

**US 113 North/South Study
Public Workshop #1 Comment Form Summary**

Area: Milford Area

Date: October 21, 2003

Number of Written Responses Received: 13

Number of Meeting Attendees: 67

Response Summary:

1. Regarding the video:
 - a. What do you agree with?
 - More traffic than anyone needs? Agreed!
 - It's time to act to save Sussex County.
 - As much as possible staying on the current alignment for Rt. 113.
 - Preserve the farmland and historic properties.
 - Need for early transportation planning. Need to limit access to major arteries. Need for comprehensive plans. Legislative action to require adherence to comprehensive planning.
 - b. What do you disagree with?
 - I sincerely hope this doesn't affect my property south of Lincoln that involves land that has been in my family and farmed continuously for 250 years. Rt. 113 divided my land in 1930, made wider recently, and I hope doesn't go through my property again. Can you blame me!
 - Early planning and implementation can prevent problems in the future.
 - Planning for future traffic considerations by studying a limited access highway's feasibility.
 - To go into woodland, wetland, historic homes and farms.
 - Lack of mass transit discussion and lack of reference to Delaware Bike Route 1.
 - Not a thing – keep up the good work.
2. What do you see as the pressing current and future transportation needs and problems in the Milford area?
 - Trying to meet the needs of the business community and the commuter traffic requirements.
 - How do you propose to distinguish between public access roads bordering (entering to) 113 vs. privately owned roads if limited access becomes necessary.
 - Traffic in Milford area is not that bad, even in 20 years. In Philadelphia and DC area, traffic is ten times as bad. Tearing through farmland is not the answer.
 - The Milford area is probably responsible for traffic jams due to the traffic light pattern and the number of them. The local police are a large part of the problem as well. When the fire department responds, delays are often magnified.
 - Finalization and public awareness campaign for crossover closures/modifications on Rt. 113 north of 113/Rt. 1 split and same for crossovers on Rt. 1 bypass.
 - Although this site not “included” – you are currently paving N. Walnut in Milford. How nice if you'd incorporated in this project a bok at installing a traffic rotary at the North Walnut and North Church Street section in the area of the convenience store – you could use a small piece of Len Cemetery at the point to ease traffic coming from Church and it

- would be safer for traffic on Bus Route 1 entering Milford via N. Walnut, etc. Please give consideration. Traffic going north on Church really has a difficult time!
- There is too much development for the infrastructure to support.
 - Very few traffic issues in Milford at this time. Rerouting traffic (beach); most congestion issues in the Milford area.
 - Necessity to limit growth along the SRI Corridor. Why do we currently have Milford annexing land on the east side of Route 1 at the north end of the city?
3. What do you think should be done to address these needs and problems?
- You are doing it!
 - Put a moratorium on housing; slow growth and keep our woodlands, farmlands, and wetlands untouched for future generations.
 - Consider a bypass like Salisbury to go around the most problematic areas.
 - Close what's to be closed ASAP and upgrade what's to be upgraded ASAP before more development makes the proposals impractical.
 - Build the overpasses on Rt. 1; right-of-way was purchased in the 60s. Upgrade other main roads with overpasses at major intersections.
 - Limit growth – especially commercial buildup along the all-important Route 1 and 113 north/south highways.
4. Do you have any questions, comments or additions regarding the growth, land use environmental or historic resource information that was displayed?
- All representatives spoken to were very polite and as informative as they could be with limited decisions made to date.
 - In discussions about Rt. 113 alternatives for the Milford area, evacuation routes and flood-prone areas should not be neglected.
 - Many years ago our daughter attended college in Richmond. Going through Waldorf, MD was an absolute nightmare because of traffic. Today it's so improved. Perhaps DE needs to learn everything that was done there to get traffic moving more smoothly – like a miracle.
5. Do you have any questions, comments or additions regarding the transportation displays?
- None. Excellently done.
 - GIS maps were very good.
 - Everything in your presentation was very interesting.
 - Outstanding effort on all information displays.
6. Do you have suggestions or comments regarding the displays, or other aspects of this evening's workshop?
- I would like to volunteer to work on a citizen's work/planning group.
 - A wonderful display of all the items that must be considered in a project of this magnitude.
 - Very nice.
 - Yeah; where is the road going? Nobody is saying where.
 - I appreciate the opportunity to come and try to understand the problems – now I'll be anxious to hear about "fixes".
 - I would like to be involved with a work-study group.
 - I look forward to more public workshops that are more centered on each town.
 - Keep up the good work.