



Milford Area Study

PURPOSE

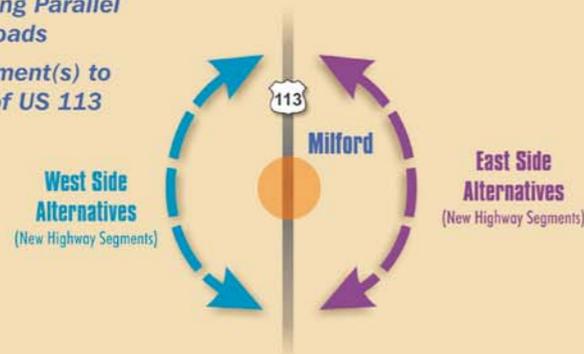
- To preserve mobility for local residents and businesses
- To accommodate planned economic growth in the Milford Area
- To consider highway capacity improvements that would accommodate the anticipated growth in local, seasonal and through traffic

NEED

- The January 2003 *Sussex County Comprehensive Plan* identifies the need:
 - To increase capacity on US 113
 - To accommodate through and local traffic
 - To assure viability for agriculture and
 - To expand travel alternatives, where feasible
 - To improve US 113 as an emergency evacuation route
- The *Kent County Comprehensive Plan Update* identifies the need to improve operating conditions on US 113 in designated growth areas
- The *City of Milford 2003 Comprehensive Plan Update* identifies the need for study of an eastern and western bypass

Range of Alternatives (Future)

- Modifications to Existing US 113
- Upgrades to Existing Parallel and Connecting Roads
- New Highway Segment(s) to the East or West of US 113
- No Build



US 113 Study Goals

- To address existing and future transportation needs along US 113 while preserving environmental and historic resources and accommodating planned economic growth
- To preserve as much of the existing north / south corridor in Sussex County

US 113 Study Objectives

- To conduct the studies in accordance with federal and state regulations
 - National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)
 - National Historic Preservation Act
 - Clean Water Act
 - Clean Air Act
- To coordinate with Sussex and Kent Counties and the municipalities throughout the study process
- To keep the public informed about the status of the US 113 North / South Study

Ellendale Area Plan Development

- Continue to develop Corridor Preservation Plan
- Protect the Redden State Forest
- Identify properties for plan implementation

Georgetown-South Area Study Purpose and Need

Purpose and Need documentation, the third step in the Transportation and Environmental Coordination Process, is being initiated and will be presented for review at the next Public Information Workshop, tentatively scheduled for Spring 2004

Range of Alternatives (Future)

Alternatives Development, the fourth step in the Transportation and Environmental Coordination Process, will be initiated in Spring 2004. Preliminary alternatives will be presented for review at the Public Information Workshop, tentatively scheduled for Spring / Summer 2004. The range of alternatives will be similar to those considered in the Milford Area, with combinations of both new and existing highway segments being considered.

