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Your Update to the Five Points Transportation Study

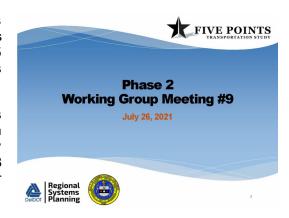
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Working Group Meeting #9 Recap

The ninth meeting of the Five Points Transportation Study Working Group was held virtually on Monday, July 26; 15 members of the public also attended this online meeting.

The meeting included a review and status updates of the Five Points Transportation Study Implementation Plan. As of the July Working Group meeting, there are 51 of 78 recommendations in progress, ongoing or completed.



The meeting began with an opportunity for Working Group members to provide input and feedback on the Five Points Transportation Study. The Project Team asked two questions:

What completed effort in the Five Points area has had the most impact? Working Group member responses included:

- Speed limit reduction on SR 1 from 55 miles per hour (mph) to 45 mph
- Completion of the Henlopen Transportation Improvement District (TID)
- Re-signing the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Sussex County
- Improvements at the Clay Road intersection
- Congestion alerts through the DelDOT app
- Historic Lewes Byway has transitioned to a citizen-led group

What recommendations from the Implementation Plan are you most interested in DelDOT and Sussex County moving forward? Working Group member responses included:

- More coordination between development and roadway improvements; making sidewalks, intersection improvements, etc. a condition of the development and then making sure those improvements are actually implemented
- Continued work on New Road and Minos Conaway Road

- Continue moving traffic in a safe manner through the Route 9, Beaver Dam, and Plantation Road area
- Improvements to New Road/Service Road
- Improvements on Old Orchard Road, Nassau Bridge, Savannah Road, and New Road
- Improvements to sidewalks on Savannah Road
- · Conduct low-stress bikeway study
- Pedestrian bridges over SR 1
- Overall improvements to the quality of life in the Five Points area

Study Team member Jeff Riegner presented an update on the SR 1 Pedestrian Bridges Study. The Pedestrian Bridges Study correlates to recommendation D-6 in the study Implementation Plan. After evaluating several locations along SR 1 between Nassau Road and SR 24, the Study Team selected three potential locations for further study: two locations in the northern end of the study area near the intersection of Route 9 and SR 1, and another in the vicinity of Tanger Outlets.

Moving forward, the overall SR 1 Pedestrian Bridge Study will be incorporated into the ongoing SR 1 Low-street Bikeway Study. Concepts will be developed for each pedestrian bridge and opportunities for public feedback on the concepts will be provided in the near future. Other considerations with regard to pedestrian bridges across SR 1 include ADA accessibility, aesthetics and design, and right-of-way availability.

For more information on the Working Group meeting and the Pedestrian Bridges Study, click here

<u>Upcoming Working Group Meeting:</u>

Monday, October 25, 2021 @ 6:00 p.m.



The next meeting of the Five Points Transportation Study Working Group will be held on Monday, October 25, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

This meeting will be held virtually via Zoom. We will provide more information as the meeting date approaches.

Area Project Updates



- 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 RR Swing Bridge over the Lewes

Active DelDOT Projects In and Around Five Points

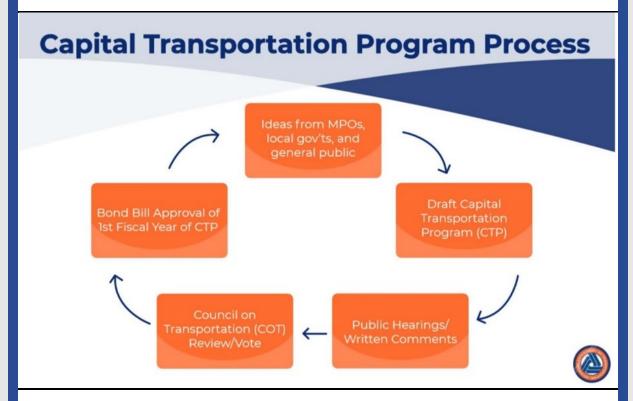
At the Working Group's request, DelDOT is providing a map of active projects in and around the Five Points area. Use the map to view any active project and/or visit the links below to view the websites for a selection of projects.

View the Interactive Map Here.

- <u>SR 1 & SR 5 Intersection</u> <u>Improvements</u>
- SR 1 & SR 16 Grade Separated Intersection
- <u>SR 1 & S258 Intersection</u> <u>Improvements</u>

- and Rehoboth Canal
- US 9 and SR 5 Intersection
- <u>Plantation Road Improvements,</u> <u>Robinsonville Road to US 9</u>
- <u>Plantation Road Improvements, SR</u> 24 to US 9 - Phase 2
- Realignment of Old Orchard Road at Wescoats Corner
- SR 1 & S264 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

What Time is it? It's CTP Time!



Two years go by fast, don't they? It seems like just yesterday we were sitting together at the July 2019 Working Group Meeting at Cape Henlopen High School listening to Shanté Hastings, DelDOT's Deputy Secretary and Chief Engineer, make a presentation about DelDOT's Capital Transportation Program (CTP) process. A lot has happened in the world, in Delaware, and in the Five Points area since then so we thought it may be useful to provide a refresher on the CTP process itself as well as some key upcoming dates.

Every two years the Department of Transportation develops a 6-year CTP that identifies anticipated capital investments. Right now, DelDOT and its partners - the Wilmington Area Planning Council (WILMAPCO), Dover/Kent County Metropolitan Planning Organization, Salisbury-Wicomico Metropolitan Planning Organization, and Sussex County — are developing the **Draft FY23 to FY28 CTP**. The CTP will provide information on various DelDOT capital and maintenance programs, and on the estimated cost expenditures for the project phasing of a capital project that are anticipated in each specific fiscal year.

DelDOT, in conjunction with the <u>Council on Transportation (COT)</u>, made the **Draft FY23 to FY28 CTP** available following its meeting on **August 18, 2021**. During the month of September, virtual Public Workshops will be held in each county.

Mark your calendars – The CTP public workshop for Sussex County will be held virtually on **September 29, 2021, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.** Workshop log-in/access information will be posted on the **DelDOT Public Meetings/Workshop Calendar** in the coming weeks. Please check back for updates.

For more information on the CTP process and the Draft FY23 to FY28 CTP, click here.

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Slow Down. Enjoy the Ride. Save a Life.



Labor Day Weekend 2021 will potentially look a lot different than Labor Day Weekend 2020. People feel more comfortable traveling which means more people may be on the road this year. As you head out, we advise you to **SLOW DOWN!**

Did you know that there were 9,378 speeding-related deaths in the U.S. in 2019? Speeding was a factor in 26% of all crashes nationwide in 2017. In Delaware, 35% of all crash fatalities are the result of someone driving too fast. Unfortunately, there have been over 70 crash fatalities on Delaware's roads in 2021 so far. Please **SLOW DOWN!**

Higher vehicle speeds may be a contributing factor in many crashes, increasing the severity for persons involved. Recognizing that higher speeds increase crash severity, Delaware has included Speeding as an Emphasis Area and has developed strategies to reduce speeding, which can be found in Delaware's 2021-2025 Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP) by <u>clicking here</u>.

2015 to 2019 Speeding Fatalities & Serious Injuries

- 68% were male
- 62% occurred in urban areas
- 56% occurred in single vehicle crashes
- 54% occurred in New Castle County
- 54% occurred on collector or local roads
- 50% occurred on a Friday, Saturday, or Sunday
- 41% during dark (unlit) conditions
- 35% were 20 to 29 years old
- 31% occurred between 3 PM and 8 PM
- 25% were motorcyclists
- 25% occurred on wet/snowy/icy roadways



People speed for many reasons. None of the reasons are worth these potential consequences:

- Loss of control. The faster you go, the greater chance you'll lose control of your vehicle.
- **Inability to stop in time**. Increased speed extends the distance it takes you to stop, which could lead to tragic results.
- Crash severity. A crash at 65 mph will be more severe than one at 50 mph.
- **Financial costs**. The more you exceed the speed limit, the greater the fines, points, and insurance rates you'll have to pay.
- Risk of injury or death. Speeding may be a thrill, but it also kills. Follow the speed limits.

Speeding drivers affect everyone on the road. Here's how to keep yourself safe when encountering this behavior:

- **Be aware.** Keep an eye on accelerating drivers and be prepared to react if the worst happens.
- **Move over.** If you are in the left lane and someone wants to pass, move over and let them by.
- **Keep your distance.** Speeding drivers may lose control of their vehicle more easily so give them plenty of space.
- **Avoid engaging.** If a speeding or aggressive driver tries to engage you in risky driving, don't do it.
- Call the Police. If you believe a driver is following you or harassing you, alert the police when your vehicle is stopped.

The Delaware Office of Highway Safety (OHS) is on a mission to make Delaware the first state in safe roadways for all.

For more roadway safety tips and information on other OHS programs and events, <u>click</u> <u>here</u>.

You can also follow OHS on social media @highwaysafetyde or #ArriveAliveDe.

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