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Working Group Meeting #12 Recap

The twelfth meeting of the Five Points Transportation Study Working Group was held as a hybrid meeting on Monday, April 25, 2022, with most DelDOT staff, Consultant Team members and Working Group members attending in person at the Cape Henlopen High School Library and 18 members of the public attending via Zoom. The meeting included a review and status updates of the Five Points Transportation Study Implementation Plan. As of the April Working Group meeting, there were 56 of 78 recommendations in progress, ongoing or completed.

Other items on the April meeting agenda included:

- **Shanté Hastings**, DelDOT Deputy Secretary and Chief Engineer provided an update on the 11 Capital Transportation Program (CTP) projects in the Five Points Area that are either under construction, in design, and/or in right-of-way (ROW) acquisition.
- **Bill Geschrei**, Project Engineer with WRA, provided an update on the New Road Bridge Replacement and Roadway Improvements. Bill noted that ROW acquisition is ongoing and construction is slated to begin in Fall 2024.

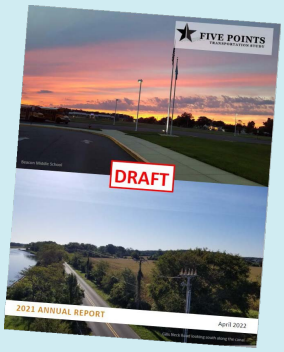


Proposed Elevation for New Road Bridge

- **John Fiori**, DelDOT Bicycle Coordinator, highlighted DelDOT's Bicycle Program and Local System Improvements. He noted that with Phase 8 of the Georgetown to Lewes Trail opening in November 2021, the trail is now 8 miles long, with additional phases remaining. John also stated that Bicycle Safety Checkpoints will also be returning for Summer 2022. The location and schedule of events can be found here.
- **Tremica Cherry-Wall** provided summer operations update for DART and noted that the Beach Bus will be running from Mary 23 through September 11. Parking, route and payment information are available via the DART app.
- **Gene Donaldson**, TMC Operations Manager for DelDOT, provided a demonstration of the DelDOT app. He noted key features such as real time traffic information, weather information, travel mapping/planning and how to report an issue (e.g., potholes, signal outages, etc.

- **Leah Kacanda**, WRA Consultant Team Project Manager, provided an overview of the 2021 Annual Report and stated it that it has been uploaded to the Five Points Transportation Study website.

Click here to view the Working Group Meeting materials.



October Working Group Meeting Announcement

Monday, October 24, 2022 at 6 p.m.
Location TBD

Stay tuned for more information!



Public Open House RESCHEDULED!



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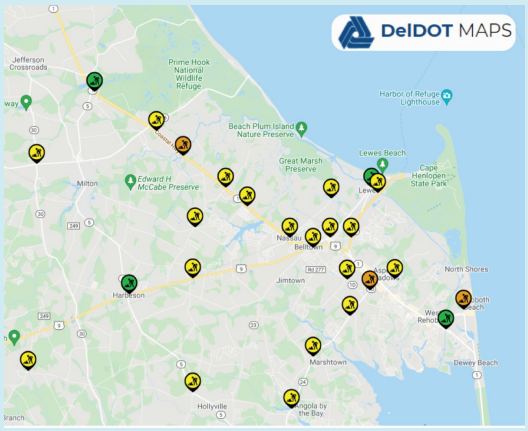
The Five Points Transportation Study Public Open House has been **RESCHEDULED** to:

Wednesday, June 22, 2022
4 p.m. to 6 p.m.
Cape Henlopen High School Library
1250 Kings Hwy, Lewes, DE 19958

Stop by from 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. to view study information and ask questions of DelDOT staff. A brief presentation on the 2021 Annual Report followed by a Q&A period will be held at 4:15 and 5:15 pm. Comment forms will be available and can be submitted online, or can be mailed to DelDOT Community Relations, ATTN: Five Points Transportation Study, P.O. Box 778, Dover, DE 19903 or sent via email to: dot.5Points@delaware.gov or dotpublic@delaware.gov.

All open house materials are currently available on the study website 5Points.deldot.gov.

Area Project Updates



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.

- 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
- 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
- Cave Neck Road, Hudson and Sweetbriar Roads Intersection Improvement

SR1 Low Stress Bikeways Survey and Public Outreach Events

SR 1 Low-Stress Bikeways Study

DelDOT is gathering public feedback for the ***SR 1 Low-Stress Bikeways Study***. The main goal of the study is to identify routes for continuous low-stress bicycle facilities, or bikeways, on both sides of SR 1 and lower-stress crossings of SR 1 between Five Points and Rehoboth Beach. The term “low-stress” describes **bikeways that are comfortable for most of the population to use**, such as the Georgetown-Lewes Trail or a quiet neighborhood street. You are invited to attend one of the three pop-up public outreach events any time during the hours listed to learn about the study and existing conditions, ask questions and provide feedback.

The event details are as follows:

- Friday, June 24, 4-7pm: Junction-Breakwater Trail @ Rehoboth Avenue
- Saturday, June 25, 9am-noon: Georgetown-Lewes Trail @ Nassau Road
- Saturday, June 25, 9am-noon: Junction-Breakwater Trail @ Hebron Road

Attendees will also be invited to fill out a brief (5-8 minutes) survey. If you cannot make it to the pop-up events, please provide your input by visiting tinyurl.com/SR1bikeways or scanning the QR code. The survey will be open through July 10.

Summer Transit Options for the Beach Area

Getting to the beach this summer couldn't be easier!

DART is once again encouraging residents and visitors alike to "DART to the Beach" using Beach Bus. Beach buses began rolling on May 23, providing service seven days per week, to Rehoboth Beach and the Boardwalk, Lewes, Long Neck, Dewey Beach, Bethany Beach, South Bethany Beach, Fenwick Island, Ocean City, MD, Millsboro and Georgetown. Running times vary by route (please check specific route schedules here, but generally service is provided between 5:30 a.m. and 2:30 a.m. on most routes. DART offers several different fare options for Beach Bus routes: the one-way cash fare is $2 or ride all day with a Daily Pass for $4; students can pay $1 (cash only); and there is also a 20-Ride Ticket for $26. Frequent riders may choose to purchase a 7 Consecutive Day Pass for $16 or a 30-Consecutive Day Pass for $60.

Riders can use the free DART Transit app to plan their trip, view bus stops, get real-time bus information, and track the bus along its route. For faster boarding and convenience, riders can pay their fare with DART Pass, DART's contactless mobile payment app.

New this summer from the City of Lewes is the ***Lewes Line***! The Lewes Line is a pilot seasonal transit program that began on May 23. The service will run 7 days per week from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. through September 30, 2022. The goal of this service is to alleviate parking and traffic congestion on city streets, help with the parking challenges throughout the city and provide increased circulation to services and businesses. Buses pick passengers up at the following locations once every 30 minutes:

- Cape May Lewes Ferry Terminal
- Johnnie Walker Beach
- Savannah Beach
- Otis Smith Lot
- Second & Market Streets
- George H.P. Smith Park
- Lloyd's Market
- Lewes Library & Lewes Trailhead
- Cape Henlopen High School (available weekends only in May and September; available 7 days a week in July and August)

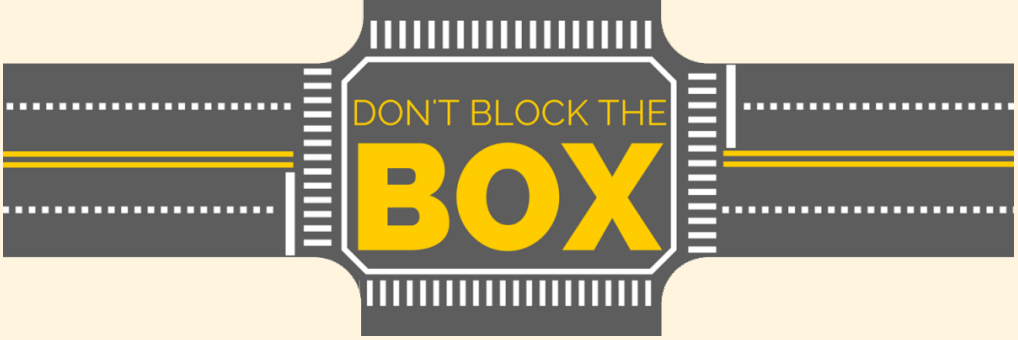
Fares are $1 cash per ride. Credit cards are not accepted, and change cannot be provided. Frequent Rider cards are available for purchase from the bus drivers – 10 rides for $12 – and can be used throughout the season.

Want to track the Lewes Line? Click Here to track buses in your browser. Or you can track the Lewes Line on the TransLoc app, which is available on Google Play and on the Apple App Store.

Knowledge Corner

Be a courteous driver this summer – Don't Block the Box!

Summer 2022 is upon us and many people will be taking to the roads. To enhance mobility and safety for all drivers, bicycles, and pedestrians, we'd like to remind you…



Here are some things to keep in mind when on the road this summer….

What does it mean when I block the box?
When you block the box, you have entered an intersection when cars on the other side prevent you from making it all the way through. If your light turns red before you can get out the intersection, you're blocking cross traffic from moving forward and preventing mobility in crosswalks and bike lanes. In other words, if you block the box, you are traffic!

What should I do to avoid blocking the box?
To avoid blocking the box, you should wait to enter an intersection until you are sure you can make it all the way through. Wait **behind the stop bar**, not in the crosswalk, and look to see if the vehicles in front of you on the other side of the intersection have left enough room for you to make it through without stopping in the crosswalk on the other side.

What about if drivers behind me are honking and want me to go?
If you can't clear an intersection, don't enter it…period. Entering the intersection may stop those drivers from honking, but if cross traffic can't get through because of you – those drivers will probably honk too.

Are there any dangers associated with blocking the box?
Yes! When cross traffic cannot get through, neither can emergency vehicles. Additionally, blocking the box can cause pedestrians to weave between cars if the crosswalk is impacted, decreasing their visibility to other travelers.



Well, I just don't want to wait for another light cycle!
Everyone on Delaware's roads is trying to get somewhere, whether that is home, work, school, the beach or simply to meet up with friends and family. Be courteous to everyone's trip, don't block the box and we will all get to our destinations safely.

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