Spring 2022



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Project News

Upcoming Working Group Meeting

Monday, April 25, 2022 @ 6:00 p.m.

The next meeting of the Five Points Transportation Study Working Group will be held on Monday, April 25, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. We are excited to announce that this will be an in-person meeting with an online option. Although we encourage attendance to be in person, this "hybrid" option will allow Working Group members and the public the option of joining virtually. The location for this meeting will be announced soon.



The Study Team will provide an update on the status of the Five Points Transportation Study Implementation Plan. Other discussion topics may include*:

- DelDOT App demonstration
- Five Points Transportation Study 2021 Annual Report review
- Henlopen Transportation Improvement District (TID) update
- Georgetown-Lewes Trail extension and funding

The meeting packet from the January 31, 2022 Working Group meeting can be found here.

We hope to see you on April 25!

*Disclaimer: Discussion topics are subject to change until final publication on the DelDOT Public Meeting Calendar

Public Workshop - Please Attend!

Five Points Transportation Study Public Workshop on May 9, 2022

More exciting news – our annual public workshop will be a **hybrid meeting**, meaning that the public will be able to attend in-person or virtually! Come learn about the progress that was made on the Five Points Transportation Study in 2021 and what



Stay tuned for more information!

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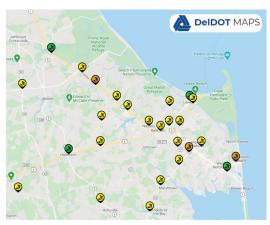
In this age of digital technology, new apps are being developed every day and there seems to be an app for everything! Did you know that DelDOT has an app? That's right – DelDOT has developed a FREE app (available for Android and Apple devices) that puts the entire department on your phone and at your fingertips.

By clicking on the different app features you can:

- Check live traffic cameras before you leave the house
- Check travel maps for travel times, roadway conditions, and Waze information
- Find the DMV closest to your house, pay violations, check DMV wait times and take practice tests
- Report an issue including crashes, roadway conditions (e.g., traffic, potholes, other debris) and malfunctioning signals
- Check on the status of an ongoing or upcoming project
- Get detailed information on public meetings and other DelDOT events
- Track the location of snowplows during winter storm events
- · Get real-time transit information from DART
- Find Electric Vehicle (EV) charging stations near your house

That's a lot of information! Be the most informed driver on your street! Check it out today!

Area Project Updates



providing a map of active projects in and around the Five Points area. Use the map to view any active project and/or visit the links below to view the websites for a

Active DelDOT Projects In and Around Five Points

At the Working Group's request, DelDOT is

selection of projects.

View the Interactive Map Here.

- Bridges 3-155 (northbound and southbound) on SR 1 over the Broadkill River
- Bridge 3-714 on S266 (New Road) over Canary Creek
- Removal of Bridge 3-928R, Lewes
- SR 1 & SR 16 Grade Separated Intersection
- SR 1 at S264 & S258 Intersection Improvements
- SR 1 and Cave Neck Road Grade Separated Intersection



- RR Swing Bridge over the Lewes and Rehoboth Canal
- Plantation Road Improvements, Robinsonville Road to US 9
- Plantation Road Improvements, SR 24 to US 9 - Phase 2
- Realignment of Old Orchard Road at Wescoats Corner
- SR 1, Minos Conaway Road Grade Separated Intersection
- SR 24, Mulberry Knoll to SR 1
- SR 24, Love Creek to Mulberry Knoll Road
- <u>Cave Neck Road, Hudson and Sweetbriar Roads Intersection Improvement</u>



Preliminary Land Use Service (PLUS) - What is it?

Preliminary Land Use Service - or PLUS - is a coordination process used by the Office of State Planning and Coordination (OSPC) that involves reviews by all applicable state agencies at the start of the land development process. PLUS adds value and knowledge to the process without overstepping the authority of the local governments to make land use decisions.

The goals to PLUS are to:

- Identify and mitigate potential impacts of development which may affect areas beyond local boundaries;
- Fully integrate state and local land use plans; and
- Bring state agency staff together with developers, and local officials, early in the process.

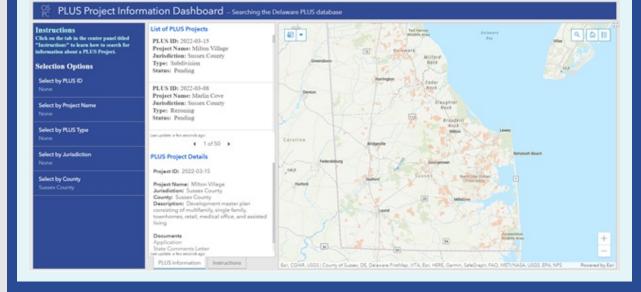
PLUS review of major land use change proposals occurs prior to submission to local governments (Chapter 92 of Title 29 of the Delaware Code). Land use change proposals are submitted to state agencies through the OSPC and are the subject of monthly PLUS meetings, at which applicants meet with state agency resource experts to discuss their plans and identify possible issues and solutions. Monthly PLUS meetings give applicants the opportunity to fully explain their projects to all state agencies at the same time, which shortens state response times to more closely align with local government review timelines. State comments are received in time to be of use and more completely reflect state and local land use plans and regulations.

As of January 2022, the <u>PLUS website</u> has been updated to improve the process for applicants and state reviewers. The application process is now electronic and includes a "pre-check" application that allows developers to identify areas of concern before finalizing a design and submitting the project for review. Another big improvement is that applicants are now required to provide an electronic file of the site plan, which will then be georeferenced by OSPC. The geo-reference will be provided to state agencies so they can make relevant, site-specific recommendations based on the location of features on the site plan. The PLUS application process is outlined in detail here.

Want to know more about the projects currently undergoing PLUS review in your area? OSPC has developed an online <u>PLUS Project Information Dashboard</u>. Users can search by PLUS project name or PLUS ID, or filter PLUS projects by town or county. Based on the filters, the location of PLUS projects will be shown on a map with an accompanying project description. PLUS project details include the name of the project, a description of the proposed project, a status, and any related documents that have been submitted by the developer or the State.

The most recent PLUS review hybrid meeting was held on March 23, 2022. Agendas for all previous PLUS meetings can be found here.

More information about PLUS will be presented at the April 2022 Working Group meeting. In the meantime, if you have questions for the PLUS Team or require additional information about PLUS projects in Sussex County, please contact Dorothy Morris, AICP at Dorothy.Morris@delaware.gov.



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