



November 2019



Your Update to the Five Points Transportation Study

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Project News

Working Group Meeting #3 Recap

The Five Points Working Group met for the third time on October 28; 24 members of the public also attended the meeting. The meeting focused on a review and status update of the Five Points Implementation Plan. 33 of the 78 recommendations are now in progress or completed.

Special presentations were given by DeIDOT staff on the pros and cons of re-striping Savannah Road with a two-way left turn lane (Recommendation #C-8); an update on DeIDOT's Project Development Process; and an update on SR1 crossovers and grade separations (Recommendation #A-1). Other comments and/or discussion from Working Group members included the need for filling in sidewalk gaps along Savannah Road and the need for additional bicycle and pedestrian safety measures and education throughout the Five Points area.

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Upcoming Working Group Meetings: Mark Your Calendar

Working Group meetings have been scheduled for the following dates:

Monday, January 27, 2020, 6:00 p.m.

Monday, April 27, 2020, 6:00 p.m.



Please note that these meetings will be held at **Beacon Middle School** at 19483 John J. Williams Highway. Members of the public are welcome to attend! We hope to see you there!

You're Invited!

WHAT: Public Workshop
WHEN: Spring 2020



Plans are under way for a public workshop. Come hear about the progress made on the Five Points Project in 2019 and help DeIDOT set priorities for 2020 and beyond!

More information coming soon!

Coming Soon: Redesigned Five Points Transportation Study Web Site

DeIDOT and the Project Team are in the process of redesigning the Five Points Transportation Study website. The revamped site will still include all relevant project-related information, but it will also include more pictures and graphics, be easier to navigate, and overall improve the user's experience. The website revisions are on-going so check back regularly to see what's new!



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Area Project Updates



Active DeIDOT Projects In and Around Five Points

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

- [SR1 & SR5 Intersection Improvements](#)
- [Route 16 Grade Separated Intersection](#)
- [R1 & S258 Intersection Improvements](#)
- [BR 3-155N&S on SR1 over Broadkill River](#)
- [SR1 & S264 Intersection Improvements](#)
- [SR1 and Cave Neck Road Grade Separated Intersection](#)
- [SR 1, Minos Conaway Road Grade Separated Intersection](#)
- [HSIP SC, US 9 and SR 5 Intersection](#)
- [Plantation Road Improvements, Robinsonville Road to US 9](#)
- [Plantation Road Improvements R 24 to US 9 - Phase 2](#)
- [Realignment of Old Orchard Road at Wescoats Corner](#)
- [BR 3-714 on S266 New Road over Canary Creek](#)
- [BR 3-928R, Lewes RR Swing Bridge over the Lewes Rehoboth Canal](#)
- [SR 24, Mulberry Knoll to SR 1](#)
- [SR 24, Love Creek to Mulberry Knoll](#)

Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety

Fall is in full swing, which means the days getting shorter and shorter. Commuting home after dark is common, so it's important to be even more aware of

cyclists and pedestrians in the roadway.

Remember that [under Delaware law](#), drivers are required to yield to pedestrians in the crosswalk. Always make sure to stop for pedestrians until they are out of the roadway. If you're walking home after dark, make sure to stay on sidewalks and if none are available, walk facing traffic as far away from vehicles as possible. Be sure to make yourself visible by wearing reflective materials or carrying a flashlight. Make sure to use the crosswalks, and make smart crossing decisions. For more information visit [DelDOT's pedestrian safety website](#).



Cyclists should stay as far to the right of the road as possible. But they are more vulnerable to roadway hazards than cars, and the experience and skill of cyclists can vary significantly. So always leave at least three feet between your car and a cyclist when you pass them in the roadway. Cyclists and pedestrians alike should make sure to wear reflective gear if they will be in the roadways after dark.

The Delaware Bicycle Council provides a variety of resources [on their website](#). You can also find the full statewide policy plan, "A Blueprint for a Bicycle-Friendly Delaware," [here](#).

Recommendations for bicycle and pedestrian safety and amenities have been included in the Five Points Transportation Study Implementation Plan. [For more info click here](#)

Kings Highway Project Update

Due to the approval of major developments in the Kings Highway and Gills Neck Corridors, traffic studies and safety called for Kings Highway to be widened to a multi-lane highway and Gills Neck Road to be widened to include shoulders and/or bypass lanes where warranted.

The Historic Lewes Byway Committee completed the Kings Highway and Gills Neck Road Master Plan in late 2016. Where practical and where maintenance responsibilities are secured, sections of the corridor are recommended to be a landscaped boulevard and serve as a gateway enhancement into Lewes, to the Cape May Lewes Ferry, and to Cape Henlopen State Park. Gills Neck Road would complement the remaining historic landscapes.



The master plan effort also recommended that the improvements reflect the historic character of Lewes and be walkable and bikeable. It called for a more urban design of Kings Highway: two lanes in each direction with a landscaped median and landscaped roadsides that are context sensitive. In other areas east of Gills Neck Road, the landscaped median is then recommended as a center turn lane. The plan also called for a landscaped roadside and traffic calming measures along Gills Neck Road where feasible. DelDOT currently has the Kings Highway Corridor under a capital project, the initial design stages are slated to begin in 2022.

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Henlopen TID

The Henlopen Transportation Improvement District (TID) Study future year traffic analysis and identification of improvements is complete and was reviewed with Sussex County staff earlier this fall. DelDOT presented the analysis findings to the Sussex County Council on November 19th and will be working with the County to identify next steps, including additional public outreach in early 2020. The traffic analyses conducted as part of this effort are related to Five Points Working Group Recommendations A-6, A-7, C-1, C-3, C-7, C-19, E-2, and E-3.

More information on the Henlopen TID will be provided in the December update and at the January 27 Working Group meeting.

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What is the Council on Transportation?

The Council on Transportation (COT) is a nine-member advisory panel appointed by the governor, and made up of business and community leaders who have expressed interest in transportation subjects and have demonstrated expertise or experience that would help in evaluating relevant issues and programs.

The Council serves in an advisory capacity to the secretary, deputy secretary, and directors of the Department of Transportation and the governor on issues relating to transportation and other matters that can help DeIDOT in providing the best possible transportation services for the traveling public.

The role of the council is to help set transportation priorities, approve highway realignments, review certificates of convenience and necessity, and adopt DeIDOT's Capital Transportation Program (CTP), making sure that the public is well-informed and involved in the planning process and that these projects are in the community's best interest.

The Council on Transportation will be reviewing the proposed CTP at its next regular meeting on Monday, December 16, 2019 at 3 p.m. at the DeIDOT Administration Building, 800 Bay Road in Dover.

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