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Your Update to the Five Points Transportation Study

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Project News

Did you Take the Survey?

Please take a few minutes and let us know how we're doing! Do you have feedback on specific recommendations you believe should be advanced soon or could make a difference in the Five Points area? Let us know! **The online survey is open until June 9.**

[Click here to take the survey.](#)

Working Group Meeting #8 Recap

The eighth meeting of the Five Points Transportation Study Working Group was held virtually on Monday, April 26; 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 April Working Group meeting, 51 of 78 recommendations are in progress, ongoing, or completed.

A screenshot of a presentation slide. The slide has a white background with a blue header. The title is 'What makes a rewarding Byway experience?' in blue text. Below the title is a sub-header: 'A distinct and memorable visual experience. An experience you will want to repeat'. To the right of the text is a photograph of a field of bright orange tulips in front of a wooden building. Below the text and photo is a bulleted list: '• Scenic views', '• History', '• Recreational Opportunities', '• Safe & reliable roads', and '• Lack of traffic congestion'. On the right side of the slide, there is a vertical strip containing a small video feed of a woman, a circular logo with a blue and white design, and two grey person icons.

Kelly Valencik, Delaware Byways Coordinator for DeIDOT, and Mary Roth, Executive Director of Delaware Greenways provided an overview of the Delaware Byways Program and highlighted special features for each of the six byways located throughout the state. There are two byways located within the Five Points study area: the Delaware Bayshore Byway and the Historic Lewes Byway. The Historic Lewes Byway was designated as a byway in 2009; the Corridor Management Plan (CMP) was approved by DeIDOT in 2015. Kelly and Mary noted that while the byway is not a regulatory tool (i.e., it

does not make land use, zoning, or roadway decisions), achieving the vision and goals of the byway is a collaborative effort between the Byway Management Committee and its subcommittees, DeIDOT, Sussex County, the City of Lewes, the public, and other partners. Mary mentioned that there are several active Byway Subcommittees – Advocacy, Kings Highway Master Plan, Multi-Modal, New Road Master Plan, Public Landscape – that are always looking for more volunteers. The Byway Management Committee meets on the third Thursday of each month at 10:00 a.m.

For more information on how to join the meetings or become more involved in Byway Program, please contact Kelly (Kelly.valencik@delaware.gov) or Mary (Mroth@delawaregreenways.org).

Please visit the [Delaware Byways Program website](#) and the [Delaware Greenways website](#) for more information.

Other Working Group discussion/agenda items included:

- an overview of the 2020 Annual Report;
- an announcement of online public workshops on May 17 at 6:30 p.m. and May 19 at 12:00 p.m.; and
- a brief overview of the recently initiated Coastal Corridors study on Routes 16 and 404.

[Click Here for More Information](#)

Upcoming Working Group Meeting:

Monday, July 26, 2021 @ 6:00 p.m.



The next meeting of the Five Points Transportation Study Working Group will be held on Monday, July 26, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting location is to be determined. We will provide more information as it becomes available.

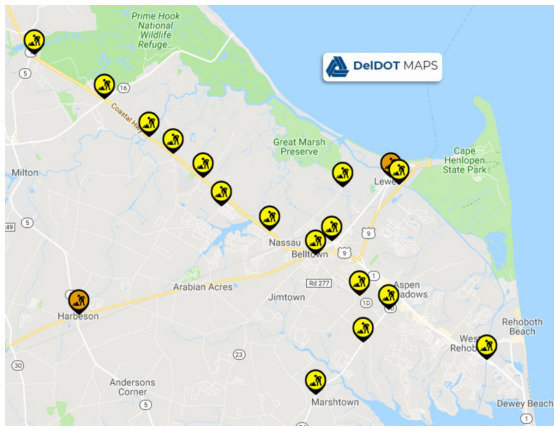
Online Public Workshops – Thanks for Attending!



DeIDOT and Sussex County were pleased to have such a great turnout – 43 people – for our online public workshops held on Monday, May 17 and Wednesday, May 19. Study team members offered a presentation and answered your questions in real-time.

In case you missed the workshops, the 2020 Annual Report and presentation materials are available on the [study website](#).

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.](#)

- [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](#)

Knowledge Center

Work Zone Safety



In 2020, there were over 47,000 work zones across the state of Delaware, ranging from minor utility adjustments, roadway maintenance activities, repaving projects, and incident scenes to large capital highway improvement projects such as the [I-95 Restore the Corridor](#) project in Wilmington. Over the course of 2020, there were more than 250 crashes in work zones statewide, the majority of which could be attributed to inattentive driving and speeding. All motorists must pay attention in work zones, reduce their speed, and expect the unexpected. Work zones have changing traffic patterns, lane closures, lane shifts, and unexpected stopping conditions. Paying attention can prevent work zone crashes. Workers that are providing services to improve and maintain our roadways need your help to keep them safe. They all have families, and at the end of the day, want to be able to go home to their loved ones. Don't let that text or phone call distract

you as you travel through work zones. April was Work Zone Safety month in Delaware. During National Work Zone Safety Awareness Week, a DeIDOT truck was struck in a work zone – thankfully, there were only minor injuries, but it could have been much worse.

At our last several Working Group meetings, we have been talking about the upcoming roadway construction projects that will be taking place throughout the Five Points Study Area. In some locations, construction barrels and signage are already starting to appear. When you see orange road signs, construction barrels, cones, or vehicles along or in the roadway with their lights flashing, remember to be alert, obey the signs and direction of flaggers, and be prepared for slowing or stopped traffic. Always respect work zone speed limits and remember that fines are doubled for most traffic violations within work zones.

Additionally, Delaware has a Move Over Law. When you see a stopped emergency vehicle, DeIDOT vehicle, utility maintenance vehicle, or tow truck on the shoulder with its lights flashing, you must slow down and move over one lane if you are safely able to do so. If you can't move over, slow down to 10 MPH below the speed limit as you pass the vehicle. This is to protect our first responders and maintenance workers when they are working an incident scene or shoulder work zone.

DeIDOT is making safer work zones a priority. For more information on work zone safety, the Move Over Law, and higher fines in work zones [please click here.](#)

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