



# Following Five Points

## December 2025

Your Update to the Five Points Transportation Study

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## Project News

### Working Group Meeting

The Five Points Transportation Study Working Group met for the last time on Monday, November 10, 2025, with most DelDOT staff, Consultant Team members and Working Group members attending in person at the Cape Henlopen High School Library. The meeting included a review and status update of the **Five Points Transportation Study Implementation Plan**. As of this meeting, there were 76 of 78 recommendations in progress, ongoing or completed.

Visit the project website [view the meeting recording and meeting packet](#).

Secretary of Transportation Shanté Hastings and Sussex County Administrator Todd Lawson opened the meeting by thanking the Working Group members, past and

present, for their commitment to the study. Secretary Hastings and Mr. Lawson acknowledged DelDOT and Sussex County leadership and all the work that has been done to advance projects in the Five Points Area. They both urged the public to stay engaged and stated that DelDOT and Sussex County will be utilizing its partnership and resources to push more studies and projects forward.

Secretary Hastings also provided an overview of the [FY27-FY32 Capital Transportation Program \(CTP\)](#) including a review of FY26 DelDOT funding and revenue as well as historical and projected state and federal anticipated funding expenditures by fiscal year. She presented some changes for the FY25-FY-30 and FY27-FY32 CTP and Implementation Plan noting that the right-of-way (RW) and construction (C) categories has been removed from projects due to funding uncertainties; these categories will be added back in once more specific details of a project are known. She also noted that a Sustainable Transportation Funding Task Force has been established to review the Transportation Trust Fund (TTF) and identify and evaluate innovative transportation funding mechanisms. The Task Force will provide recommendations to the Governor by December 2026.

Additional information on the CTP process can be found on the [DelDOT website](#).

Other agenda items included:

**Sussex County Transportation Operations Management Plan (TOMP) -**

Beth Hermansader, Assistant Director of Planning at DelDOT, provided an overview of the TOMP update including data inputs and analysis, how the data was used to evaluate identified focus areas within Sussex County, and specific recommendations. Based on the results, DelDOT selected nine (9) areas as congested areas for detailed analysis. Beth highlighted Focus Area B, which encompasses SR 1 and SR 16, but noted this area was not fully evaluated due to the ongoing grade separated intersection project at this location. She also highlighted Focus Area E and noted that the TOMP recommendations include a study to evaluate transit signal priority strategies from US9 to Colins Road along SR1, non-intrusive signal detection to improve safety and reduce delays, and implementation of the SR1 Low Stress Bikeway Study. [Visit DelDOT's TOMP website](#) for more information on DelDOT's TOMP process and to view and download the [2025 Sussex County TOMP](#).

## Sussex County Transportation Operations Management Plan



Revision: 1  
2025 Sussex County TOMP  
June 30, 2025

**Project Development South Construction Updates** – Bryan Behrens, DeLDOT Project Engineer, provide updates on key ongoing construction projects in the Five Points area. Bryan highlighted the construction that began at SR1 and Minos Conaway Road in July summarized the work that would be taking place under Phases 1 and 2 of the project. He also noted that the design is now complete for the Realignment of Old Orchard Road at Westcoats Corner and that construction was slated to begin in November 2025. Designs are progressing on both the US 9 Widening and Plantation Road Phase 2 projects. For more information on and to keep track of these and other projects, [please visit the DeLDOT Projects Portal](#).

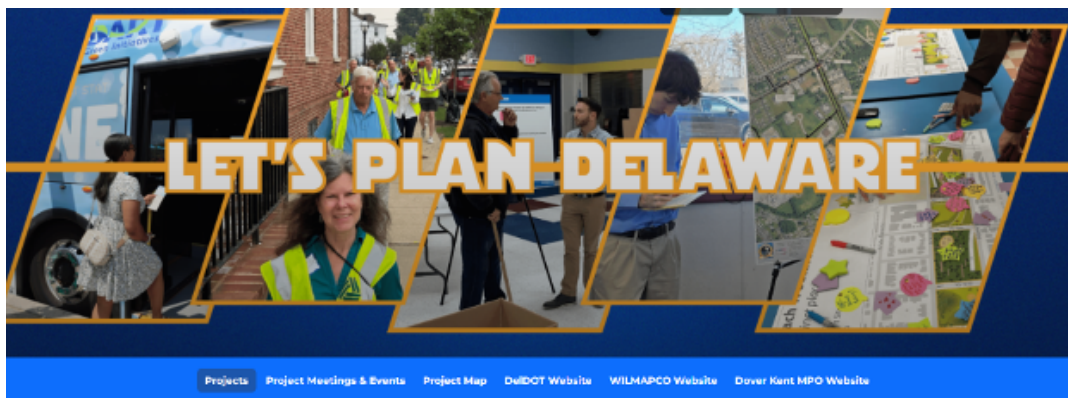


### Introducing...Let's Plan Delaware!!

By now you may have noticed some exciting updates and changes to what was

DeIDOT Interact, DeIDOT's public engagement portal. Earlier this year, DeIDOT, the Wilmington Area Planning Council (WILMAPCO), and Dover/Kent Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) made the decision to combine public outreach efforts for transportation planning and programming into one portal to streamline engagement, share data and resources, and collaborate more effectively.

As a result, the project portal has a new banner image and has been [rebranded to "Let's Plan Delaware"](#). This title is reflective of DeIDOT's efforts to do comprehensive transportation planning throughout the entire state, in collaboration with WILMAPCO and Dover/Kent MPO. While the old title, DeIDOT Interact has been phased out, all the other features of the site remain the same. Log and check it out today!

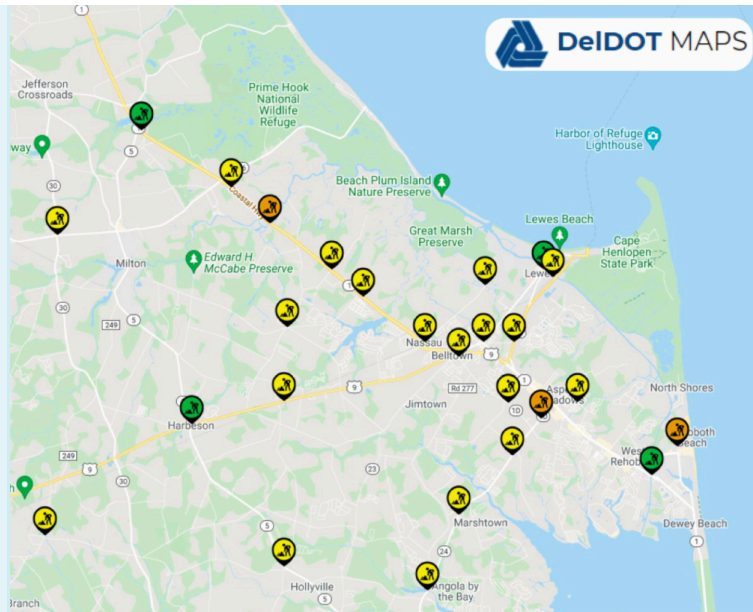


## Area Project Updates

### Active DeIDOT Projects In and Around Five Points

At the Working Group's request, DeIDOT 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](#)



- [Bridge 3-714 on S266 \(New Road\) over Canary Creek](#)
- [Removal of Bridge 3-928R, Lewes 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 & SR 16 Grade Separated Intersection](#)
- [SR 1 at S264 & S258 Intersection Improvements](#)
- [SR 1 and Cave Neck Road Grade 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](#)

## **Coastal Corridors Study News – Take the Survey!**

A public workshop for the Coastal Corridors Study was held on Tuesday, December 2, 2025, at Georgetown Middle School. The workshop began with a presentation that covered the Coastal Corridors Phase 2 implementation objectives and priority

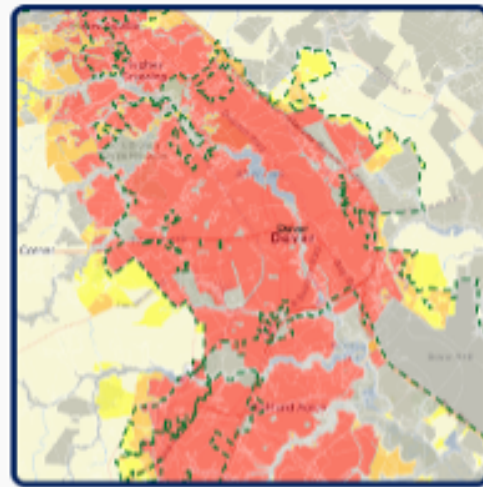
initiatives, results of transportation and land use analyses, and potential mitigation concepts. After the presentation, attendees moved into an open house to view display boards on the overall Coastal Corridors Study and related studies including [SR16 through Milton](#), [US9 Corridor Study](#), SR24 Study, [the Newton Road Corridor Study](#), and the [2026 Statewide Freight Plan Update](#). Other workshop stations included the [Sussex County Department of Planning](#) and the [Office of State Planning and Coordination's \(OSPC\) Preliminary Land Use Service, or PLUS](#).



Don't worry - if you missed the workshop, there is still time to provide input! The [workshop presentation and presentation boards](#) are available on the [project website](#) for your review. After reviewing the materials, help DelDOT identify community priorities by [completing the survey](#)! It should take about 5 minutes to complete; survey responses will be accepted until **January 9, 2026**. Corridor-specific work will be progressing throughout 2026. The project team will be reviewing stakeholder and public feedback early in the new year. Head to the [project website to sign-up for updates](#) and stay informed on these important studies.

### **Delaware Strategies for Policies and State Spending - UPDATE**

As we have been reporting, the Office of State Planning Coordination (OSPC) is updating the [Delaware Strategies for Policies and State Spending \(State Strategies\)](#), as required by law every five years.



The 2025 State Strategies was released by the Cabinet Committee on State Planning Issues (CCSPI) for public review on September 10, 2025. During the 30-day comment period, the OSPC hosted [3 public workshops](#) and received over 80 comments. On behalf of the CCSPI, OSPC has prepared [a document to categorize, summarize, and respond to all comments](#) on the draft State Strategies document and maps. The Draft Strategies and Investment Level map are expected to be presented to and approved by the Governor in December 2025.

### **On the Move with DeIDOT - Paratransit Overview of an Essential Service**

During the [latest episode of the podcast](#), C.R. McLeod, Director of Community Relations at DeIDOT, discusses the ins and outs paratransit services in Delaware with John Sisson, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Delaware Transit Corporation (DTC). This episode highlights how paratransit works in Delaware, a service designed to provide accessible transportation for riders with disabilities who cannot use fixed-route buses. C.R. and John discuss eligibility criteria, how to book rides (via phone or the DART Connect app), and how paratransit complements regular transit to ensure mobility for everyone. The episode stresses paratransit's role in promoting independence, community access, and equity for people with limited mobility.

DeIDOT is looking for podcast topics! If there is a transportation topic you would like to learn more about, please send an email to [DOTPR@delaware.gov](mailto:DOTPR@delaware.gov) with "Podcast Topic" in the subject line.



## Knowledge Corner

### Tips for Safe Holiday Driving

As the 2025 holiday season ramps up, DeIDOT wants you to be safe on the roads. The National Highway Transportation Safety Administration (NHTSA) published the following statistics about driving in December:

- During the 2019-2023 December months, there were 4,931 people killed in alcohol-impaired-driving crashes. In December 2023 alone, 1,038 people died in alcohol-impaired-driving crashes.
- Nighttime driving in December 2023 was significantly more dangerous than daytime driving, with 30% of drivers involved in fatal traffic crashes between the hours of 6 p.m. and 5:59 a.m. being drunk. Almost half (47%) of drivers involved in fatal crashes between the hours of midnight and 2:59 a.m. were drunk.

- Young drivers ages 21-34 accounted for the highest percentage (27%) of alcohol-impaired drivers involved in fatal traffic crashes in December 2023.

According to [Delaware's Office of Highway Safety \(OHS\)](#):



The higher risk during holiday travel isn't just about alcohol. Increased traffic overall, fatigue, hurried schedules, and distractions all combine to make the season particularly hazardous. These patterns make the holiday season among the most dangerous times of the year for road users.

### What can you do?

- **Plan ahead and maintain your vehicle**
  - Before a holiday trip, check critical items like battery, tire pressure, windshield wipers, and fuel. AAA recommends ensuring your vehicle is "road ready".
  - Build extra time into your travel schedule. Between crowds, traffic, and winter weather, rushing increases risk.
  - [Download the DeIDOT app](#) to plan your route, check weather conditions, locations of EV charging stations, and other DeIDOT news before you go.



- **Avoid impaired driving — always**

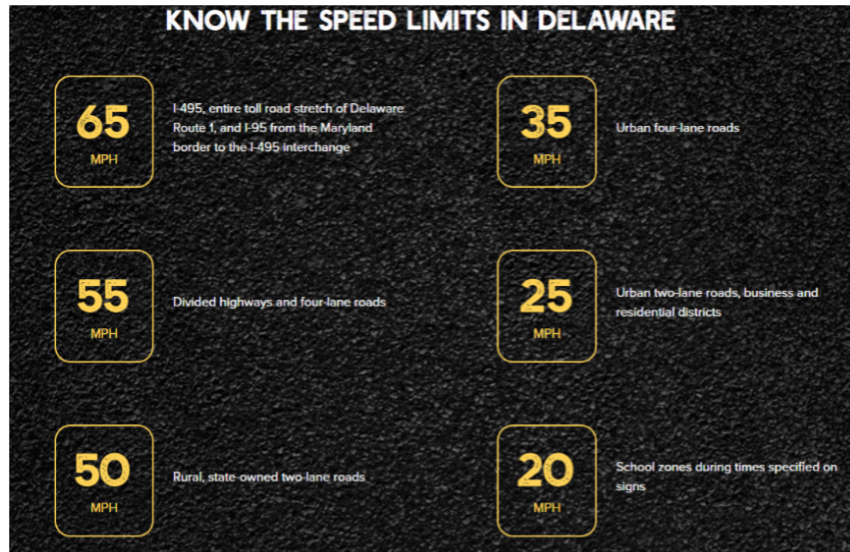
- If you'll be drinking, plan a sober ride in advance — designate a driver, use a rideshare, or take public transportation.
- If you're hosting, provide non-alcoholic options, collect keys from anyone who has been drinking and insists on driving, and have taxi numbers or rideshare apps ready for those who can't drive.

- **Stay alert and avoid fatigue**

- According to AAA, driving on just 4 or 5 hours of sleep can be as risky as driving with a 0.08 blood alcohol content (BAC) (i.e., legally intoxicated). For less than 4 hours of sleep, the risk essentially doubles.
- On long trips, take a break every 2 hours or every 100 miles. Switch drivers if possible, or park safely and take a short nap (20–30 minutes) to recharge.

- **Drive defensively and courteously**

- Follow posted speed limits.
- Avoid distractions — put away phones and resist the urge to multitask while driving.
- Always wear seat belts — buckle up every time, regardless of how short the trip may be.



[Visit Arrive Alive DE](#) for more tips on how to stay safe on Delaware's roadways, not just during the holidays, but every day.

**We wish you a safe and happy holiday season!**

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