

WELCOME / WORKSHOP PURPOSE / PROJECT AREA / SCHEDULE

301 US 301 Project Development



Welcome!

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

The 301 Corridor has been studied numerous times in the past. The Governor and DeIDOT have determined that delaying this project further is not an option.

Recommendation of a preferred alternative is expected in early 2006. With that goal in mind, public involvement is vital as we seek a solution to address transportation problems in the US 301 area from the Maryland 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.

Nathan Hayward III
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 Maryland Line to SR 1, south of the C & D Canal.

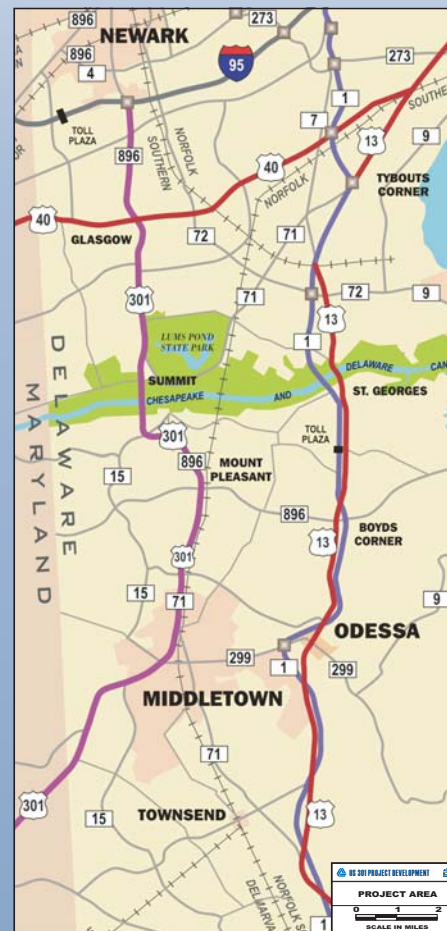
These workshops are your opportunity to discuss and comment on the Alternatives Retained for Detailed Evaluation. We encourage and welcome your comments on the material displayed tonight, such as:

- ▶ 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 reaching an informed decision on a 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 January 9, 2006

Project Development Area



Project Development Schedule

The following project schedule is extremely aggressive. The Project Team is committed to meeting this schedule. Timely completion of the effort is critical. Alternative corridors that are available today to address project needs will become more costly, with significantly greater impacts, if the decision on this project is delayed. The transportation problems that exist today along US 301 will continue to get worse with the mixture of truck traffic and continued planned growth.

Feb – Jun '05	Develop Project Purpose and Need/Goals and Objectives, and Potential Range of Alternatives
Jun '05	Public Workshop #1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Present Project Purpose and Need/Goals and Objectives • Present Potential Range of Alternatives/ Preliminary Assessment of Their Effects
Jul – Aug '05	Evaluate Range of Alternatives and Develop Recommendations for Alternatives Retained for Detailed Study
Sep '05	Public Workshop #2 (Sep 12 th , 13 th and 19 th) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Present Range of Alternatives and Assessment of Effects • Suggest Alternatives Recommended for Detailed Evaluation and Alternatives Not Recommended for Further Consideration
Sep – Dec '05	Complete Detailed Evaluation of Alternatives
Dec '05	Public Workshop #3 (Dec 5 th , 6 th and 7 th) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Present Results of Detailed Evaluation of Retained Alternatives
Early '06	Public Workshop #4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Present Recommended Preferred Alternative



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