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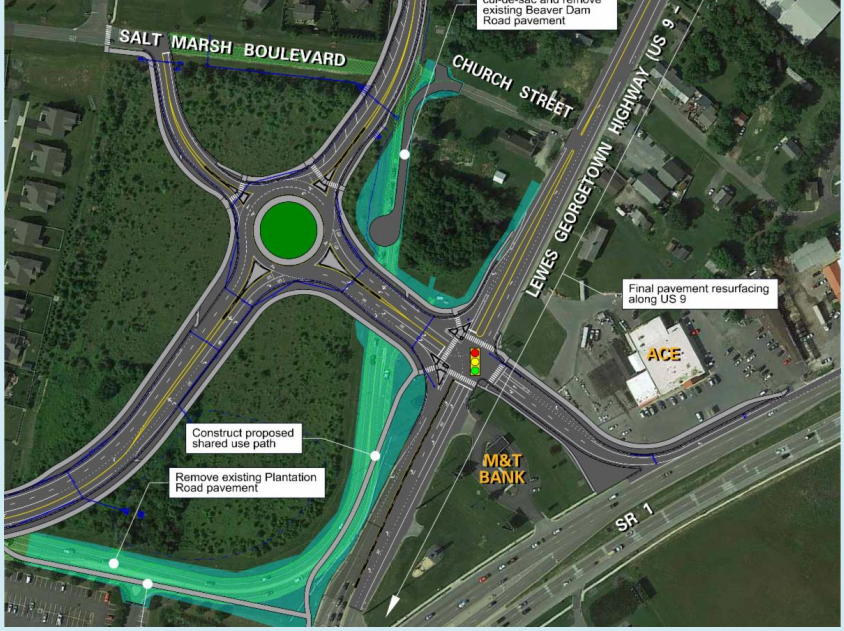
Working Group Meeting #14 Recap

The fourteenth meeting of the Five Points Transportation Study Working Group was held as a hybrid meeting on Monday, January 30, 2023 with most DelDOT staff, Consultant Team members and Working Group members attending in person at the Cape Henlopen High School. The meeting included a review and status updates of the Five Points Transportation Study Implementation Plan. As of the January Working Group meeting, there were 62 of 78 recommendations in progress, ongoing or completed.

Other items on the January meeting agenda included:

- **CTP Projects Update** – **Shanté Hastings**, Deputy Secretary and Chief Engineer at DelDOT gave an update on the projects included in the Capital Transportation Program (CTP) in the Five Points Area. She highlighted those projects that are currently under construction; those that are in the planning and design stage; and projects that are new to the FY 2023-FY 2028 CTP. All total, DelDOT has programmed approximately $250 million in projects in the Five Points Area. Please click here to view the individual CTP project descriptions included in the Working Group presentation.

- **Plantation Road Improvements, Robbinsville Road to US 9** – **Bryan Behrens,** Group Engineer Project Development South, and **George Pierce**, Project Manager South Construction, stated that the Plantation Road project has met several key milestones. Bryan and George highlighted progress to date as well as planned construction staging and detours. See article below for an exciting construction update!



- **Coastal Corridors Study Update – Leah Kacanda**, Consultant Team Project Manager, provided an update on the on-going Coastal Corridors Study, which is focused on identifying transportation solutions for east-west routes in Sussex County including Route 16 and Routes 404/9 between US 113 and SR 1 as well as Redden Road and other local roads in the area. Leah noted that the Corridors Committee has already met twice with another meeting scheduled for February 13. She encouraged Working Group members to log on to the Corridor Committees website to review materials, take surveys, ad sign up for updates. Members of the Study Team also conducted an engagement session with students at an English-as-a-Second-Language class in Georgetown to get feedback on existing conditions.

Click here to view the video of the Working Group Meeting #14 and to review presentation materials.

Plantation Road Construction Underway!

State legislators and Sussex County officials joined DelDOT for a groundbreaking event on Wednesday, February 15, to mark the start of construction on the Plantation Road Improvements project. The project is expected to be completed in Spring 2025. For construction updates, visit the DelDOT Projects Portal.



Mark Your Calendar!

April 2023 Working Group Meeting

When: April 24, 2023
Time: 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Location: Cape Henlopen High School Library and Zoom

Five Points Transportation Study in the Cape Gazette



We made the news! If you haven't seen it, check out the editorial that was published on February 3, 2023. Thank you to our Working Group members for their hard work over the last several years to – our project successes wouldn't be possible without you! You can read the full editorial here.

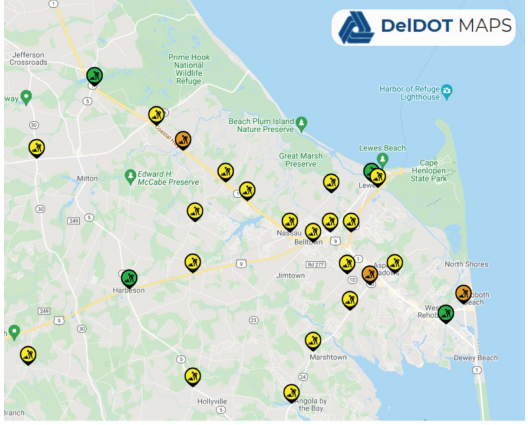
You're Invited to our Spring 2023 Public Open House

More information to come on date, time and location!

Come learn about the progress that was made on the Five Points Transportation Study in 2022 and what's been taking place so far in 2023. Stay tuned for more information!

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

Public Workshop Announcement

Bridgeville/Greenwood Transportation Plans

DelDOT is looking for members of the public to share their community vision and ideas for the future of the transportation system in Bridgeville and Greenwood at a public workshop on **February 23, 2023 in the Woodbridge High School Cafeteria.** This Public Workshop will be conducted in an Open House format. Workshop participants can drop in anytime between **4 p.m. and 6 p.m.** Information displays, a few activities, and staff from DelDOT and the towns will be on hand to discuss and answer questions. Click here to find out more about the Greenwood/Bridgeville Transportation Plans effort.

Knowledge Corner

Seat Belts Save Lives. Buckle Up, Delaware!

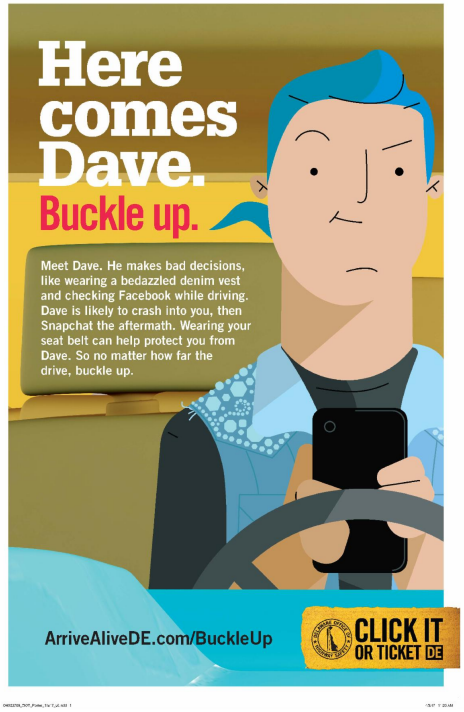
2022 was on of the deadliest years on Delaware roadways on record. The state recorded 165 fatalities last year – the state has not seen this many deaths on its roadways since 1988. So far in 2023, there have been 12 fatalities, which represents a 20% and a 50% increase over this same time period in 2022 and 2021, respectively.

2022 Delaware Traffic Fatalities								
	Statewide		New Castle		Kent		Sussex	
Fatalities	165		86	52.1%	32	19.4%	47	28.5%
Fatal Crashes	146		74	50.7%	30	20.5%	42	28.8%
Person Types (# Fatalities)								
Delaware Residents	120	72.7%	61	50.8%	27	22.5%	32	26.7%
Vehicle Occupant	103	62.4%	44	42.7%	19	18.4%	40	38.8%
Pedestrian	33	20.0%	24	72.7%	5	15.2%	4	12.1%
Bicyclist	7	4.2%	2	28.6%	4	57.1%	1	14.3%
Motorcyclist	22	13.3%	16	72.7%	4	18.2%	2	9.1%
Unhelmeted M/C	10	6.8%	8	80.0%	0	0.0%	2	20.0%
Impaired/Suspected	18	12.3%	6	33.3%	7	38.9%	5	27.8%
Crash Types (# Fatal Crashes)								
Curve Related	19	13.0%	4	21.1%	9	47.4%	6	31.6%
Roadway Departure	57	39.0%	23	40.4%	16	28.1%	18	31.6%
Intersection Related	48	32.9%	23	47.9%	6	12.5%	19	39.6%
Median Crossover	8	5.5%	7	87.5%	0	0.0%	1	12.5%
Wrong Way	7	4.8%	3	42.9%	1	14.3%	3	42.9%
Work Zone	4	2.7%	3	75.0%	1	25.0%	0	0.0%
Tractor Trailer	13	8.9%	8	61.5%	2	15.4%	3	23.1%

These are very sobering statistics. 165 fatalities are too many. One fatality is too many. So what can you do to be a safe driver? You can start by wearing your seatbelt. The Delaware Office of Highway Safety (OHS) and police statewide are serious about seat belt safety. Seat belt use in Delaware is at an all-time high of 92.5%, yet still far too many people in our state continue to die as a result of being unrestrained when they are involved in a motor vehicle crash.

OHS Seatbelt Facts

- March through July are the months with the most unrestrained crashes.
- 25% of unrestrained crashes happen between 2:00p.m. to 6:00p.m.
- Wearing a seat belt increases your chance of surviving a crash by almost 50%, while reducing the severity of injury.
- 53% of people involved in unrestrained crashes are males.
- You are four times more likely to be killed in a crash if you are ejected from a vehicle because you are not buckled up.
- Hospital data shows that unbelted occupants in crashes are 3 times more likely to require a hospital stay. On average, hospital costs for an unbelted crash victim are 55% higher than those for a belted crash victim.
- Strong seat belt laws protect families. When parents are buckled up, 90% of the time their children are too.



Delaware Seat Belt Law

- It's a primary law, which means drivers can be pulled over and fined if a police officer sees anyone in a vehicle not buckled in.
- Everyone in the vehicle, including backseat passengers and children, must wear seat belts properly.
- Lap and shoulder belts must be worn and shoulder belts must not be placed behind the back or under the arm.

- The driver will receive a $25.00 fine plus court costs which can add up to $83.50.

Guidelines to Buckle Up Safely



- Shoulder belts should never be placed behind the back or under the arm.
- Seat belt adjusters and extenders can help you get the best fit.
- Lap belts should rest across the hips, not the stomach.
- Bulky coats should be removed or unzipped so there's no gap between the strap and you.
- Shoulder belt should be placed across the middle of the chest, away from the neck.

Securing Your Kids Safely

- Up to 8 years old (or 65 pounds) – must be properly restrained in a federally-approved child seat appropriate for the child's age, weight and height.
- 8-15 years – must wear seat belts.
- Under 12 (or 65 inches in height) – required to sit in the back seat if there are active air bags in the front passenger seating position.
- The penalty - $25 for each unrestrained child.
- Click here to find an OHS car seat fitting location near you.

Please visit the OHS website for more information on seat belts and roadway safety and Arrive Alive in 2023.

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