

Delaware Department of Transportation

ISSUES-FOCUSED PUBLIC WORKSHOP

US301 Project Development

Project #25-113-01

Wednesday, February 22

Middletown Fire Hall

W. Green & Scott Street, Middletown, DE 19709

Thursday, February 23

Cedar Lane Elementary School

1259 Cedar Lane Road, Middletown, DE 19709

- Each Issues-Focused Public Workshop will be held from 1:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.
- Each Issues-Focused Public Workshop will offer the same information.
- A brief presentation will be made at 1:30 and repeated at 3:00, 4:30 and 6:30 at each Issues-Focused Public Workshop.

The Delaware Department of Transportation (DelDOT) announces two Issues-Focused Public Workshops for the US 301 Project Development initiative. The Issues-Focused Public Workshops will be held on Wednesday, February 22 (Middletown Fire Hall) and Thursday, February 23, 2006, (Cedar Lane Elementary School) from 1:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.

This informal workshop setting will allow the Project Team to present, in an extended format, the issues raised at three formal December Public Workshops and during the seven-week comment period, and the project team's evaluation and response to those issues. The public is encouraged to attend the Issue-Focused Public Workshops anytime between 1:00 P.M. and 8:00 P.M.

At formal Public Workshops held on December 5, 6 and 7, the Department presented the Alternatives Retained for Detailed Evaluation (Yellow, Purple + Spur, Brown and Green + Spur). These alternatives included a number of modifications, seen for the first time by the public. The modifications resulted in a large number of public comments, suggestions and requests for additional data and time to assimilate the new information and provide appropriate comments. As a result, the Department extended the Workshop comment period from January 9 to January 23.

Following the February workshops, the project team will continue to accept any and all comments from the public, via the project Web site (www.us301.org). Workshop information will be on the project Web site shortly after the Issue-Focused Public Workshops. Comments received from the public, along with those from the environmental resource and regulatory agencies will be considered by DelDOT in preparing for the fifth round of formal public workshops, currently anticipated for early April.

Workshop locations are accessible to persons having disabilities. Any person having special needs or requiring special aid, such as an interpreter for the hearing impaired, is requested to contact DelDOT by phone or mail one week in advance of the Issue-Focused Public Workshops.

For further information, contact DelDOT Public Relations at 1-800-652-5600 (in DE) or 302-760-2080, write to the above address, or visit www.us301.org.