



# COMMENTS FROM JUNE 7, 2004 PUBLIC WORKSHOP

113

## US 113 North / South Study

November 2004

### Millsboro - South Area

#### • General Comments

- ▶ Please pave the shoulder on Armory Road - Dagsboro - Thank you.
- ▶ Money was just spent on 113 & also on new businesses in Millsboro - just leave that alone.
- ▶ Yes, there is a traffic problem. A bypass is better than the potential alignment access. The alignment access will take away that hometown feeling.
- ▶ Yes, there is a traffic problem, but limited access, bypasses, & interchanges, will make local towns concrete ghosts towns.
- ▶ Will this help East West 24?
- ▶ Add (3) third lane to North and South.
- ▶ Create additional relief on Rt #24 and 113.
- ▶ Create a North-South Road on both sides of town to help locals.
- ▶ When / if you have to go to the off-corridor option, do not go thru existing homes / developments. There is plenty of open space to use / farm land.
- ▶ Please pave the shoulder on the Evacuation Route from Bethany to Route #113. Every road should be bicycle friendly!
- ▶ Build a Park & Ride lot for parking north of Millsboro

#### General Comments - Environmental

- ▶ The state has bypassed other towns up 113 and gone into "Nature Reserves" - why is Sussex County any different.
- ▶ Limit development to preserve environment.
- ▶ Nesting Birds will be affected.
- ▶ Connect Millsboro to Rehoboth using a monorail system, electric powered, using local electric plant. No environmental problem
- ▶ Connect all beaches to the same system
- ▶ Note: Millsboro is a bird sanctuary. Spend some time on Indian River and you will see.
- ▶ There are ways to move people to & from the beaches. Do not destroy this area!
- ▶ Two signed petitions, "Troubled Roads Headed for Indian River Wild Life".  
Summary: Concern for wildlife sanctuary being destroyed by a bridge crossing of the Indian River south of Route 24 (noise, air pollution, light pollution). Also, concern for businesses that depend on summer traffic.



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- ▶ On-alignment is totally unacceptable. It makes businesses on NB 113 too hard to access from West of 113. Bypass
- ▶ The potential on alignment access is not acceptable. Baker's Hardware has been in business since 1962. With the alignment access people will not have proper access to many of the main parts of Millsboro. New development is coming on the other side of highway and they will be accessible to Ace. My feeling is for a bypass. It will not affect our business as much as many others.
- ▶ Proposed local access road connecting Div. Ave. with Mid-Sussex Shopping Ctr. not favorable for existing businesses. In fact, it could put these businesses into bankruptcy.
- ▶ Much more thought needs to be done here.
- ▶ This study should have been done at least 10 years ago when the beach area growth exploded. It's too late now to consider an on-alignment plan through Millsboro.
- ▶ On-alignment scenarios would require cutting down lots of big beautiful trees for access roads.
- ▶ The service road along #113 is a good idea. Service road is needed on #113. Service road is a must.
- ▶ I think an on-alignment plan is a bad idea for Millsboro, and I would prefer a bypass of some kind. The on-alignment scenario would cut our community in half and be a huge barrier to the vitality of Millsboro. I can't imagine that an on-alignment plan would be a benefit to the town in any way, especially with our short term and long term growth. In 100 years, Rt 113 will be needed for local use.
- ▶ The limited access drawing on Rt 113 through Millsboro is just ridiculous. It will divide Millsboro in half. Most all businesses in town area will die.
- ▶ My family has owned a business, "Baker's Hardware," for 42 years, and will go out of business if this happens. All the new development is on the west side of Rt 113. People on the west side will not crossover this "mess," to get to us.
- ▶ I am concerned about the Millsboro access thru town. Limited N/S access will not address our E/W Rt 24 problems. This access will be a burden to our business along Rt 113. Access of and on is a necessity.
- ▶ If you close all access to businesses on Rt 113, they'll all be out of business. The way you have it there will be no more Millsboro. It needs to be bypassed.
- ▶ Bypass Millsboro - East or West. Leave thru alone. Don't destroy our town.

#### Off-Alignment - Western Bypass Option

- ▶ I would prefer a western by pass around Millsboro, but east/west corridors must be considered with Rt. 113 Plans. Not everyone just passes through to get to Ocean City. Rt. 113 is used to get to the east/west routes in Delaware.
- ▶ The western bypasses around the towns make no sense. They don't address the problem that people are headed to the eastern resorts.



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- ▶ The “only” acceptable means is an East-Side Bypass - Period.
- ▶ The objective is to basically get these people to the beach through Del, well the East bypass of Millsboro does that. They have access to all the major roads to get them to the beach. Then we don't have to destroy the town of Millsboro.
- ▶ Agree w/ the east bypass. A bypass would not affect the downtown, for people will be able to access the area easier than how it currently is.
- ▶ Create an alternate Rt #113 to East and allow access to major routes off that road
- ▶ I really don't like putting problems on other ideas but an eastern bypass of some kind is best. You can hit 30-9-24 maybe even 26-17-54. The idea of destroying Millsboro with a road thru 113 with access problems on the east side is not right. I've lived here my whole life (55 years) and I hate the idea of tearing the looks and the businesses up especially the ones on the east side (because of access) of 113. Before doing anything drastic, I would leave it as is and let traffic backup 10 miles.
- ▶ East Bypass most suitable because it keeps beach traffic East of Towns located on 113 and closer to beaches. Any changes to existing 113 would probably have a negative impact on business 113.
- ▶ I feel the Eastern Bypass is a terrible idea. It would have a major effect on the environment. It would also kill all the business in the town of Millsboro. I object to the Eastern Bypass. The impact on the town of Millsboro & the environment would be disastrous.
- ▶ A bridge across the Indian River will reduce much local traffic from having to go around the river. If you lived on the northern side of the river a bridge would reduce the traffic from having to go thru the towns and vice versa.
- ▶ Relieve the traffic backups in the towns, especially the downtowns. An Eastern Bypass would accomplish this. Traffic flows down in a southerly direction on 113, of which I would say 70% (my opinion) of the vehicles will make an eastern turn either at Millsboro, Dagsboro, or Selbyville. The same is true for returning traffic, they head east until they hit 113 and then head north. If you simply want to move traffic North & South then add two more lanes where the medians are wide. But that won't solve your problem. Traffic is heading to the resorts. Be smart and make it easier for next traffic study when they are planning stages for East-West Corridor. Then the connections will be much easier when the bypasses are much closer to the resorts.
- ▶ Eastern Bypass around towns helps solve the heavy traffic backups of the tourists heading for the resort areas. The east and west traffic from the beach to 113 to me is more important. When eastern and western projects are being drawn in the future it will be much easier & less costly to tie into the eastern bypass.
- ▶ You will create an “Environmental Nightmare” (No eastern bypass for Millsboro)