



US 113 CORRIDOR – VISION

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Vision

- **The US 113 Working Groups envision a future for the area where:**
 - ▶ The movement of people and goods in the study area is not hampered by traffic congestion as experienced today in parts of Sussex County.
 - ▶ The character and quality of life in the Study Area have been maintained and the area continues to be a safe and attractive place for residents to live, work and play in and for visitors to enjoy.
 - ▶ Mobility and accessibility for local residents, police, fire emergency services and businesses have been preserved and improved.
 - ▶ The historic, archaeological, agricultural and natural resources in the Study Area have been preserved while growth, both economic and residential, has been sustained.
- **We expect realization of this vision for the future of the Study Area will require efforts at two levels.**
 - ▶ A comprehensive outreach effort with community, business and other stakeholder groups.
 - ▶ Strengthened communication and coordination among municipal, county, state and federal governments.



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- **The end result will be an efficient transportation infrastructure that meets the following goals:**
 - ▶ Supports responsible and sustainable land development and economic growth while accommodating the anticipated growth in local, seasonal and through traffic.
 - ▶ Avoids negative impacts from transportation improvements to natural, cultural and historic resources.
 - ▶ Respects private property rights of owners on US 113 and along any new or bypass alignment.
 - ▶ Includes a limited access, through traffic route to points north and south of the study area
 - ▶ Allows for the separation of through (regional) and seasonal traffic from local traffic
 - ▶ Preserves and enhances capacity on existing US Route 113
 - ▶ Includes improved connections between east-west and north-south routes
 - ▶ Enhances the local road network and creates a comprehensive transportation system that accommodates the needs of all modes of transportation serving the residents of the Study Area



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- **Mobility/Accessibility**
 - ▶ Separate local traffic from through and seasonal traffic
 - ▶ Provide more travel options for residents
 - ▶ Develop a broader range of transportation options (bus, bike and pedestrian ways)
 - ▶ Improve the connections between east/west and north/south routes
 - ▶ Preserve or increase, where possible, traffic capacity on existing US 113
- **Congestion**
 - ▶ Reduce traffic congestion by providing additional capacity where needed
 - ▶ Reduce, where possible, traffic through neighborhoods
 - ▶ Improve traffic ingress/egress for businesses
- **Safety**
 - ▶ Improve safety of residents-pedestrians, bicyclists, children, drivers and transit users in the Study Area
 - ▶ Separate through traffic from local traffic, where feasible
 - ▶ Improve accessibility for emergency services
 - ▶ Enhance safe access to schools, parks and recreation sites, community facilities, businesses and institutions
- **Land Use Planning**
 - ▶ Accommodate planned growth and the resulting traffic
 - ▶ Coordinate transportation improvements with approved land use patterns
 - ▶ Be consistent with Delaware's Livable Delaware Initiatives and Strategies for State Policies and Spending and Kent, Sussex and municipal comprehensive plans

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- **Environment**
 - ▶ Conduct a comprehensive assessment of environmental resources and impacts on those resources
 - ▶ Avoid adverse affects to farmland, historic, archaeological and natural resources
 - ▶ Develop minimization and mitigation measures where avoidance is not feasible
- **Aesthetics**
 - ▶ Improve the view to and from the road
 - ▶ Maintain and enhance the character of the Study Area
 - ▶ Use context sensitive design and construction techniques
 - ▶ Employ a full range of aesthetic options in addressing transportation needs and congestion
- **Intergovernmental Coordination**
 - ▶ Increase the level of cooperation and coordination among Sussex County, towns along the US 113 Corridor and DeIDOT and other State agencies regarding the linkages between land use and transportation
 - ▶ Comply with federal and state agency environmental and historic resource regulations and requirements
- **Public Outreach**
 - ▶ Undertake comprehensive public outreach efforts to obtain citizen input including, public workshops; meetings with community, business and interest groups; newspaper articles; a project web site and other appropriate outreach techniques
 - ▶ Consider citizen input, ideas, suggestions, concerns and solutions before developing options and recommending solutions