

# WELCOME / WORKSHOP PURPOSE / PROJECT AREA / SCHEDULE

## 301 US 301 Project Development

### Welcome!

On behalf of the Delaware Department of Transportation (DelDOT), we welcome you to this fifth round of public workshops for the US 301 Project Development effort.

This may be your last opportunity to review and comment at a public workshop on the Alternatives Retained for Detailed Evaluation before DelDOT presents a recommendation on a Preferred Alternative late this year. Therefore, public input is vital as we seek a solution to address transportation problems in the US 301 area from the Delaware/Maryland state line to SR 1, south of the C&D Canal.

Tonight, we invite your comments and input on the Alternatives Retained for Detailed Evaluation, and if you wish, on a preferred alternative, the next step in the project development process. We want to know what you think.

Thank you for sharing your valuable time and insights.

Carolann Wicks  
Secretary  
Delaware Department of Transportation

### Purpose Of Workshop: Discuss And Listen

The purpose of this workshop is to continue the effort to evaluate alternatives and eventually select a Preferred Alternative for an improved US 301 from the Delaware/Maryland state line to SR 1, south of the C & D Canal.

These workshops are your opportunity to discuss and comment on the Alternatives Retained for Detailed Evaluation. We encourage and welcome your comments on the material displayed tonight, such as:

- ▶ The Alternatives Retained for Detailed Evaluation (potential solutions)
- ▶ An Assessment of the effects of each alternative

Your comments, along with those of the federal and state environmental resource and regulatory agencies, will be considered in the preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) and in reaching an informed decision on a recommended preferred alternative, the next step in the project development process. Please feel free to ask questions of the Project Team members and write down your comments and make us aware of your thoughts.

Please provide us with your comments by May 15, 2006

### Project Development Area



### Project Development Schedule

Feb - Jun '05	Develop Project Purpose and Need / Goals and Objectives, and Potential Range of Alternatives
Jun '05	Public Workshop # 1 (Jun 20 <sup>th</sup> and 21 <sup>st</sup> ) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Present Project Purpose and Need / Goals and Objectives</li> <li>• Present Potential Range of Alternatives / Preliminary Assessment of Their Effects</li> </ul>
Jul - Aug '05	Evaluate Range of Alternatives and Develop Recommendations for Alternatives Retained for Detailed Study
Sep '05	Public Workshop # 2 (Sep 12 <sup>th</sup> , 13 <sup>th</sup> and 19 <sup>th</sup> ) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Present Range of Alternatives and Assessment of Effects</li> <li>• Suggest Alternatives Recommended for Detailed Evaluation and Alternatives Not Recommended for Further Consideration</li> </ul>
Sep - Dec '05	Developed Detailed Evaluation of Alternatives
Dec '05	Public Workshop # 3 (Dec 5 <sup>th</sup> , 6 <sup>th</sup> and 7 <sup>th</sup> ) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Present Results of Detailed Evaluation of Retained Alternatives including a number of significant modifications</li> </ul>
Feb '06	Issue-Focused Public Workshop # 4 (Feb 22 <sup>nd</sup> and 23 <sup>rd</sup> )
Early April '06	Public Workshop # 5 (Apr 10 <sup>th</sup> and 11 <sup>th</sup> )
April - July '06	Phase II Bog Turtle Survey and Report
Fall - Late '06	Preferred Alternative Recommendation
	Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS)
	Public Workshop / Hearing # 6
Early '07	Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS)



Consultation and coordination with the environmental resource agencies will continue throughout the project development effort.