

PREFACE

This report has been prepared for the Federal Highway Administration and the Delaware Department of Transportation as supporting information for the Draft and Final Environmental Impact Statements (D.E.I.S. and F.E.I.S.) for the U.S. Route 13 Relief Route project in central Delaware.

The proposed project consists of a 58-mile limited access highway facility to provide sufficient traffic capacity to address problems existing in this corridor and traffic volumes anticipated in the next twenty years. The limits of the proposed project extend from Tybouts Corner on the north, where new Delaware Route 7 improvements are to terminate, to the Frederica and Felton areas south of Dover, including U.S. Route 113 and U.S. Route 13. The study area investigated is 58 miles in length and includes the areas approximately two to three miles to the east and west of the present U.S. Route 13.

This report is one of a series of technical reports which provide detailed supporting documentation for the summary discussions presented in the Draft and Final Environmental Impact Statements. A separate technical report will be prepared for each of the following topics:

- * Project History
- * Alternatives Report
- * Preliminary Engineering Evaluation
- * Traffic, Transportation and Energy Evaluation
- * Socioeconomic and Land Use Evaluation
- * Historical, Cultural and Archaeological Resources Evaluation
- * Farmlands Evaluation

- * Geology, Soils, Groundwater and Surface Hydrology Evaluation
- * Terrestrial/Aquatic Resources and Water Quality Evaluation
- * Wetlands Evaluation
- * Air Quality and Noise Evaluation

Copies of these reports and associated project plans and information are available for the public's review during office hours at the Delaware Department of Transportation Division of Highways Offices on U.S. Route 113, south of Dover and at the Federal Highway Administration Offices, 300 South New Street, Dover, Delaware.