

Implementation through Capital and Budget Planning Department of Transportation

The Department of Transportation will be implementing the Livable Delaware goals and the State Investment strategies through incorporation into our strategic planning process and our project prioritization process. These processes set the priorities for both our operating and capital budgets. Activities that contribute to the implementation of Livable Delaware goals will be identified and tracked.

There will undoubtedly be conflicts between where the State is willing to support growth and development and where and how county and local governments wish to develop. To a large extent, how closely the State manages its investments against the “Strategies for State Policies and Spending” will determine how successful Livable Delaware is.

Strategic Plan

The Strategic Plan is a document that guides the development of the department’s capital and operating budgets. It is instrumental in establishing the Department’s priorities for programs and projects. The strategic planning process is a tool that clearly defines how DelDOT can achieve its mission and should reflect specific key objectives and performance measures that support the Governor’s Livable Delaware agenda. The FY 2003 – 2005 plan is being developed in coordination with the Livable Delaware initiative. The activities identified within this Livable Delaware Implementation Plan will be reflected in the updated Strategic Plan to be forwarded to the Governor.

Prioritization Process for CIP Projects

The Department of Transportation, in the mid-1990’s developed a prioritization process that is used to rank all transportation expansion and management projects to determine which projects will be funded in the Capital Improvements Program (CIP). This process was adopted by the Council on Transportation and by both Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs).

The current process was developed with the objective being to balance mobility, accessibility, community concerns, long range land use, the environment, and fiscal constraints. The prioritization process is specifically designed to support and help realize the goals of “Shaping Delaware’s Future” by giving extra credit to projects that are located in areas intended for development.

The Prioritization Process is being revised to replace the current Transportation Investment Areas designations with the designations in the State strategies map. As a result, all major capital projects coming through the Pipeline Process will reflect the goals and objectives found in “Shaping Delaware’s Future”, the Statewide Long Range Plan and the State Investment Strategies Map. As outlined elsewhere in this document, both the Statewide Long Range Transportation Plan and the Transportation Investment Areas Map are currently being updated to reflect the goals and strategies of Livable Delaware and the State Investment Strategies.

Replace the Transportation Investment Areas Map with the State Investment Strategies Map

To make sure that where we are putting our transportation projects matches with the State goals and strategies for development, the TIA Map is being replaced with the Statewide Infrastructure Map produced under the “Strategies for State Policies and Spending”. The new map will continue to be used to define how Department initiated plans and projects are developed, how the Capital Improvement Program is developed, and how the Department reviews and responds to regional, county and local development actions and long range transportation plans.