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Working Group Meeting #10 Recap

The tenth meeting of the Five Points Transportation Study Working Group was held virtually on Monday, October 25. The meeting included a review and status updates of the Five Points Transportation Study Implementation Plan. As of the October Working Group meeting, 54 of the 78 Working Group recommendations were in progress, ongoing or completed.

Shanté Hastings, DelDOT's Deputy Secretary/Chief Engineer, provided a briefing on the Five Points intersection. The presentation included an overview of Working Group Recommendation E-1, a history of previous studies, and an overview of existing conditions and constraints in the Five Points intersection area.

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Todd Oliver, Study Team Traffic Engineer, provided a summary of traffic conditions including levels of

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service based on traffic count data from March 2021. Todd also noted the impacts of seasonal traffic on levels of service and travel through the intersection.

Todd described the intersection's crash history, and noted that since red light photo enforcement measures were installed at the intersection in 2017, angle crashes have reduced by 36 percent. Shanté provided an overview of the transportation improvements planned or currently underway in the Five Points area and highlighted the steps that DeIDOT would need to undertake to begin studying a grade-separated intersection. To conclude the presentation, Shanté explained why DeIDOT is waiting for other active projects in the Five Points area to move forward first, and stated that DeIDOT will need to decide when to move forward with a grade-separated intersection study.

<u>Click here</u> to view the Working Group Meeting materials.

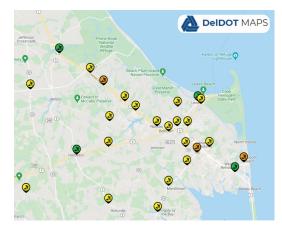
Upcoming Working Group Meeting

Monday, January 31, 2022 @ 6:00 p.m.

The next meeting of the Five Points Transportation Study Working Group will be held on Monday, January 31, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. The location for this meeting is TBD. We will provide more information as the meeting date approaches.

We hope to see you on January 31st!

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** and Rehoboth Canal
- 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

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.

- SR 1 & SR 16 Grade Separated Intersection
- SR 1 at S264 & S258 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**

Did you Attend the CTP Public Meeting for Sussex **County?**

A virtual public meeting on the FY 2023-2028 Capital Transportation Program (CTP) was conducted for Sussex County on September 29. If you were not able to attend, but would like to find out more about the Sussex County projects included in the Draft FY2023-2028 CTP, please click here to watch the recording of the meeting. The Delaware Council on Transportation (COT) will be considering all public comments received on the draft CTP at its



December 2021 meeting and will provide final approval of the CTP by March 1, 2022.

Click here for more information on the CTP process

Provide your Comments on the Mulberry Knoll Road Extension PEL Study

A virtual public workshop for the Mulberry Knoll Road Extension Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) Study was held on October 26, 2021. If you were not able to attend, workshop presentation materials, including a recording of the workshop, are posted on the <u>study website</u>. A live question-and-answer session with study team members was conducted as part of the virtual workshop, however if you have additional questions or wish to make a comment on the PEL Study please submit comments to:

dotpublic@delaware.gov

(800) 652-5600; or (302) 760-2080

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Roundabout Open at Beaver Dam Road



On October 21, DelDOT announced that the new roundabout at Beaver Dam Road, just west of Hopkins Road, is now officially open to traffic. Have you had a chance to check it out? For more information on roundabouts and the location of other roundabouts in the state, please <u>click here</u>.

Knowledge

What will the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act do for Delaware?

Passed by Congress on November 6, 2021, and signed into law by President Biden on November 15, 2021, the Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill (a.k.a. Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act) will provide \$1.2 trillion dollars for investments in roads, bridges, mass transit,

rail, airports, ports and waterways; improvements to broadband infrastructure, the electric grid and water systems; as well as building a nationwide network of plug-in electric vehicle chargers.

What can Delaware expect? DelDOT anticipates receiving an **additional \$100M per year** for the next 5 years for state-wide transportation infrastructure including:

- Additional \$40M towards our annual FHWA apportionment
- Additional \$10M towards our annual FTA apportionment
- New \$45M annually in formula funding for the Bridge Program
- New (estimated) \$3.5M annually in formula funding for EV charging infrastructure

This funding **will be added to the \$4B DelDOT is already scheduled to spend** over the next 6 years in its **Capital Transportation Program (CTP).** This new funding will be used to:

- Continue to improve safety throughout our transportation network
- Invest in our existing infrastructure to maintain a state of good repair
- Increase our bridge preservation
- Focus on resiliency and electrification of our infrastructure
- Connect communities



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