

On behalf of the Delaware Department of Transportation (DeIDOT), we welcome you to this Public Workshop for the Georgetown East Gateway Improvements Project.

DeIDOT is designing improvements for the existing intersection of East Market Street (US 9) and Airport Road/Sand Hill Road. The U.S. Department of Transportation awarded DeIDOT \$7 million Transportation Investment Generating Economy Recovery (TIGER) grant funding for the Georgetown East Gateway Improvements Project. The improvements will consist of the following: roadway realignment, additional turn lanes, signal improvements, pavement resurfacing, bike lanes, sidewalks and crosswalks, transit stops, and lighting improvements. We invite your comments and input on the proposed improvements that are under consideration in the project area.

Thank you for sharing your valuable time and insights.

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Secretary
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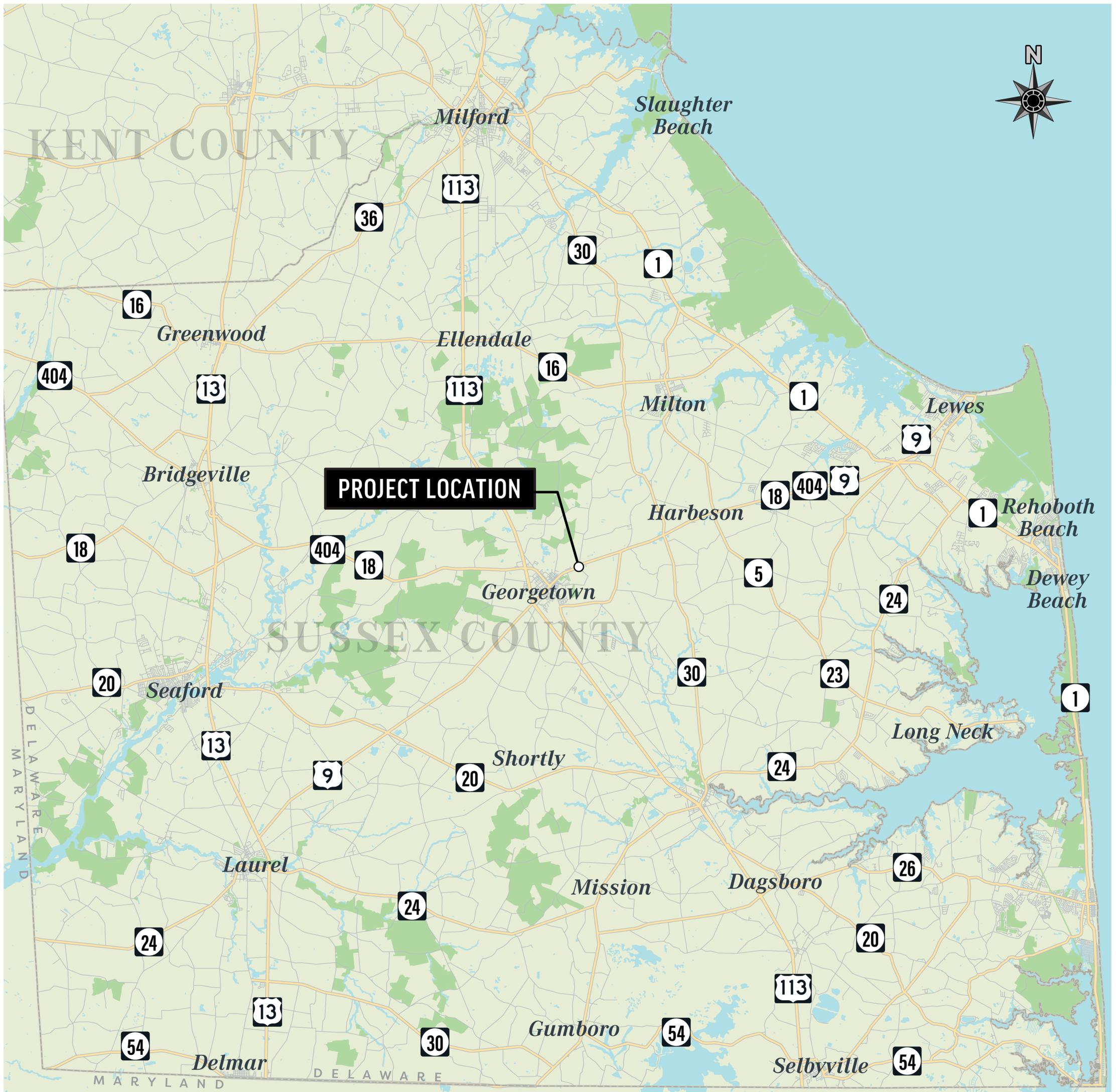
PURPOSE OF WORKSHOP

The purpose of this workshop is to obtain input from you, the public, on the improvements for the East Market Street (US 9)/Sand Hill Road/Airport Road intersection. The project team is available to answer questions and provide information on the project.

Comments will be accepted through July 9, 2018. Information about the project and the ability to provide comments and suggestions on the project can be obtained from the project's website at:

<https://deldot.gov/information/projects/GTownEastGateway/index.shtml>

PROJECT LOCATION



The Georgetown East Gateway Improvements have the following goals:

- Provide improved access to reliable, safe, and affordable transportation
- Improve safety
 - ◆ 56 crashes over a 10-year period resulting in 13 injuries
- Reduce congestion during both the summer peak and off-peak periods
- Enable economic development
- Alleviate drainage concerns in a sustainable manner
- Provide multi-modal connections that improve the quality of life

PROJECT TIMELINE

The project is currently in Preliminary Design. The project schedule is as follows under the current funding scenario:

- Begin Final Design – Summer 2018
- Begin Right-of-Way Acquisition – Winter 2018/2019
- Construction Start – Spring 2020

PROPERTY ACQUISITION PROCESS

The Georgetown East Gateway project is currently in preliminary design. If it is determined that all or a portion of your property is necessary for the project improvements, DeIDOT will contact you well in advance of any construction activity and follow the process outlined below:

Public Workshops

DeIDOT's Right of Way staff attends workshops when there are potential right of way impacts. Staff begins to interact with property owners who may be impacted at the time.

Appraisal Process

- DeIDOT must have a Fair Market Value, in writing, for all acquisitions.
- Owners are given the opportunity to accompany the appraiser.
- All appraisals are reviewed by a licensed appraiser.

Negotiations

- An Agent will contact the owner in person or via mail to begin the negotiation process.
- The Owner will receive a copy of the State's appraisal or Waiver Valuation for non-complex acquisitions.
- The Owner will receive a written confirmation of the offer.
- The Owner has the right to have their own appraisal performed, which will be reviewed by DeIDOT.
- DeIDOT will review any counter offers by the owners to determine that it has merit.
- DeIDOT may enter into an Administrative Settlement if justified and documented.

Closing

- If an agreement is reached, DeIDOT and the owners move to a settlement process.
- If no agreement is reached, DeIDOT can move to acquire the right-of-way need through eminent domain. Cases can still be settled without a trial.

RELOCATION PROCESS

There are two basic types of relocation processes:

- Residential.
- Non-Residential (Commercial/Industrial).

Residential

- Tightly controlled by 49 CFR, Part 24 and Title 29, Chapter 93 (Federal Regulations) and Delaware Code.
- Owners/Tenants are provided various options including housing/rental supplements and moving costs.
- Owners/Tenants are not required to vacate until offer has been made, listings of available comparable housing has been provided, and the State has acquired legal ownership of the property.

Non-residential

- Moving costs and re-establishment expenses as well as advisory assistance is offered.

We encourage all residents, property owners, business owners, and those who travel the US 9 / Sand Hill Road / Airport Road intersection to stay informed and provide valuable feedback to the Project Team by:

- Attending Public Workshops/Hearings.
- Filling out a Comment Form.
- Checking the Project website for updates:
<https://del.dot.gov/information/projects/GTownEastGateway/index.shtml>

Feel free to contact us with questions or comments by:

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THANK YOU!

We thank you for taking the time to review tonight's materials and for participating in the Georgetown East Gateway Improvements Project.

Your insights and suggestions are valuable and greatly appreciated. Your comments will be considered as we move forward with the preliminary design of the Georgetown East Gateway Improvements project.

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