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Project News

Working Group Meeting #7 Recap

The seventh meeting of the Five Points Transportation Study Working Group was held virtually on Monday, January 25; 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 January Working Group meeting, 47 of 78 recommendations are in progress, ongoing, or have been completed.



Sarah Coakley, a Principal Planner in DeIDOT's Planning Division, provided a detailed overview of the recently-approved Henlopen Transportation Improvement District (TID). Sarah reviewed the TID development and how DeIDOT and Sussex County worked together to create the TID. She reviewed the recommended transportation improvements including new connector roadways, roadway widenings, traffic signals, roundabouts, turn lanes as well as various other recommended transportation and safety improvements. The presentation included an overview of the infrastructure fee program and noted that developer contributions are estimated to be approximately 23.5% of the cost of the improvements. Sarah also highlighted the monitoring program established by DeIDOT and the County to monitor the conditions within the TID area as well as progress on proposed recommendations at key intervals.

[For More Information on DeIDOT's TID Program and the Henlopen TID, Click Here.](#)

Other Working Group discussion items included statements from Working Group members on what, in relation to the Five Points Transportation Study, they are most looking forward to in 2021. As part of the discussion of recommendations D-6 and D-10 of the

Implementation Plan, Working Group members also provided input on potential locations for pedestrian bridges along SR1.

[Click Here for Meeting Information and Video Link.](#)

Upcoming Working Group Meeting:

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



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

The meeting location will remain virtual. We will provide more information as it becomes available.

Sussex County Transportation Funding is FAST

CAPITAL TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM (CTP)

FUNDING INITIATIVE

October 6, 2020



If you attended the January 25 Five Points Transportation Study Working Group meeting you may have heard that recommendation C-5 (Improve the intersection of Cave Neck Road, Sweet Briar Road and Hudson Road) is the first project within Sussex County to be funded via the newly-approved FAST Track program, or Funding Accelerating Safety in Transportation. At its December 15, 2020 meeting, the Sussex County Council approved the creation of the FAST Track program that will apply up to \$5 million in set-aside County funding to accelerate projects that are on the DelDOT's Capital Transportation Program (CTP) plan. These funds would be used for design work, right-of-way acquisition, and construction costs. DelDOT will oversee all of the projects and after each project is complete, DelDOT would reimburse Sussex County the full amount of funds provided. Sussex County officials are hopeful that by contributing local dollars, County projects that are planned for but awaiting State and federal funding would move up on DelDOT's priority list more quickly, in some cases, cutting as much as five years off a project's anticipated completion schedule.

The Cave Neck Road/Sweet Briar Road/Hudson Road intersection is the first project selected for the program. Preliminary engineering was scheduled to begin in 2025; however, under the FAST Track program, design will begin in early 2021.

[Click Here for More Information](#)

Area Project Updates

Virtual Public Workshop: SR24 Corridor Improvements

Thursday, February 25, 2021 @ 5:00 p.m.

VIRTUAL PUBLIC WORKSHOP

THURSDAY 02/25/2021 5:00 PM TO 6:00 PM

**SR24 CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS
CONSTRUCTION INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION**



The presentation will include information for eight projects on Route 24 between Route 1 and Millsboro.

[Please click here for details on how to access the workshop.](#)



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](#)

Recent Improvements and 2021 Upcoming Activities in the Study Area

The Five Points Transportation Study may have “study” in its name, but it’s



about more than just analyses and reports. Our team – the study team, the many departments within DelDOT and Sussex County – is just that; a Team. Only through combined efforts can we continue implementing Five Points Transportation Study recommendations and advancing projects already in progress to make a real difference in your daily travels, especially when it results in actual changes on the ground.

Here is a summary of improvements that have been made in the study area:

- Installation of curve warning signs on Minos Conaway Road
- Installation of short-term safety improvements at the intersection of Route 1 and Cave Neck Road
- Installation of static and variable message signs on southbound Route 1 between Dover and Milford, showing distances and times to beach destinations
- Installation of striping and overhead signs on westbound Route 9 between Route 1 and the Plantation Road connector
- Installation of a new traffic signal at Kings Highway and Clay Road
- Placement of new speed reduction pavement markings on southbound Route 1 approaching the Nassau Bridge
- Channelization and lengthening of the acceleration lane from Minos Conaway Road onto Route 1
- Extension of the Georgetown to Lewes Trail and improvement of roadway crossings

Even bigger activities are underway or coming soon! Construction continues on Route 24 between Route 1 and Mulberry Knoll Road. Construction is also scheduled to begin in 2021 on:

- New long-term crossover improvements at Route 1 and Cave Neck Road (shown below)
- New sidewalks on Savannah Road
- New shared-use path on Munchy Branch Road

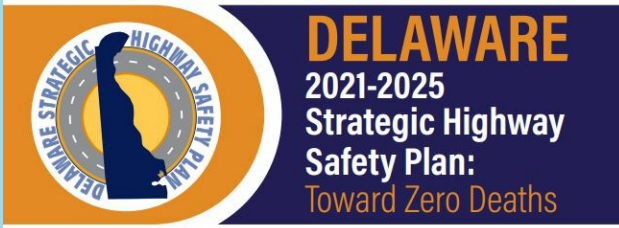
Additionally, three important capital projects are in final design and on track to begin construction in 2022 including Old Orchard Road, Plantation Road, and Route 24.

Click on the maps and/or project links provided above for more information on these and other projects in the Five Points study area.

Knowledge Center

Delaware's 2021-2025 Strategic Highway Safety Plan: Towards Zero Deaths

A Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP) is a comprehensive transportation safety plan with the goal of reducing fatalities and serious injuries on all public roads. A SHSP uses state, regional, and local crash data to establish consistent statewide goals, objectives, Emphasis Areas, priorities, and



countermeasures in coordination with stakeholders and other transportation plans.

Since 2010 more than 1,100 people have died and 5,600 people have been seriously injured on Delaware roadways. The newly-adopted [*Delaware 2021-2025 Strategic Highway Safety Plan: Toward Zero Deaths*](#) provides a framework to reduce fatalities and serious injuries on Delaware roadways. Developed through multi-agency coordination, the SHSP establishes a comprehensive, data-driven, and performance-based approach to reducing fatalities and serious injuries by **15 percent over the next five years** to ultimately reach the goal of zero fatalities and serious injuries on Delaware roadways.

Through a significant amount of outreach to transportation stakeholders, advocacy groups, and the public, eight data-driven Emphasis Areas were identified for inclusion in the SHSP.

These eight data-driven Emphasis Areas **account for 94 percent of all fatalities and 85 percent of all serious injuries** on Delaware roadways. In addition, one non-data-driven Emphasis Area, Traffic Records, was also selected, as continued data improvements are imperative for the development and implementation of a robust SHSP. Emphasis Areas represent key factors contributing to crashes for which the development of strategies and detailed actions could have the greatest potential to reduce fatalities and serious injuries. Emphasis Areas included in the SHSP include:

- Intersections
- Distracted driving
- Impaired driving
- Roadway departures
- Pedestrians
- Motorcycles
- Unrestrained motorists
- Speeding
- Traffic records

[For more information on the Delaware Strategic Highway Safety Plan click here](#)