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Project News

Working Group Meeting #5 Recap

The fifth meeting of the Five Points Transportation Study Working Group was held virtually on Monday, July 27; 27 members of the public also attended this online meeting.

The meeting included a review and status update of the Five Points Transportation Study Implementation Plan. As of the July Working Group meeting, there are 42 of 78 recommendations in progress, ongoing or completed.

John Fiori, coordinator of DelDOT's Bicycle Program, gave a presentation to inform Working Group members on what DelDOT has done and continues to do to support bicycling and improve infrastructure and safety. John noted that Delaware is a Bicycle-Friendly State and that the City of Lewes is a Bicycle-Friendly Community. Updates were also provided on area trails and bicycle facilities including the Junction and Breakwater Trail, Georgetown-Lewes Trail, trails and crossings in Cape Henlopen State Park as well as the bicycle lanes on Savannah Road. John also presented information related to bicycle-related projects currently underway by the Division of Transportation Solutions (DOTS) as well as a review of Delaware bicycle laws and recent updates to bicycle safety information.

Other Working Group comments/discussion topics included a recap of the virtual open house held in May and June and a desire for increased bicyclist safety and awareness.

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"Online Meeting" by Tippawan Sookruay from the Noun Project

Upcoming Working Group Meeting:
Monday, October 26 @ 6:00 p.m.

The next meeting of the Five Points Transportation Study Working Group will be held on Monday, October 26 at 6:00 p.m.



The meeting location remains to be determined, as is whether the meeting will be held in person or online. We will provide more information as it becomes available.

DTC/DART Service Updates

As Delaware continues its phased reopening plan, Delaware Transit Corporation's (DTC's) DART bus service is back up and running! As of June 15, 2020, DTC's Phase 2 operating plan included the following:

- Fixed route service is operating at pre-COVID levels.
- Service is suspended on Route 48 and Route 62.
- Beach Bus service began on June 28.

[Click Here for More Information on Beach Bus.](#)

DART reminds customers that per Governor Carney's State of Emergency Declaration (dated April 28, 2020), face coverings are required on all DART buses.

[Click here to review all of the measures DART has undertaken in response to COVID-19.](#)



Area Project Updates



Active DelDOT Projects In and Around Five Points

At the Working Group's request, DelDOT has provided 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.](#)

- [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 and Rehoboth Canal](#)
- [US 9 and SR 5 Intersection](#)
- [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 5 Intersection Improvements](#)
- [SR 1 & SR 16 Grade Separated Intersection](#)
- [SR 1 & S258 Intersection Improvements](#)
- [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](#)

Route 1 Crossover Improvements Move Forward



At its October 2019 meeting, the Five Points Transportation Study Working Group discussed safety enhancements at the unsignalized crossovers along Route 1 between Primehook Road/Sylvan Acres Road and Five Points. Mark Luszcz of DelDOT presented the results of a corridor-wide study as well as a program of improvements proposed for the next 1-2 years. Two crossovers have been upgraded since that meeting:

- **Route 5:** Median improvements were installed in May 2020 to prohibit northbound SR 1 left turns and southbound U-turns. Northbound Route 1 was widened to provide a free-flowing, inside merge lane for eastbound Route 5 left turns. Follow-up intersection lighting upgrades are presently under evaluation.
- **Minos Conaway Road:** In April 2020, the eastbound Minos Conaway Road right turn onto southbound Route 1 was upgraded with a concrete island, pavement markings, and signs to allow right-turning traffic to keep moving.

Design and construction of additional crossover improvements will take place during 2020 and 2021.

[**More information on each of the crossovers can be found here**](#)

Signal Construction at US-9 Kings Highway and Clay Road Begins



The construction of the traffic signal at US-9 Kings Highway and Clay Road began this month. A more detailed project update will be provided in the September Following Five Points email update.

[**Click here for more information.**](#)

New Trail Signage Along the Georgetown-to-Lewes Trail

To enhance bicyclist safety, new trail signage has been installed in several locations along the Georgetown-to-Lewes Trail. Signs encourage trail users to stop at roadway crossings and to signal when passing other/slower users.

Have you seen the new signs?



Knowledge Center

Byways 101: What is a Byway

A **Byway** is a secondary road that offers travelers and visitors a unique experience specific to the region. Per the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's National Scenic Byways Guide (as amended through September 2008), the defining characteristic of a byway is that they possess at least one of six special "intrinsic qualities" including recreational, scenic, archaeological, cultural, natural, and historic. [Click here for more information](#)

Explore Delaware's Byways

The Delaware Byways Program was spurred by the creation of the National Scenic Byways Program, first established in 1991 by the Federal Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA). Did you know Delaware is home to six byways? Odds are you have probably driven on at least one of them. DelDOT takes great pride in the six byways and now is the perfect time to check them out, virtually or in-person!

- For a virtual tour or to plan your byway travels, [Click Here](#).
- If you decide to visit in-person, check out Delaware's Byway Bucks Program by[Clicking Here](#).



Two of Delaware's byways are located within or near the Five Points area:



Historic Lewes Byway: Gateway to the Bayshore



Delaware Bayshore Byway

Lewes along 6 roadways including Pilottown Road, Cape Henlopen Drive, New Road, Savannah Road, Kings Highway, and Gills Neck Road. The Corridor Management Plan (CMP) was approved in late 2015.

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spanning a majority of the state. It stretches from the Historic City of New Castle to the Nassau Valley Vineyards just outside of Lewes. The original CMP was approved in late 2013 with an update approved in June 2020. An application has also been submitted to designate this byway as an All-American Road.

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