

Frequently Asked Questions - Transportation Improvement District (TID)

DelDOT has prepared this list of frequently asked questions (FAQs):

What is the purpose of a Transportation Improvement District (TID)?

The purpose of a TID is to comprehensively coordinate land use and transportation within a specific geographical area and to secure required improvements to transportation facilities within that area.

How are TIDs created?

TIDs are created by agreement between DelDOT and the relevant Delaware local government (town, city, or county) or governments. Where a Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) exists, they would also be a party to the agreement.

Is it mandatory for a Delaware local government to have TIDs?

No. In fact, DelDOT will not create a TID without the local government addressing the need and desire to create a TID within a Comprehensive Plan update or amendment.

What is the benefit to a local government that wishes to establish a TID?

Establishing a TID provides for comprehensive land use and transportation planning in the District. For development consistent with the planning done for the TID, it eliminates the need for Traffic Impact Studies (TIS) and thus accelerates the plan approval process.

If a local government wants to create a TID, what is its responsibility?

Specific responsibilities will need to be established in the TID agreement but broadly they would have responsibility in three areas: 1) developing the land use plan and identifying what adequate transportation means within the TID; 2) collecting and administering fees; and, as necessary, and 3) advocating the inclusion of projects in DelDOT's six-year Capital Transportation Program.

Is there a cost to a local government to participate in TIDs? Will it be responsible for paying for the traffic study?

The costs to the local government would be in staff time, and possibly in consultant fees if a consultant is used to assist with land use planning. The local government would not be responsible for paying for the traffic study.

What are the implications if a TID crosses jurisdictional boundaries?

If the TID crosses jurisdictional boundaries, more than one local government will need to be a party to the TID agreement and participate in the planning aspects of the TID. It may or may not be appropriate for one of the local governments to handle the administrative aspects. That would have to be agreed on.

Do TIDs currently exist in Delaware?

There are two TIDs operating, Westown in Middletown and the Southern New Castle County TID. Both of these districts pre-date DelDOT's current TID regulations. Several others, Eastown in Middletown, the US Route 13/Bay Road Corridor TID in Dover, Southeast Milford, and Henlopen TID are in development. Kent County, City of Newark, and City of Lewes have also expressed interest in establishing TIDs.