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## Your Update to the Five Points Transportation Study

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## Project News



### Upcoming Working Group Meeting

**Monday, October 23, 2023**

**Hybrid Meeting – Cape Henlopen High School and via Zoom**

The next meeting of the Five Points Transportation Study Working Group will be held on **Monday, October 23, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.** Similar to previous Working Group meetings, this will be a hybrid meeting. The Project Team will provide an update on the status of the Five Points Transportation Study Implementation Plan. Other discussion topics may include\*:

- Office of State Planning Coordination (OSPC) update on development trends
- Henlopen Transportation Improvement District (TID)
- Recently adopted transportation bills in Delaware
- Project updates from DeIDOT Project Development South

[Please click here](#) to view the video presentation and meeting packet from the April 24, 2023 Working Group meeting.

**We hope to see you on October 23!!**

\* Please note: the public may attend in-person, but due to limited space, is encouraged to attend via Zoom. Zoom access information will be provided in the coming weeks.

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



### June Public Workshop Recap

The annual Five Points Transportation Study Public Workshop was held in-person at Cape Henlopen High School on June 12, 2023 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Leah Kacanda, Five Points Transportation Study Consultant Team Project Manager, and Jennifer Cinelli, DeIDOT Project Manager, presented an overview of the

[2022 Five Points Transportation Study Annual Report](#) and the key study accomplishments from last year.

Attendees then circulated through various workshop stations to learn more about other DelDOT and Sussex County efforts going on in the Five Points area including the Henlopen Transportation Improvement District (TID); DelDOT's active transportation planning including bicycle/pedestrian and trails facilities; Sussex County Planning Department; the Office of State Planning Coordination's PLUS (Preliminary Land Use Service) process; the ongoing Coastal Corridors Study; and DelDOT's Project Development activities including information on the Plantation Road Intersection Improvement Study which broke ground in early 2023.



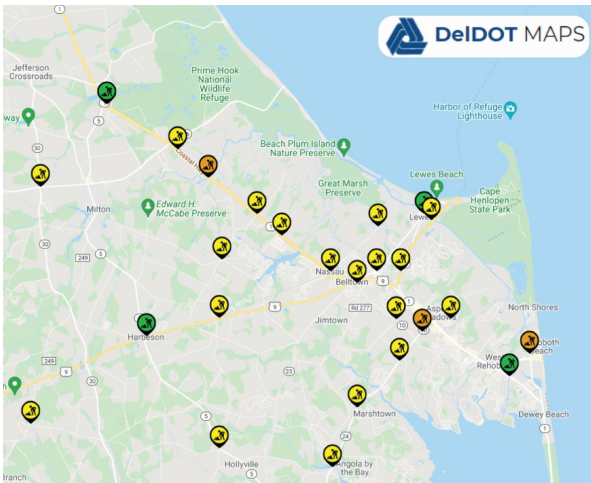
We had 55 members of the public attend! If you missed the workshop or could not attend, [please click here](#) to view the pre-recorded presentation.



## SR 9/Minos Conaway Road Traffic Signal



The new traffic signal at State Route 9 and Minos Conaway is expected to be active by the end of October! As you may recall this is Working Group Recommendation C-2. Check out this and other recommendations in the [Five Points Transportation Study Implementation Plan Status Report](#).



## Area Project Updates

### Active DelDOT Projects In and Around Five Points

At the Working Group's request, DelDOT is 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 selection of projects.

[View the Interactive Map Here.](#)

- [Bridge 3-714 on S266 \(New Road\) over Canary Creek](#)
- [Plantation Road Improvements, Robinsonville Road to US 9](#)
- [Plantation Road Improvements, SR](#)
- [SR 1 & SR 16 Grade Separated Intersection](#)
- [SR 1 at S264 & S258 Intersection Improvements](#)
- [SR 1 and Cave Neck Road Grade](#)

[24 to US 9 - Phase 2](#)

- [Realignment of Old Orchard Road at Wescoats Corner](#)

[Separated Intersection](#)

- [SR 1, Minos Conaway Road Grade Separated Intersection](#)
- [SR 24, Mulberry Knoll to SR 1](#)
- [SR 24, Love Creek to Mulberry Knoll Road](#)
- [Cave Neck Road, Hudson and Sweetbriar Roads Intersection Improvement](#)

**NEW!**

## **Traffic Signal at Mulberry Knoll Road and SR24**

A new traffic signal is active at the intersection of Mulberry Knoll Road and SR 24/John J. Williams Highway. The signal is required to allow left turn movements off SR 24, in newly constructed turn pockets, and to also assist traffic on Mulberry Knoll to enter SR 24 safely. Improvements at this intersection are anticipated to be complete in 2025.



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## **Back to School Edition**

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) wants you to know that it is illegal in all 50 states to pass a school bus when the red lights are flashing and the stop arms are extended and:

- From 2011 to 2020, a total of 218 school-age children (18 and younger) died in school-bus-related crashes during that period, either as occupants of school buses or other vehicles, or on foot or bike. Of the 218 deaths, 85 were children who were walking.
- From 2000-2021, there were 53 fatalities in crashes that involved a driver illegally passing a stopped school bus, an average of 2.4 fatalities a year. Almost half of those fatalities (25) were pedestrians who were 18 years old or younger.
- In the National Association of State Directors of Pupil Transportation Services 2022 Stop Arm survey, 79,859 school bus drivers reported that 51,593 vehicles passed their buses illegally on a single day during the 2020-21 school year. Throughout a 180-day school year, these sample results point to more than 41.8 million violations per year among America's motoring public.



With these sobering statistics it is not hard to understand why the most dangerous part of the school bus ride for a student is getting on and off the bus. But Delaware is taking action to make getting to school safer and put more pressure on drivers who may not stop for a bus's flashing red lights. Enacted in 2020 by the Delaware General Assembly, [Laura's Law](#) gives public school districts and charter schools the power to install external cameras

on school buses and creates a graduated system of fines for drivers caught passing school buses illegally. The law is named for a Red Clay Consolidated School District student who was almost hit while entering the school bus. Here are the details:

- The installation of cameras by school districts is not mandatory;
- School buses with cameras must display a reflective sign on the front and the back of the bus that says “Fine for Passing When Red Lights are Flashing”
- Districts using cameras must issue at least one public service announcement each year warning residents of the district of the camera use and the impending fines if they pass a school bus with cameras
- Drivers will be fined \$250 for the first violation; fines increase by an additional \$250 per offense not to exceed \$750 within a 10-year period. All fines collected are used for installation, operation and maintenance of the cameras.



Communities across the country will be celebrating [National School Bus Safety Week](#) from October 16-20, 2023. Here's what motorists can do to make sure the school year is safe for everyone:

- Pay attention. Stay alert. Do not drive distracted.
- Always stop if there is a school bus.
- Yellow flashing lights indicate the bus is preparing to stop to load or unload children. Motorists should slow down and prepare to stop their vehicles.
- Motorists may begin moving **only** when the red flashing lights are turned off, the stop arm is withdrawn, and the bus begins to move.
- Never pass on the right side of the bus, where children enter or exit. This is illegal and can have tragic results.
- Slow Down. Watch for children walking in the street, especially if there are no sidewalks in the neighborhood. Watch for children playing and gathering near bus stops.

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