



US 113 NORTH/SOUTH STUDY JUNE PUBLIC WORKSHOPS SUMMARY OF INPUT

MILFORD AREA*

Milford Workshop

June 20, 2006

219 Attendees

78 Comment Forms

- Prefer Brown, support for Orange, Blue and Purple Alternatives
- Limited general opposition to East and West Bypasses and specific opposition to On-Alignment Alternative
- *Note: The Concerned Citizens of Greater Lincoln had a display area immediately outside of the Public Workshop. The group distributed a voting form that confused attendees, many of whom thought the group's voting form was DelDOT's official comment form, which resulted in people not using DelDOT's form. See results of the Concerned Citizens completed forms on the next page.*
- Reasons cited are frequently personal concerns – not in my back or front yard or community
- Environmental concerns for opposing an alternative:
 - Well and septic impact, storm water runoff
 - Wetland; Rare, Threatened and Endangered Species; pond impacts
 - Use of farmland was mentioned as both a negative impact and a plus (better than taking homes)
- Property/Community impacts were offered as negative impacts:
 - Taking homes and properties
 - Noise, health effects
 - Property values
 - Emergency vehicle access
 - Don't divide Milford or Lincoln
- Concern stated about negative impact on businesses and jobs
- Concern expressed regarding length and cost of west alternatives
- A few ideas were put forth: elevate 113, use the median, widen existing roads
- Project perceived as helping out-of-state travelers
- Polar opposite views – no need vs. DelDOT must meet the challenge
- Appreciation for the public outreach generally and for the displays and maps
- Concern about the changing schedule and perception that the Department lacks funds to move ahead

Public Workshops Summary (continued)

MILFORD AREA*

Lincoln Workshop

June 19, 2006

255 Attendees

93 Comment Forms

- Preference for Brown, On-Alignment, and West Bypass Alternatives
- Opposition to Green and Purple Alternatives
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- Reasons for favoring Brown:
 - Less environmental impacts
 - Shorter, less expensive
 - Fewer homes impacted
 - Doesn't divide Lincoln
 - Pond will not be polluted
- Reasons for opposing Green and Purple:
 - Divide Lincoln
 - Impact Greentop community
 - Toxic pollution to waterways, air pollution, noise
 - Elevated segments
 - Impacts to schools and churches
- Concern expressed about development
- Concern cited about helping up-state and out-of-state tourists

*The Concerned Citizens of Greater Lincoln organization handed out materials and requested attendees to complete a Preference Form voting for the alternative they prefer. The results as listed below were provided to Secretary Wicks:

| <u>Alternative</u> | <u>Favorable Votes</u> |
|--------------------|----------------------------|
| Orange | 7 |
| Blue | 3 |
| On-alignment | 18 |
| Brown | 117 |
| Green | 0 |
| Purple | 0 |
| No-build | <u>48</u> |
| | 193 |

This is an advocacy organization which strongly opposes the Green and Purple Alternatives and favors the Brown Alternative.

Public Workshops Summary (continued)

GEORGETOWN AREA

Georgetown Workshop

June 5, 2006

108 Attendees

56 Comment Forms

- Preference shown for On-Alignment Alternative; 26 people sent in nearly identical Comment Forms indicating:
 - 1st choice – On-Alignment
 - 2nd choice – Green (E5)
 - 3rd choice – Blue (E2)Additional people favor On-Alignment as well.
- Otherwise, no measurable or discernable pattern in favor of or in opposition to alternatives.
 - Limited preference for:
 - Green
 - Blue
 - Red
 - Widen US 113 and other roads
 - Do nothing
 - Limited opposition:
 - To East Bypasses
 - To West Bypasses
- Need to address east-west needs/problems
- Interest in economic impacts – residential and business
- Concern expressed for:
 - Farm and forest impacts
 - Property impacts
 - Business impacts
- Too much attention to developers
- Too much attention to people going to the beach
- Want a Livable, not Drivable Delaware
- Appreciation for outreach
- Don't drag out the process

Public Workshops Summary (continued)

MILLSBORO-SOUTH AREA

Millsboro Workshop

June 12, 2006

111 Attendees

25 Written Comments

- Mixed views regarding On-Alignment Alternative:
 - Strong sentiments opposing On-Alignment– don't divide town, business impacts, difficult for emergency services
 - Limited support for On-Alignment
- Mixed views regarding Bypass Alternative:
 - Limited support for West
 - Support for East and opposition, though less, to East
- East-west traffic problems need attention
- Concern expressed regarding environmental features: farmland and forest, wetlands
- Concern about evacuation route
- Concern about negative property and community impacts
 - Proximity to new road
 - Property values
 - Safety
 - Noise
 - Visual
- Grateful for provision of maps and other information to the public
- Process taking too long

Selbyville Workshop

June 13, 2006

38 Attendees

27 Written Comments

- Major concern regarding impacts from relocation of SR 54 north of Selbyville that are seen as having major negative impacts to Polly Branch Road (S 386), Branch Acres community, an environmental justice area:
 - Safety/speed
 - Small and disabled children
 - Properties more important than wetlands; historic properties; farmland; Rare, Threatened and Endangered Species
 - Relocation of elderly residents
 - Need sidewalks
- Support for West Bypass and On-Alignment Alternatives primarily to avoid Polly Branch Road area
- Support for Selbyville Town Center Mall – taxes and jobs
- Concerns expressed about impacts to specific properties

Public Workshops Summary (continued)

Overall Summary

- The five public workshops held between June 5 and 20 were attended by 731 people to review and provide input regarding the refined Alternatives Retained for Detailed Study:
 - Milford 219
 - Lincoln 255
 - Georgetown 108
 - Millsboro 111
 - Selbyville 38
- DelDOT Comment Forms and emailed comments were provided by 279 people, less than half (38%) of the number of people who attended the Public Workshops. This includes input received through the comment period that ended on July 18.
- Many attendees reviewed the maps to make sure they were not impacted by any of the alternatives and left the workshops without providing input.
- No discernable patterns favoring or opposing alternatives with the exception of the strong views expressed by the Concerned Citizens of Greater Lincoln (oppose Purple and Green and favor Brown) and the 26 people who sent in nearly identical comment forms regarding the Georgetown alternatives (support On-Alignment).
- Reasons for opposing or favoring alternatives based on personal or community impacts – NIMBY (not in my back yard).
- A variety of environmentally related issues were cited for favoring or opposing alternatives including:
 - Wetlands
 - Farm and forest land
 - Rare, Threatened and Endangered Species
 - Noise
 - Visual
 - Air quality
 - Stormwater runoff
- East-West needs and problems need attention
- A variety of property/community impacts cited as reasons for opposing alternatives
 - Dividing towns
 - Taking houses
 - Property values
 - Emergency services access
 - Loss of businesses and jobs
- Want a decision
- Concern about availability of funds
- Interest in evacuation routes
- Perception that project is primarily to meet the needs of up-state and out-of-state tourists headed for the beaches.
- Concerned Citizens Group active in Milford/Lincoln in strong opposition to the Green and Purple Alternatives and in support of the Brown Alternative
- More press coverage in Milford papers (*Chronicle* and *Beacon*)
- Concerned about the amount of development
- Environmental justice issue east of Selbyville in the Polly Branch Road community
- Appreciation for DelDOT's outreach efforts and making information available