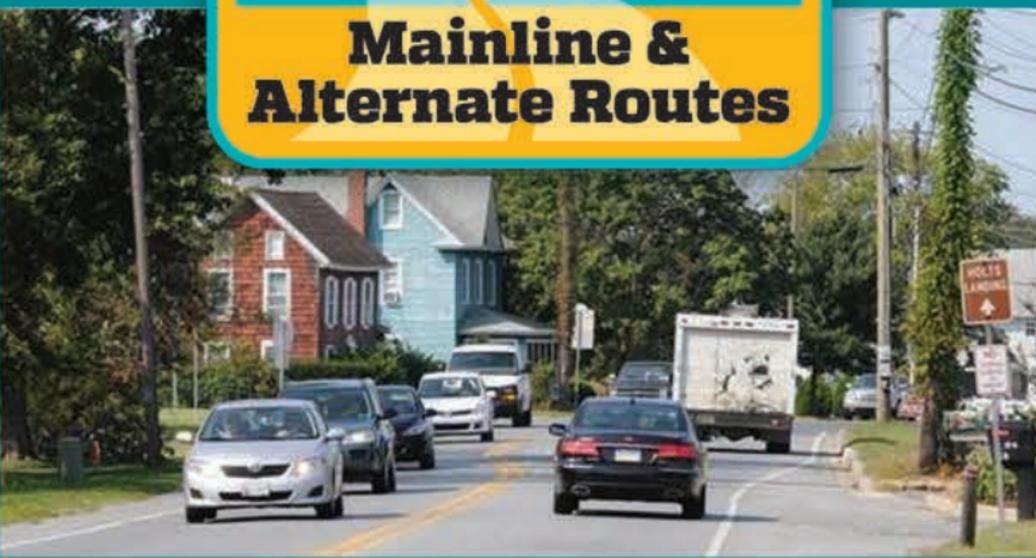


SR
26

**Mainline &
Alternate Routes**



Fixing your trip on Route 26

*Highway Improvements
along SR 26 from St. Georges
Church in Clarksville to
Glen Drive in Bethany Beach*



Delaware Department
of Transportation

Tired of the congestion getting to and from Delaware beaches? That's about to change!

The Delaware Department of Transportation (DelDOT) has begun a construction project along State Route 26 (SR 26), also known as Atlantic Avenue, that once complete, will make your ride safer and easier. A center, left turn lane is being installed throughout the length of the project to increase traffic flow. Intersections are also being improved. The project limits stretch from 400 feet west of Saint Georges Church in Clarksville to just west of Glen Drive in Bethany Beach.



Alternate routes will make construction easier for motorists

In 2010, DelDOT began making improvements to area roads that will serve as alternate routes during the SR 26 construction project. These roads include:

- Burbage Road from SR 17 to Windmill Road
- Windmill Road from SR 26 to Central Avenue
- Central Avenue from Windmill Road to Beaver Dam Road
- Beaver Dam Road from Central Avenue to Muddy Neck Road

When completed, the alternate routes will have two 11-foot lanes with 5-foot shoulders, which will be striped as bike lanes. Turn lanes will also be added at the intersections. The alternate routes are expected to be completed in fall 2013 prior to the start of construction on SR 26.



Existing road cannot handle current or future traffic volumes

The improvements are needed due to record growth in the 1990s and early 2000s, which has resulted in traffic congestion, safety concerns, and operational issues.

SR 26 is currently one lane in each direction with hundreds of driveways and business entrances and exits. Utility poles are right next to the road, which has narrow shoulders and limited bike lanes. Existing pedestrian facilities (sidewalks, crosswalks, etc.) are limited and do not conform to the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) guidelines. DelDOT plans to address all of these issues by channelizing entrances, moving utilities, and adding dedicated bike lanes and sidewalks.





SR 26 construction begins fall 2013

Over four miles of SR 26 will be widened to provide one 11-foot travel lane in each direction with 5-foot shoulders which will be striped as bike lanes. A 12-foot shared center left turn lane will be included through the length of the project. This will help ease congestion by moving left turning vehicles into their own lane. Separate right turn lanes and left turn lanes will be added at intersections.

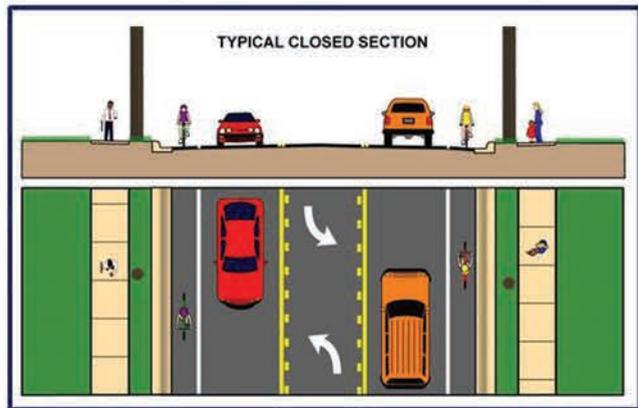
Sidewalks and closed drainage will be provided for much of the roadway segments through Ocean View and Millville. The improvements will help accommodate the area's multi-modal transportation needs.

Minimizing time in construction by maximizing work hours and work zones

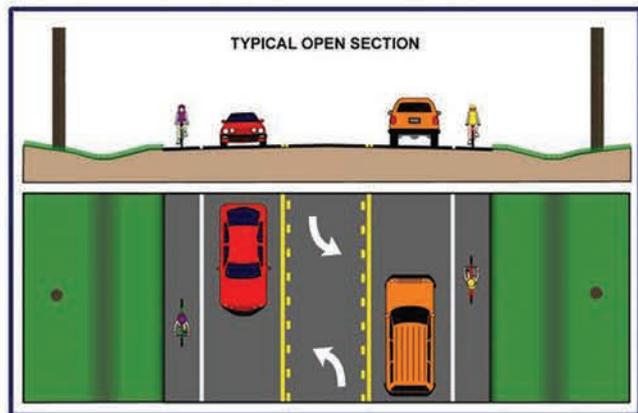
DeIDOT understands how difficult construction can be for motorists and for those who live and work within the project limits. So in order to minimize construction time as much as possible, DeIDOT plans to work day and night in multiple areas of the project. Traffic delays will be monitored daily by local personnel and with the use of mobile and stationary cameras.

Businesses remain open throughout construction

Homes and businesses will be accessible throughout construction. **Please continue to patronize local businesses – they depend on you!** Bicycle and pedestrian traffic will also be maintained through the work zones. SR 26 will remain an evacuation route during construction.

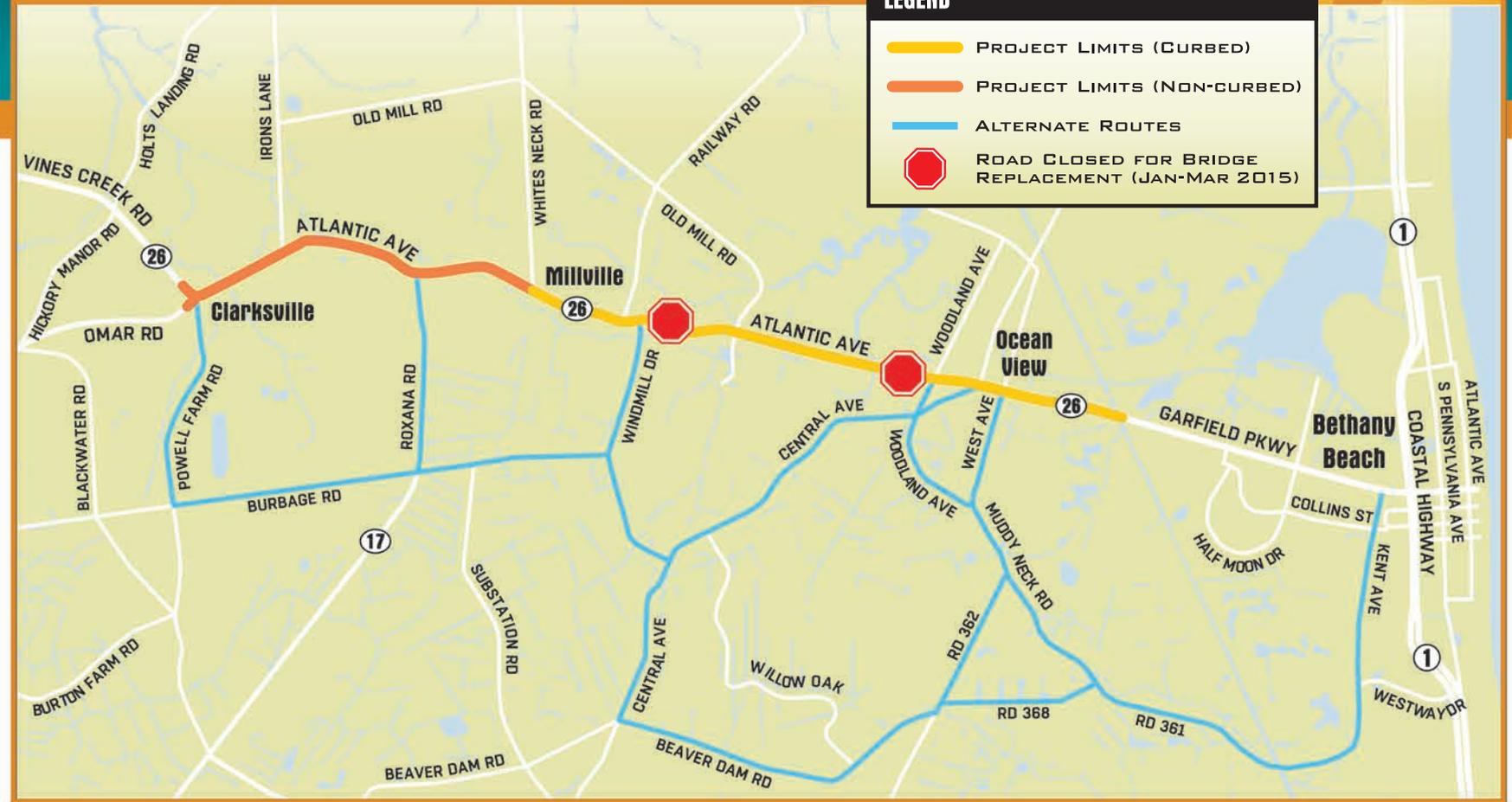


Three Lane Section with Sidewalk



Three Lane Section without Sidewalk

Project Area



Work times/lane restrictions ensure project is completed quickly with minimal disruption

Construction will occur day and night on this project in order to complete it in the shortest time frame possible. However, there are restrictions on when lane closures will be allowed:

Peak Season – May 16 through Sept 30

- Lane closures, shoulder closures and lane shifts are not allowed from 6 am Friday to 7 pm Monday.
- Lane shifts and shoulder closures are allowed, but no lane closures are allowed between Tuesday 6 am to Thursday 7 pm.

- Starting Monday at 7 pm and ending Friday at 6 am, lane closures, shoulder closures and lane shifts are allowed from 7 pm to 5 am each day.

Off-Peak Season – Oct 1 through May 15

- Lane closures, shoulder closures and lane shifts are allowed at all times, except for the hours of 6 am to 9 am. During that time, no lane closures are allowed.
- From January to March of 2015, SR 26 will be closed at two locations for bridge replacement – just east of the Lord Baltimore Elementary School and just east of the Millville Town Hall. Please note that businesses in between the closure points will be open! Alternate routes (see map) are in place to get motorists around the closure points.

Questions or concerns?

DeIDOT and its SR 26 Project Team will continue to work with neighborhood and community representatives, schools, local government leaders, concerned citizens, federal and state environmental and cultural resource agencies, and others to develop plans that meet the diverse needs of the community.

If you have any questions or concerns, you can find information on the project website at SR26.deldot.gov or contact DeIDOT public relations at **302-760-2080** or **800-652-5600**.



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