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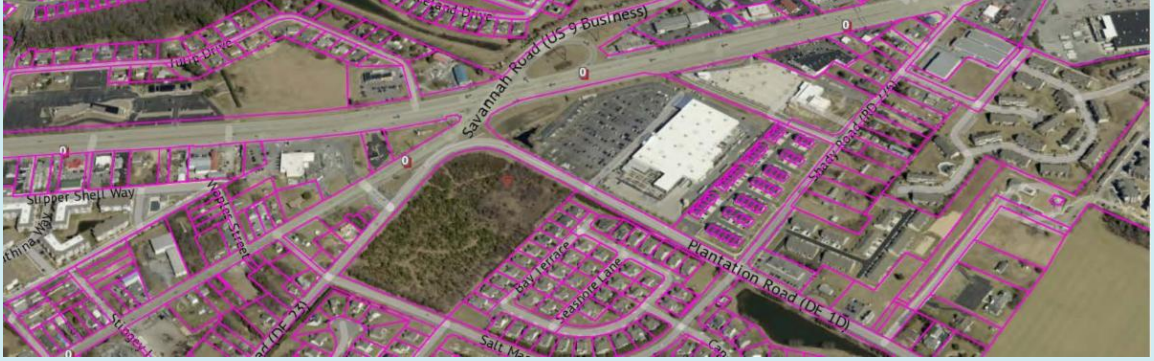
Project News

Working Group Meeting #15 Recap

The fifteenth meeting of the Five Points Transportation Study Working Group was held as a hybrid meeting on Monday, April 24, 2023 with most DelDOT staff, Project Team members and Working Group members attending in person at the Cape Henlopen High School. The meeting included a review and status update of the Five Points Transportation Study Implementation Plan. As of the April Working Group meeting, there were 64 of 78 recommendations in progress, ongoing or completed.

Other items on the April meeting agenda included:

- **Five Years with Five Points: DelDOT and Sussex County Coordination** – it's been five years since the Five Points Transportation Study began, and DelDOT and Sussex County are working together more now than ever before. **Jennifer Cinelli**, DelDOT Project Manager for the Five Points Transportation Study, and **Jamie Whitehouse**, Sussex County Director of Planning and Zoning, highlighted the initiatives that DelDOT and Sussex County have implemented to ensure communication and coordination on projects including but not limited to real-time data sharing, the Henlopen Transportation Improvement District (TID), Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for Land Development Coordination, preparing joint Capital Transportation Program (CTP) updates, and the Funding Accelerating Safety in Transportation (FAST) Track Program.

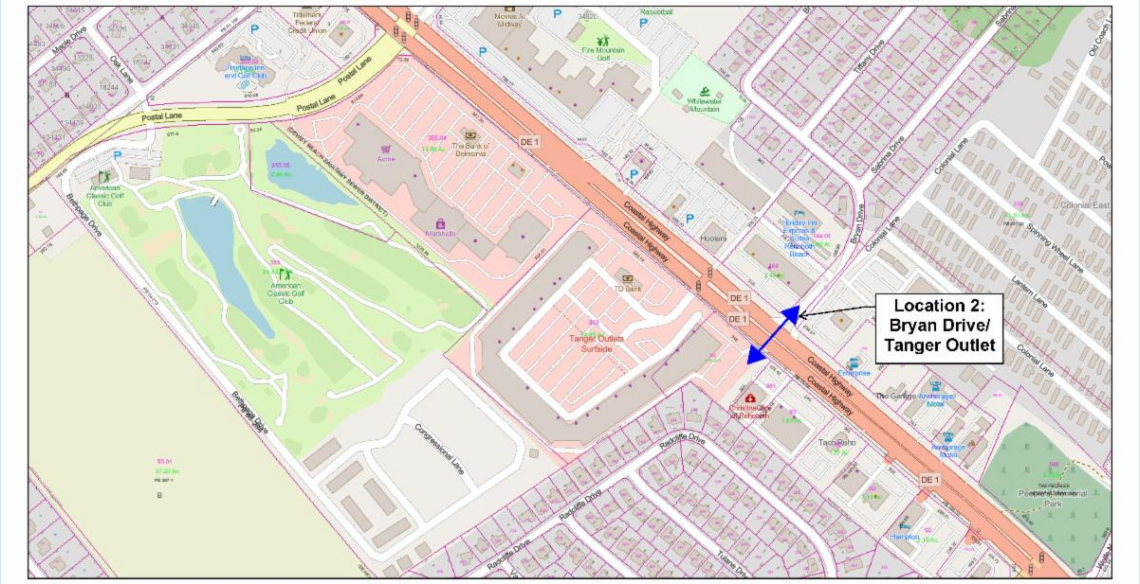


Since the Five Points Transportation Study began in 2017, a number of major subdivisions in the Five Points Area have been built or are in the process of being built. These include, Vineyards, Lewes Crossing, Somerset Green.



- **Emergency Response in the Five Points Area** – **Glenn Marshall**, the Sussex County EMS Special Operations Manager and 20-year member of the Lewes Fire Company, highlighted the issue of the increasing emergency response times in the Five Points area. He noted that from 2017 to 2023 average emergency response times have increased approximately 3 minutes from 4.51 minutes to 7.42 minutes; the national standard is 8 minutes. Through his presentation, Glenn noted the issues that are leading to increased response times as well as strategies that could be implemented to reduce response times, including more public education and outreach, including shoulders in roadway improvements, and better interconnectivity between developments.

- **SR1 Pedestrian Bridge Study Update** – as part of the April Implementation Plan progress update, **Mike Campbell**, a registered Landscape Architect with WRA, provided an update on recommendation D-6 “Study the feasibility of pedestrian bridges over Route 1 at specific locations.” Mike noted that 2 locations are being evaluated for the feasibility of a pedestrian bridge: Marsh Road/Shady Road and Bryan Drive/Tanger Outlets. He added that there are several design criteria that need to be considered including horizontal and vertical clearances, stairs and elevators, crossing distances, right-of-way and utilities, the design of the structure as well as funding and cost implications. Next steps include an evaluation of on-going SR 1 traffic counts as well as additional public and stakeholder outreach.



Map showing one of two locations being evaluated for a potential pedestrian bridge.

Click here to view the materials and video recording of Working Group Meeting #15.

Attend our Annual Public Open House!



You are invited to attend the Five Points Transportation Study Public Open House on:

Wednesday, June 14, 2023
4 p.m. to 6 p.m.
Cape Henlopen High School Cafeteria
1250 Kings Hwy, Lewes, DE 19958

Stop by from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. to view study information as well as information for other on-going area projects. The project team, along with DelDOT and Sussex County staff, will be on hand to answer questions. A brief presentation on the Five Points Transportation Study 2022 Annual Report will be held at 4 p.m. and repeated at 5 p.m. **Please note: this meeting is being held in the cafeteria!**

The presentation and all related workshop documents, including comment forms, will be posted online at the Five Points Transportation Study Engagement hub https://publicinput.com/t6338. Comment forms may also be mailed to DelDOT Community Relations, ATTN: Five Points Transportation Study, P.O. Box 778, Dover, DE 19903 or sent via email to: Jennifer.Cinelli@delaware.gov

We hope to see you on June 14!

The DelDOT Interact Hub is now live!

DelDOT now has implemented an interactive engagement hub DelDOTInteract for all its active planning projects, including the Five Points Transportation Study. On the new site you will be able to find the most recent Working Group Meeting

materials/video and project documents (like the Annual Report) and the latest edition of the Following Five Points e-newsletter. The engagement activities will continue to be expanded as this site grows, so check back often. DelDOT will also continue to maintain the 5Points.deldot.gov website – once materials on the hub become dated, they will be moved to this site for perpetuity.



Area Project Updates

2023 Beach Season Begins

The Beach Bus is back and in its first week of service served nearly 11,000 riders! The routes serve Rehoboth Beach and the Rehoboth boardwalk, Lewes, Long Neck, Dewey Beach, Bethany Beach, South Bethany Beach, Fenwick Island, Ocean City, Md., Millsboro and Georgetown. All buses are ADA-accessible and equipped with bike racks.

Visitors and residents can catch the bus at DART's Rehoboth Park & Ride and the Lewes Transit Center. The Rehoboth Park & Ride is located at 20055 Shuttle Road, just north of the entrance to Rehoboth Avenue. The Lewes Transit Center is located at 17616 Coastal Highway, just south of Five Points. Parking is free at both facilities, and the bus fare is paid upon boarding. The one-way cash fare is $2, while the student fare is $1, and the reduced fare is 80 cents for people who are 65 or older or have a certified disability.

The beach bus continues to be a safe, fast, and convenient way to travel around our beach towns and the schedule can be found here and on the DART app!



DMV on the GO Now Serving Lewes Transit Center

The DMV on the GO is now conveniently serving customers at the Lewes Transit Center every Monday from 10:00am to 2:00pm this summer! The Lewes Transit Center is located at 17616 Coastal Highway Lewes, DE 19958.

The trailer, featuring four fully functional workstations, made its debut last April. It's

ADA-accessible. It comes complete with an awning for bad weather, and a wheelchair lift, and performs all transactions as a traditional DMV except for inspections, and road exams. Customers in need of in-person driver improvement or uninsured motorist assistance would also still need to go to the Wilmington, Delaware City, Dover, or Georgetown DMV location.

In its first year, the DMV on the Go trailer assisted over 1,200 customers by allowing them to renew their registrations, driver licenses, complete title work, and more without a trip to one of the four DMV facilities in the state.

We are excited to bring this service to the residents of eastern Sussex County!

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