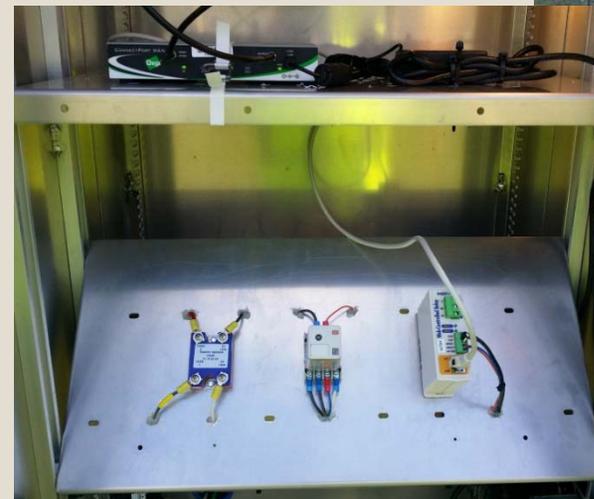


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Safety upgrades at highway-railroad crossings near the Delaware City Refinery are underway, including a full replacement of the crossing at Del. 7/Bear-Corbitt Road north of Wrangle Hill Road.

Crews are installing new warning devices such as gates and signal lights, and the roadway is expected to reopen by Friday at the latest.

A similar upgrade is planned in September for the crossing on Del. 9/River Road where it passes between refinery operations.



Grade Crossing Fire/EMS Monitoring System

- Information and tracking
 - Real-time reporting to 911 Center and Fire Board
 - Motorist information available via DelDOT App
 - Weekly reports and documentation for DE Code enforcement, fines, elected officials, et al.

**Delaware Department of Transportation Transportation Management Center
Rail Road Crossing Analysis by Location**
01/05/2015 - 01/11/2015

LOCATION	DAY	START TIME*	DURATION MINS*	AVERAGE MINS
US 40 @ Conrail	THU 01/08/2015	22:17	2.0	
		21:20	10.0	
		18:34	8.5	
		16:09	8.5	
		14:17	4.0	
		10:16	4.0	
		05:19	10.5	
		04:26	22.5	
		8 events	70.0	8.8
US 40 @ Conrail	WED 01/07/2015	20:43	9.0	
		18:54	8.5	
		13:45	1.5	
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Officials hear oil train safety concerns

Jeff Montgomery, The News Journal 8:51 a.m. EDT March 11, 2014



(Photo: KYLE GRANTHAM/THE NEWS JOURNAL)

STORY HIGHLIGHTS

- About 150 came to hear experts Monday in Delaware City

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Panelists fielded questions on topics ranging from oil train hazards to late-night horn blowing Monday, during a legislative forum in Delaware City focused on crude-by-rail traffic bound for the Delaware City Refinery.

About 150 people turned out for the session, sitting through nearly an hour of introductions and summaries from more than 20 panel members before taking questions. The forum was moderated by House Majority Leader Valerie Longhurst, D-Bear.

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Thank you!

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