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A Preferred Alternative Has Been Recommended for the US 113 North/South Study in the Millsboro-South Area

Attend one of two public hearings to find out more information and provide your comments.



US 113 Millsboro-South Area Public Hearings

Public Hearings to Focus on Draft Environmental Impact Statement and Recommended Preferred Alternative

Your Comments Make a Difference!

The Delaware Department of Transportation (DelDOT) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) will hold public hearings for the US 113 North/South Study, Millsboro-South Area.

The purpose of the hearings is to update the public on activities that have occurred since the May 2010 workshops, including the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) and the Blue Alternative, which is the recommended preferred alternative for the project. The Millsboro-South Area encompasses more than 14 miles of US 113, including the towns of Millsboro, Dagsboro, Frankford, and Selbyville.

The hearings will be held in two parts.

From 4:00 to 6:00 PM, you can:

- Review the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (the DEIS can be viewed online or at several locations in the project area – visit the website www.deldot.gov/information/projects/us113 for more information).
- Review maps of the five retained alternatives, including DelDOT's recommended preferred alternative, the Blue Alternative.
- Interact with and ask questions of the DelDOT project team.
- Provide private testimony to a stenographer.

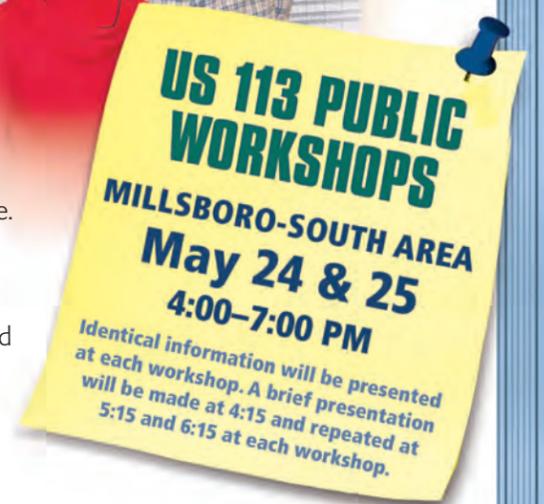
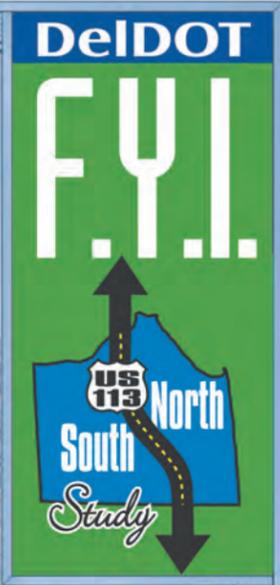
From 6:00 to 8:00 PM (or later, as needed), you can provide public testimony. There will be a sign-up sheet at the hearing for those who wish to speak. People who wish to testify will be called in the order they registered.

Comment forms will also be available at the hearings for written comments. Comments can also be provided through the project website. **All comments are due by Friday, October 4, 2013.**

We appreciate your continued involvement in this important project!



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| 1 | Millsboro Hearing
Wednesday,
September 18, 2013
Millsboro Civic Center
322 Wilson Highway
Millsboro, DE 19966 | 2 | Selbyville Hearing
Thursday,
September 19, 2013
Selbyville Fire Hall
30 N. Main Street
Selbyville, DE 19975 |
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FREQUENTLY-ASKED QUESTIONS

What is the US 113 North/South Study?

The purpose of the US 113 North/South Study is to **Identify, Select, and Protect** a corridor for a limited-access highway that will address the current and future transportation needs of Sussex County.

Why is this project needed?

US 113 is a regionally important, designated emergency evacuation route and one of two major north/south highways through the Delmarva Peninsula. Emergency evacuation is a major concern in Sussex County because of the threat of coastal storms and flooding. Due to expected future development and economic growth in Sussex County, local and regional traffic is expected to increase substantially during the next 25 years. Together these factors result in the need to identify and protect a corridor to provide mobility for Sussex County residents, visitors, and businesses while providing safe highway improvements to accommodate anticipated growth in local, seasonal, and regional traffic.

What alternatives were considered?

Since the study began in 2003, more than 20 different build alternatives were developed and evaluated, including on-alignment and east and west bypass alternatives. Based on the results of those evaluations, a total of five build alternatives and the no-build alternative were retained for detailed study in the DEIS.

What is the recommended preferred alternative?

The Blue Alternative (an eastern bypass of Millsboro, Dagsboro, and Frankford, along with on-alignment improvements through the Selbyville area), was chosen as the recommended preferred alternative in the Millsboro-South Area. In making that recommendation DeIDOT considered many factors, including public/community involvement, natural resources, cultural resources, air quality, noise, cost, and engineering concerns. Substantial public input contributed to the development of DeIDOT's recommendation.

How has the public been involved in this study?

Between October 2003 and May 2010, there were eleven public workshops attended by more than 1,400 people. A 25-member working group with representatives from local agencies, businesses, organizations, industries, and municipalities met 17 times during that period. In addition, there were more than 50 meetings with individual property owners, community groups, and business owners.

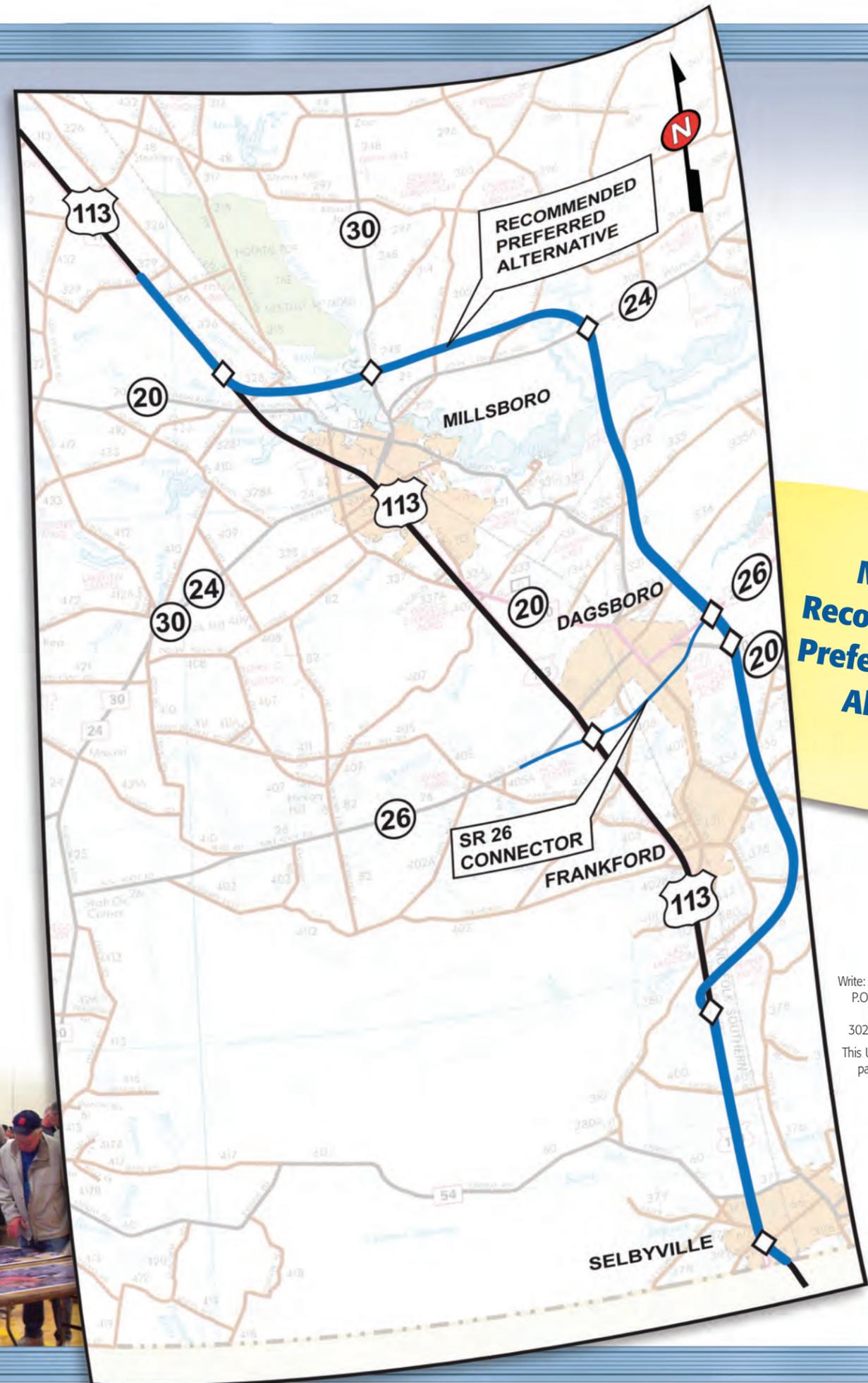
What has happened since the 2010 public workshops?

DeIDOT has spent the time since the last workshops preparing the DEIS and working closely with a number of federal and state environmental agencies. The Blue Alternative that was presented as DeIDOT's preference at the last workshops is still the recommended preferred alternative. Some adjustments have been made to the alignment to address agency and public concerns and reduce impacts.

What happens next?

DeIDOT and FHWA will address all comments and testimony received at the hearings and during the comment period and summarize the results in a Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS). The FEIS will then be used to obtain a formal Record of Decision (ROD), which will officially select an alternative and complete the environmental process. A schedule for completing the FEIS has not yet been established.

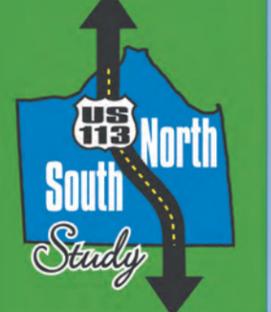
Future steps will depend on the availability of funding. Due to the size of the Millsboro-South Area, DeIDOT will build improvements in phases over a number of years. Once the FEIS has been completed and a ROD obtained, DeIDOT can seek funding for design, right-of-way acquisition, and construction.



Map shows
Recommended
Preferred Blue
Alternative

DeIDOT

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