Agenda

• Introduction
• Recap of Phase 1 results
• Phase 2 implementation plan review
• Public comment
• **Welcome**
  • Secretary Jennifer Cohan, Delaware Department of Transportation
  • Todd Lawson, Sussex County
  • Self-introductions

• **Summary of notebook materials**
  • Agenda
  • Presentation
  • Phase 2 implementation plan

• **Discussion of Working Group guidelines**
• **Expectations**
  - Participate actively throughout the process
    - **11 of the 20 Working Group members must be present to meet**
  - Represent broader views in addition to individual views
  - Offer suggestions to DeIDOT and Sussex County
• How we treat each other
  • Each member has an equal right to speak and ask questions.
  • Each member is encouraged to share individual viewpoints. Individual opinions are valid whether others agree with them or not.
  • We will listen to, respect and seek to understand the views of others, particularly those perspectives that differ from our own.
  • Disagreements will be explored, not suppressed.
  • We will be courteous when addressing other committee members, staff and consultants.
  • We will refrain from interrupting each other, staff or consultants.
  • We will keep our comments relevant to the topic under discussion.
  • We will focus on opportunities for the future, not past issues.
Working group guidelines

• How we communicate
  • Ideas discussed within the Working Group should not be presented as representing the position of the Working Group without the agreement of the Working Group.
  • When speaking about the work of the Working Group outside of meetings, members are speaking for themselves only unless speaking from approved documents or positions of the Working Group.
  • In order to comply with FOIA, email communications between members of the Working Group should be sent through the DelDOT project team.
Recap of Phase 1 results
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- Partnership between DelDOT and Sussex County
- Goal of Phase 1 was to develop recommendations to improve local traffic circulation at Five Points and in the surrounding area
- Guided by a Working Group representing a cross section of the community
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- 10 WG meetings
- 2 public workshops

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George Cole
Robert Fischer
Dennis Forney
Scott Green
R. Keller Hopkins
Christian Hudson
DJ Hughes

Todd Lawson
Sen. Ernesto B. Lopez
Lloyd Schmitz
Rep. Peter Schwartzkopf
Rep. Steve Smyk
Josh Thomas
Ann Marie Townshend
Gail Van Gilder
Recap of Phase 1 results

78 recommendations in five categories

(see handout)
Recap of Phase 1 results

7 recommendations (Category A) are being addressed by current DelDOT projects and initiatives, including:

• Modifications to current capital projects: Route 1/Minos Conaway Road, Route 24, Plantation Road
• Route 24 North Millsboro Bypass
• Route 1 Corridor Capacity Preservation Program
27 recommendations (Category B) are to “implement policies and procedures to make the area more efficient, sustainable and beautiful.” Eight priorities were identified, including:

- Updates to development regulations
- Signing improvements
- Advancing TIDs
- Parking management system
- Advance acquisition process improvements (now complete)
Recap of Phase 1 results

20 recommendations (Category C) are to “make the most of existing roadway infrastructure.” Ten priorities were identified, including:

- Study to widen US 9
- Various intersection improvements
- Canary Creek bridge on New Road
- Selected improvements on existing roads
- Continued signal timing/phasing improvements
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15 recommendations (Category D) are to “make walking, bicycling, and transit more viable as alternatives to driving.” Six priorities were identified, including:

- Transit service improvements
- Walking/bicycling connections between neighborhoods
- Filling sidewalk gaps
- Studying pedestrian bridges over Route 1
Recap of Phase 1 results

9 recommendations (Category E) are to “invest in new infrastructure to support anticipated growth.” Three priorities were identified:

- Study a grade separation at Five Points
- Study a new road parallel to and west of Plantation Road
- Plan for grid road patterns in the area
Recap of Phase 1 results

- Implement policies and procedures to make the area more efficient, sustainable and beautiful (8 priorities out of 27 recommendations)
- Make the most of existing roadway infrastructure (8 priorities out of 20 recommendations)
- Make walking, bicycling, and transit more viable as alternatives to driving (5 priorities out of 15 recommendations)
- Invest in new infrastructure to support anticipated growth (3 priorities out of 9 recommendations)
Recap of Phase 1 results

• Commitments made in Phase 1:
  • DeIDOT and Sussex County will start to act on the Working Group’s recommendations
  • The Working Group will remain involved in Phase 2
  • DeIDOT and Sussex County will report on progress on a regular basis
Phase 2 implementation plan
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• Progress is already being made
  • 8 recommendations are complete or being incorporated into other projects
  • 13 initiatives are in progress
  • 15 additional recommendations will be addressed starting in 2019

• Examples of progress to date:
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SR 1 Intersection and Median Crossover Assessment (see handout)

- Collected July 2017 traffic counts
- Analyzed crash data from January 2012 to March 2019
- Developed recommendations and compared to 2007 Corridor Capacity Preservation Program
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Nine short-term recommendations (see handout)

Three currently in design

- SR 5
- Hudson Road/Steamboat Landing Road
- Oyster Rocks Road/Eagle Crest Road
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Bike box on Dartmouth Drive at SR 1
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Category B complete:

- B-4: Advance acquisition process improvements
- B-23: App to warn people of congestion and recommend alternative routes
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Category B in progress:

• B-7: Continue TID studies east and west of Route 1
• B-9: Study New Road per Byway Master Plan
• B-13: Study alternatives to both meter and slow southbound traffic approaching Five Points
• B-21: Study emergency vehicle pre-emption
• B-22: Require bike parking in new developments
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Category B priorities for 2019:

- B-1: Require new development to plan for interconnections
- B-2: Consider additional buffers/setbacks
- B-3: Study modifying SB signage in Milford
- B-5: Study Arby’s driveway
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Category C complete:

• C-2: Signal warrant study at Route 9 and Minos Conaway Road
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• **Category C in progress:**
  - C-3: Improve Old Landing and Warrington Road
  - C-4: Improve Canary Creek bridge
  - C-5: Improve Cave Neck/Sweet Briar/Hudson
  - C-9: Short-term improvements at Route 9/Plantation/Beaver Dam
  - C-10: Continue to improve traffic signal phasing, timing, and coordination
  - C-13: Study crossovers on Route 1
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• **Category C priorities for 2019:**
  - C-1: Corridor study on Route 9
  - C-7: Feasibility study for improving Minos Conaway Road
  - C-8: Feasibility study for restriping sections of Savannah Road with a two-way left-turn lane
  - C-19: Study all-way STOP at Beaver Dam/Kendale
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Category D in progress:

• D-14: Feasibility study for bicyclist left turns from Dartmouth Drive
• D-15: Study opportunities for pedestrian crossings on Kings Highway and Freeman Highway
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Category D priorities for 2019:

• D-1: Feasibility study for van or jitney service loop
• D-4: Study of sidewalk gaps along New Road and Old Orchard Road
• D-5: Study of sidewalk gaps along Savannah Road between Lewes and Five Points
• D-7: Feasibility study for transit service in the Milton/Red Mill Pond/Minos Conaway Road area
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Category E priorities for 2019:

• E-2: Study a new road parallel to and west of Plantation Road
• E-3: Plan for grid road patterns in the area
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• DelDOT and Sussex County will start to act on the Working Group’s recommendations
  • Draft implementation plan is in place
  • Individual projects, as they move forward, will remain connected to the overall Five Points framework
    • Your effort will help us establish “purpose and need” for these projects
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• The Phase 2 Working Group will advise on implementation
  • DelDOT and the County appreciate the Working Group providing the local knowledge needed to implement projects successfully
Phase 2 implementation plan

• What will the group do?
  • Meet 2-3 times per year
  • Monitor the progress of the implementation plan
  • Support the project development process as champions and advocates for individual projects that arise from the Five Points Transportation Study
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- DelDOT and Sussex County will report on progress on a regular basis
  - Public outreach, including an annual public workshop for the overall Five Points Transportation Study, will continue
  - An annual report will be prepared
  - As usual, public workshops will be held for individual capital projects as they proceed
Phase 2 implementation plan

• **Proposed next steps**
  • Email stakeholders to make the public aware of the implementation plan
  • Begin work on 2019 priorities
  • Convene the Working Group again in the fall
  • Prepare the first annual report, showing progress made in 2019, in early 2020
  • Hold the first annual Phase 2 public workshop in spring 2020
Thank you for your participation!

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