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Dear Mr. McCleary:

Your letter dated February 21, 2014 requested FHWA review and approve the revised US 113 North/South Study Georgetown Area Environmental Assessment (EA) dated February 2014. DelDOT also requested FHWA issue a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the project. Furthermore, it was requested FHWA review the draft Public Notice for publication.

Based on staff review of the information submitted by DelDOT (revised EA, 2012-2013 EA errata summary, construction cost estimate for Year of Expenditure, and Public Notice) we are approving the February 2014 EA signed by DelDOT on February 19, 2014. The signed EA signature page is attached for publication of the EA. We are also issuing a FONSI for the Refined On-Alignment Alternative which would upgrade 10.4 miles of US 113 to improve safety, capacity, and operations along existing US 113 in the Georgetown Area. The submitted Public Notice is also approved for state clearinghouse and public notification of the FONSI.

If you wish to discuss this further, please contact Ryan O'Donoghue at (302) 734-2745 or email [Ryan.O'Donoghue@dot.gov](mailto:Ryan.O'Donoghue@dot.gov) or Nick Blendy at 302-734-2966 or email [Nick.blendy@dot.gov](mailto:Nick.blendy@dot.gov).

Sincerely Yours,

Mary Ridgeway P.E.  
Division Administrator

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FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION

DELMAR DIVISION

US 113 North/South Study  
From south of Avenue of Honor to north of Deer Forest Road/Redden Road, south of Ellendale

Sussex County, Delaware

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION

GEORGETOWN AREA  
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION  
and  
DELAWARE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Submitted Pursuant to: 42 U.S.C. 4332(2)(c); 49 U.S.C. 303  
23 U.S.C. 128 (a) and CEQ Regulations (40 CFR 1500 et. seq.)

Approved for advertisement of availability for public review and comment:

  
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ROBERT MCCLEARY, P.E.  
CHIEF ENGINEER  
DELAWARE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

02/19/14  
Date

  
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MARY RIDGEWAY, P.E.  
DIVISION ADMINISTRATOR  
FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION, DELMAR DIVISION

03/25/14  
Date

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION  
FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT**

**FOR**

**US 113 NORTH/SOUTH STUDY GEORGETOWN AREA, SUSSEX COUNTY**

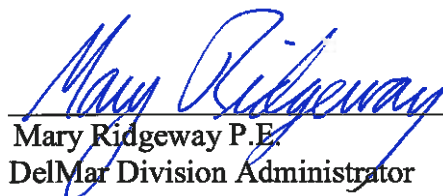
The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) has determined that the Refined On-Alignment Alternative will have no significant effect on the natural and human environment. Proposed existing US 113 improvements in the Georgetown Area include:

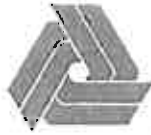
- Widening US 113 to provide one additional lane northbound and southbound.
- Providing full access control with grade separated intersections at eight locations.
- Eliminating all traffic signals and un-signalized crossovers along US 113
- Widening existing shoulders to 15 feet to maintain right-in/right-out movements for existing access and consolidating access points where possible.

This Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) is based on the project's Environmental Assessment (EA) dated February 2014 approved by FHWA on March 25 2014. The EA has been evaluated by FHWA who has determined the document adequately and accurately discusses the identified Purpose and Need, addresses socio-economic, environmental and cultural resources and resulting impacts related to the project, along with appropriate mitigation measures. Project documents provide sufficient evidence and analysis for determining that an Environmental Impact Statement is not required.

3/28/14

Date

  
Mary Ridgeway P.E.  
DelMar Division Administrator



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## Public Notice

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### **US 113 North/South Study Georgetown Area Environmental Assessment Approval of Location and Finding of No Significant Impact**

Dover – The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Delaware Department of Transportation (DelDOT) recently completed the Environmental Assessment (EA) for the US 113 North/South Study-Georgetown Area, to preserve a corridor for future expansion of US 113 from south of the intersection of US 113 and Avenue of Honor to just north of the intersection of US 113 and Deer Forest Road/Redden Road.

The Georgetown Area Environmental Assessment (EA) contains the environmental analysis of the **Refined On-Alignment Alternative**, which DelDOT identified as the Recommended Preferred Alternative in June 2007. The Refined On-Alignment Alternative includes widening US 113 to construct one additional northbound and southbound through lane, providing controlled access with the construction of eight grade separated intersections, eliminating all traffic signals and unsignalized crossovers, and widening existing shoulders to maintain right-in/right-out movements for existing access.

DelDOT and the FHWA, in accordance with the Federal requirements of 23 CFR 771.121, are hereby notifying the public of the issuance of a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the project. The FONSI has been prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) to document and support FHWA's determination that the Selected Alternative would not have a significant effect on the human and natural environment.

Copies of the FONSI document are available at the following locations:

- DelDOT Administration Building in Dover
- DelDOT South District Administration Building in Georgetown
- Georgetown Town Hall in Georgetown

The FONSI documentation may also be viewed via the project's website at the following address: <http://www.deldot.gov/information/projects/us113/georgetown/index.shtml>. A copy of the document may be purchased for the price of printing by contacting DelDOT Public Relations at 1-800-652-5600 or (302) 760-2080 (in DE)