

Exhibit 7.2: Emissions Data

Year	VMT	VOC	Budget	Nox	Budget
2008			4.14		9.68
2010	5375696	3.81		7.89	
2020	6487825	3.17		2.34	
2030	6614003	1.95		1.66	

Notes:

- 1) 2008 Fleet Data (MOBILE6.2 files: KENT10OZ.TB1, KENT20OZ.TB1, KENT30OZ.TB1).
- 2) D/K MPO Land Use Data - DelDOT TDM TAZ File A30POPemp_N3.DBF
- 3) DelDOT Transportation Model Network File BASE_NETWORK_15B.NET (D/K MPO Project List 11-25-08)
- 4) DelDOT/WRA Travel Model CLEAN MODEL 15B 1-26-09

7.4 Conclusions

The Dover/Kent County MPO Regional Transportation Plan meets the conformity criteria established by the EPA and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). According to the analysis, the plan contributes required emissions reductions for 2010, 2020 and 2030 in comparison to the 2008 budgets for VOCs and NOx.

8. Implementation of the Plan

This section discusses how the Dover/Kent County MPO Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Update will be carried out. The RTP update is built on a foundation of coordination between local, county, and state agencies working with the MPO. The coordination extended to the development of the RTP along with the rewriting of the two major Comprehensive Plans, Kent County (approved 10/7/2008) and the City of Dover (slated for approval 1/2009). This cooperation and coordination must continue as the plan is implemented by the agencies partnering with and members of the MPO.

This plan will be implemented through the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the day-to-day activities of MPO member agencies and the MPO staff. The State Department of Transportation is required to comply with the RTP. The federal agencies that approve the expenditure of federal transportation funds will base their decisions on this document.

8.1 SAFETEA-LU Compliance

To obtain federal funding, long-range planning must be in compliance with the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) reauthorization, signed into law on August 10, 2005. This latest federal surface transportation act authorizes a transportation program for the five-year period of federal fiscal year 2004 through 2009. This act covers all surface transportation programs, such as highways, highway safety, transit, freight, and transportation research.

To meet SAFETEA-LU metropolitan planning requirements, the following must be met:

- A plan must have a 20-year planning perspective and include air quality conformity, fiscal constraint, and public involvement.
- A plan must be updated within four years of the previous plan's completion.
- A plan must contain operational and management strategies to improve the performance of existing transportation facilities and investment and other strategies that provide for multimodal capacity increases based on regional priorities and needs, as well as propose transportation and transit enhancement activities.
- Safety and security are to be considered as separate planning factors, as opposed to being combined in TEA-21 regulations.
- The metropolitan planning process must promote consistency between transportation improvements and state and local plans and patterns.
- A plan must contain a discussion of potential environmental mitigation activities.
- Transit operators must participate in the cooperative development of funding estimates for the financial plan.

The MPO fully considered the above listed SAFETEA-LU requirements in the development of the RTP update. The Dover/Kent County MPO has prepared and will adopt this plan update before the May 7, 2009 anniversary and due date., This plan's long-range planning horizon is through 2030, slightly longer than the required 20 year planning perspective. The MPO developed a public involvement plan to accompany the RTP update, adopted in 2007. Fiscal constraints are applied to the proposed projects listed in this plan. An estimated planning-level budget has been developed and is applied to the actions required for this plan. All project/activity lists are limited to those prioritized projects that add up to the projected amount available. Fundamental strategies of the

plan, and applicable recommended actions, are developed to preserve and enhance the operations and management of the existing transportation system. Separate strategies for safety and security were developed for the RTP update. Also, several state and local plans and patterns have been reviewed and updated with the RTP to ensure that the improvements proposed in this RTP update are consistent with their plans. Air quality is addressed through the Conformity Analysis, Chapter 7 of this plan. A summary of how SAFETEA-LU requirements are met is listed in **Exhibit 8.3**.

In addition to being a SAFETEA-LU requirement, the RTP update makes all efforts to include and be consistent with other state and local agency plans. Several state, county, and local plans are also updated periodically and look to the RTP to guide consistency and conformity of future transportation plans. Long-range transportation plans have been updated or are in the process of being updated in the areas adjacent to the MPO; to the north by the Wilmington Area Planning Council [WILMAPCO] and to the south by Sussex County. The Livable Delaware Agenda is used to coordinate state agency planning and to support growth as appropriate. County comprehensive plans are reviewed by the Livable Delaware Advisory Council. Transportation plans described within county plans must also be consistent with the goals of state planning programs. Since future land use and growth plans go hand in hand with transportation plans, these elements of local comprehensive plans were referred to in the development of this RTP update. Additionally, transit and state bicycle and pedestrian plans were referenced and are included in the recommended actions.

Plans Referenced – Regional

Bowling-Green Warren County Long-Range Transportation Plan 2030
City of Dover Comprehensive Plan Update (2003, Amended 2005)
City of Milford Comprehensive Plan 2003 Update (Amended 2006)
Concept Plan for US 13 and 113 in Dover – Phase I (November 1, 2000)
SR 8 Concept and Operations Study (May 2008)
Delaware Bicycle Facility Master Plan Report (October 2005)
Delaware Economic Development Office (DEDO), Kent County Action Plan
Delaware Statewide Pedestrian Action Plan (July 2007)
Delaware Transit Corporation (DTC) Business Plan (February 2007)
Kent County Comprehensive Plan (draft version, 2007)
Kent County Economic Development Strategy Initiative
South State Street Area and Access Study ((May 2002)
Suburban and Community Street Design Standards Project (June 2000)
Town of Smyrna Comprehensive Plan (2002, Updated 2005)
US 13 Pedestrian Improvements (October 2003)
WILMAPCO Regional Transportation Plan (March 22, 2007)

Peer

2025 Chittenden County Metropolitan Transportation Plan (Vermont)
Lebanon County Long-Range Transportation Plan 2005-2030 (Pennsylvania)
United Jefferson Area Mobility Plan 2025 (Virginia)

The eight planning factors required by SAFETEA-LU are:

- Support Economic Vitality
- Increase Accessibility and Mobility

- Protect the Environment (including promote consistency with planned growth and economic development patterns)
- Enhance Modal Integration
- Promote Efficient System Management
- Preserve the Existing System
- Increase Safety; and Increase Transportation Security.

Access, safety, security, and mobility are included as a theme of this RTP update. The framework of the RTP is based on five fundamental goals that embody the planning factors, as discussed in Chapter 5. These fundamental goals are developed to guide growth for infrastructure investments and planning. **Exhibit 8.1** summarizes the planning factors that must be met along with how they are met through the specific goals. The table also demonstrates how the evaluation criteria are linked to the SAFETEA-LU required factors during the TIP project selection process.

Exhibit 8.1: SAFETEA-LU Federally-Required Planning Factors

		Dover/Kent County MPO TIP Project Scoring	
Federally-Required Planning Factors	How The 2030 RTP Implements The Factors	Description	Weight
Support Economic Vitality	Primarily addressed by the actions as part of Goal 1 – Strengthen the Local Economy.	Extent to which project supports worker and customer access to major commercial sites, freight, major business/industrial sites, and trans-shipment points, and supports economic development.	17
Protect the Environment (including promoting consistency with planned growth and economic development patterns)	Primarily addressed by the actions as part of Goal 2 – Improve quality of life, and Goal 3 – Support desired land use and effective growth management.	Extent to which the project supports policies or is derived from an approved county or municipal comprehensive plan or a special transportation study or bike plan.	16
		Extent to which project avoids problems related to drainage, noise, cultural/historic areas, and ecologically-sensitive areas.	5
Increase Accessibility and Mobility	Primarily addressed by the actions as part of Goal 2 – Improve quality of life, and Goal 3 – Support desired land use and effective growth management, and Goal 4 – Improve access and mobility while ensuring the safety of all citizens, and Goal 5 – Safely and efficiently transport people and goods.	Extent to which project has disproportionately high and adverse effects on minority and low-income populations or disproportionately benefits populations not protected under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.	4
		Extent to which project supports shifting people/goods to rail or bus, or supports more efficient operation of rail or bus.	6
Enhance Modal Integration	Primarily addressed by the actions as part of Goal 2 – Improve quality of life, and Goal 3 – Support desired land use and effective growth management, and Goal 4 – Improve access and mobility while ensuring the safety of all citizens, and Goal 5 – Safely and efficiently transport people and goods.	Extent to which project incorporates/supports/enhances bicycle/pedestrian access or use as well as transit.	8
Preserve the Existing System	Primarily addressed by the actions as part of Goal 3 – Support desired land use and effective growth management.	Extent to which project supports and implements the goals of the MPO's long-range transportation plan.	8
Increase Safety	Primarily addressed by the actions as part of Goal – Improve access and mobility while ensuring the safety of all citizens, and Goal 5 – Safely and efficiently transport people and goods.	Extent to which project location represents a safety hazard/solution for motorists, pedestrians, bicyclists and/or transit users.	22

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Increase Transportation Security	Primarily addressed by the actions as part of Goal 4 – Improve access and mobility while ensuring the safety of all citizens, and Goal 5 – Safely and efficiently transport people and goods.	Extent to which project supports and implements the goals of the MPO's long-range transportation plan.	6
Promote Efficient System Management	Primarily addressed by the actions as part of Goal 5 – Safely and efficiently transport people and goods.	Extent to which a project fills a gap or eliminates functional bottlenecks/pinch points. Project has been identified in the congestion management system. Extent to which a project can be adequately maintained after completion.	6 2

The five areas of emphasis contained in SAFETEA-LU, in addition to the eight federal planning factors described in the previous table., are identified in **Exhibit 8.2** below.

Exhibit 8.2: SAFETEA-LU Federally-Required Emphasis Areas

EMPHASIS AREA	HOW THE 2030 RTP IMPLEMENTS THIS PLANNING EMPHASIS AREA
Consideration of Safety and Security in the Transportation Planning Process	This area is met through Goal 5 – Safely and efficiently transport people and goods.
Linking the Planning and NEPA Process	The Plan has few elements that are of a scale to trigger NEPA review requirements; the West Dover Connector, the DE 8 Concept and Operations Study and the North Dover Study. Each study includes consideration of NEPA requirements and land use best practices in the study definition and evaluation. The process of developing recommendations for these studies includes data collection, analysis, development of alternatives, and the identification of a preferred alternative. It is intended that the analyses and decisions occurring during this project can carry through to the NEPA process, as appropriate.
Consideration of Management and Operations within the Planning Process	The MPO includes a matrix of Goals and related Performance Measures in this Plan as Appendix Z. DelDOT is in the process of developing performance measures to monitor the state of the state-wide system on an annual basis.
Enhancing the Technical Capacity of the Planning Process	The D/KCMPO has enhanced our Technical Capacity in Planning for this Regional Transportation Plan. In development, the MPO enlisted the assistance of a consultant to complete the Plan. Nearing completion of the draft, the MPO hired a certified planner to both complete the Plan and to develop the procedures and metrics to assess our progress toward meeting its goals.
Coordination of Human Services Transportation	Led by DTC; primarily addressed by the actions described in Chapter X as part of “Goal 4 – Improve access and mobility while ensuring the safety of all citizens”. Coordination done through Delaware United We Ride.

8.1.1 Year-of-Expenditure Dollars

When the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) released their Statewide and Metropolitan Planning Rule, it included a new requirement for long-range transportation plans. Under the new rule, financial constraint of the plan must be demonstrated in “Year-of-Expenditure” dollars, or YOE dollars. The rationale for this rule is that long-range estimates of transportation costs have understated the deficit between costs and revenues. Therefore, converting all costs and revenues to YOE dollars would theoretically present a more accurate picture of costs, revenues, and deficits associated with a long-range transportation plan.

The financial data reflects the YOE cost for each project. The total cost for each project has been increased to include inflation for the time period in which the project is to be implemented. All

projects in the first 10 years of the plan were placed into YOE estimates based on anticipated 2014 project costs. Outside of the first 10 years of the RTP, most projects do not have a specific implementation date and are grouped, with some exceptions, into the 2030 time period.

8.1.2 Environmental Mitigation

Identifying key environmental resources at the planning stage plays an essential role in impact avoidance or minimization. This early identification provides better proposal scoping, analysis, and delivery. Municipal and county planning efforts previously referenced have been helpful in identifying the environmental protection considerations and potential impacts of proposed transportation improvements. Similarly, many environmental resources have been identified at the municipal and county levels in their respective comprehensive plans and other planning documents that were prepared in concert with this RTP update. This identification and analysis of regional environmental resources provides an ecosystem-based approach to address the potential environmental impacts of improving the overall transportation system.

General ideas of how mitigation can be carried out through various goals of this plan are referenced in the recommended actions of this plan. Adhering to growth plans to preserve open space and agricultural uses is one way this plan would integrate land use and transportation. Minimizing environmental impacts of transportation improvements is a goal for all recommended actions in this plan. This RTP update and area comprehensive plans identify strategies and goals that conserve resources, including agriculture, open space, farmland, and natural resources.

Specific mitigation strategies would be preliminary at this point of the long-range planning process. A detailed environmental analysis would be conducted for each project, as necessary.

Potential environmental mitigation activities may include:

- Avoiding impacts.
- Minimizing a proposed activity/project size or its involved area.
- Restoring temporary impacts to pre-alteration state.
- Precautionary and/or abatement measures to reduce construction impacts.
- Providing a suitable replacement or substituting environmental resources of equivalent or greater value, on- or off-site that could even result in a net benefit as a last resort.
- Considering revisions to zoning and subdivision ordinances to further protect wetlands, natural areas, flood hazard areas, woodlands, riparian areas, forest and other natural corridors, and watersheds.
- Incorporating measures to protect environmentally-sensitive and biodiverse areas of the Dover/Kent County MPO region.

8.1.3 Visualization

Exhibits have been used throughout this document to illustrate the components of the RTP update. The exhibits convey how the different elements the planning process considered to create a unified plan. Exhibits are also used to show the nature and extent of the existing conditions in the Dover/Kent County MPO area and the relevant plans. The illustrations also identify the locations of the recommended actions and their relation to other projects within the Dover/Kent County MPO. A listing of all exhibits is provided in the beginning of this document.

8.1.4 Summary

Exhibit 8.3 provides a summary of how this RTP update meets the requirements set forth by SAFETEA-LU for long-range transportation planning.

Exhibit 8.3: Relationship of the Regional Transportation Plan Update to SAFETEA-LU

SAFETEA-LU Requirement	How the 2030 RTP Meets Requirement
Plan Cycle – Plans shall be updated every four years in air quality non-attainment and maintenance areas.	This RTP is an update to the previous version completed in May, 2005.
Fiscal Constraint	A determination of estimated funds available during the term of the Plan is discussed in Chapter 7. This Plan is fiscally constrained. Projects to be listed in the TIP, anticipated in March, 2008, will be fiscally-constrained to be implemented.
Transportation System Security – Safety and security are to be addressed as separate factors.	Projects are evaluated separately in terms of how they increase safety and transportation security. New strategy related to security has been incorporated into the plan.
Environmental Mitigation – Plans must include a preliminary discussion of the types of potential environmental mitigation activities, to be developed in consultation with federal, state, and tribal wildlife, land management, and regulatory agencies.	Preliminary and potential avoidance and mitigation strategies are discussed in Chapter 5. Specific environmental mitigation will be carried out with specific projects, as determined through a collaborative process.
Consultations – MPOs must consult “as appropriate” with “state and local agencies responsible for land use management, natural resources, environmental protection, conservation, and historic preservation” in developing long-range transportation plans.	Development of this plan was completed through the support of DelDOT and monthly meetings with the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and Public Advisory Committee (PAC). The Plan was formulated concurrently with at least two local comprehensive plans.
Consistency of Plan with Planned Growth and Development Plans – Revises the previous planning factor related to environmental factors to add promoting consistency between transportation improvements, and state and local planned growth and economic development patterns.	The Plan was formulated concurrently with at least two local comprehensive plans. Kent County TIDs, State Strategies, and growth plans in comprehensive plans are addressed in Chapter 5.
Operational and Management Strategies – Plans shall include operational and management strategies to improve the performance of the existing transportation facilities to relieve vehicular congestion and maximize the safety and mobility of people and goods.	This plan has the two fundamental strategies of: “Preserve and Maintain the Existing Transportation System while improving Safety and Security of the Existing Transportation System” and “Improve the Management of the Existing Transportation System.” Implementation strategies are included that will meet these objectives.
Public Involvement – MPOs must develop and utilize a “Participation Plan” that provides reasonable opportunity for interested parties to comment on the content of the plan and TIP.	The Public Participation Plan was developed and adopted in November 2007 to promote an affirmative policy to encourage participation.
Visualization Techniques in Plans and TIP Development – As part of the transportation plan and TIP development, MPOs shall employ visualization techniques.	Visualization techniques, charts, tables, and GIS-based maps, are used throughout the document. The MPO created a MS Powerpoint Presentation and offered to present it at local government or community meetings and events. The MPO staff made the presentation for xx groups during the comment period.

Exhibit 8.3: Relationship of the Regional Transportation Plan Update to SAFETEA-LU

SAFETEA-LU Requirement	How the 2030 RTP Meets Requirement
Publication of Plans and TIP – MPOs shall publish or otherwise make available for public review the transportation plans and TIPs “including (to the maximum extent practicable) in electronically-accessible formats and means, such as the World Wide Web”.	This plan, both draft and final, will be available on the Dover/Kent county MPO Web site when completed. Printed copies will be available at public libraries and government offices in the County. The public had an opportunity to make comments during preparation and will have a chance to make comments on the RTP update during and after the comment period .
Air Quality Conformity	The Dover/Kent County MPO area is classified as non-attainment for ozone under the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990 (CAAA). Conformity analysis is discussed in Chapter 7. The RTP meets the requirements for air quality for a Plan in a non-attainment area.

8.2 The Planning Process for Specific Projects

This Regional Transportation Plan Update represents a feasible set of transportation improvements for the region; however, inclusion of a project in the plan does not guarantee that it will happen. Major construction and management projects go through a rigorous MPO prioritization process that includes consideration of project merits as they relate to the requirements of SAFETEA-LU, public review, programming decisions by DelDOT, and prioritization by the Council on Transportation. Finally, review by the Legislature is required before state or federal funding is allocated. All state agencies are required to follow Delaware’s *Strategies for State Policies and Spending* when considering locations for capital improvement projects. Once a project is initiated, it must be scoped in order to determine the specific actions that will be taken and the environmental permits that will be required. Next it is designed and right-of-way is acquired. If a project is federally-funded or regionally-significant, it must appear in the MPO’s TIP.

For proposed improvements, project planning and environmental studies will be performed to determine the best problem-solving alternatives. Depending on the outcome of data gathered to this point and public input, the best alternative may be to do nothing. If a project is warranted, it will be refined through preliminary and final design phases, and then constructed. Public involvement continues to be a part of each step of the planning process. Community input will be essential to ensure that the county’s transportation system meets the needs of its residents.

Smaller scale projects that are undertaken as part of statewide programs are not subject to the same process. For some of these programs, such as bridge repair or pavement management, state and/or federal criteria exist for setting project priorities. For other categories, such as non-motorized transportation, the state has criteria for project selection. Regardless of the priority process used, all projects show a direct relationship with this RTP update.

The MPO depends on coordination with state and local government and the private sector to make this plan update a reality. State, county, and municipal zoning dictates where development will occur in the future. Transportation funding is dictated by legislation at both the state and federal levels. Through the publication of this RTP update, the Dover/Kent County MPO provides tools for decision-makers to make informed choices about projects and policies that advance the improvement of the transportation system. The public is included in making these choices

identified in the RTP. To build a partnership, regular public meetings are held, attendance at community events is encouraged, and the MPO participates in events and meetings hosted by related entities. A newsletter and the MPO's Web site provide current information to the community on the implementation of the RTP.

8.3 Staging the Improvements

All projects that are listed in this plan could not be completed at the same time. Some projects are suggested for the short term while others are listed with the intention for future completion. Funding limitations and the planning process require that transportation improvements be prioritized and staged within constraints of a budget. The projects could be staged in phases for completion. Short-term projects would be completed among the first phases, while medium- and long-term projects would be among subsequent phases. Projects listed in the TIP and projects already underway are the immediate priority. The number and estimated cost of projects identified through this process far exceeds the amount anticipated to be available. These unfunded projects are included in the RTP as an "Aspirations List" Please see Chapter 6 for additional detail on the project list and phasing.

8.4 Updating the Plan

The Dover/Kent County Regional Transportation Plan is an active document. To meet SAFETEA-LU requirements, a long-range plan would have to be updated every four years. However, this document will be reviewed periodically, amended as needed, and updated at a minimum of every three years. The previous plan was completed in 2005. The public involvement process will be used for each plan update. Plan updates could include any or all of the following:

- changing the prioritization of proposed improvements,
- suspending proposed improvements from consideration, and
- adding proposed improvements for consideration.

Appendix A: Travel Forecasting

Travel Forecasting

Travel forecasting is a process that estimates future traffic levels and resulting traffic conditions in order to assess how continuing growth will affect mobility and identify where transportation improvements are needed. DelDOT has developed a travel forecasting model that includes Delaware's three counties and the nine counties of Maryland's Eastern Shore. The modeling process for Kent County (as well as the other counties) is used to estimate current and future (year-2030) traffic volumes and project travel conditions. The computer application CUBE is the framework for this model.

The DelDOT model generates travel forecasts based on estimated population, employment and socio-economic data. Trips are assigned to the roadway network by the model based on estimated travel times, which are iteratively calculated by the model based on roadway characteristics and projected traffic levels. The resulting forecasts may be compared to estimated capacity to evaluate projected travel conditions in terms of volume-to-capacity ratios and level of service (LOS).

The DelDOT model uses a five-step process to estimate traffic conditions. These steps are as follows:

1. Determine the number of trips expected based on forecast population, employment and socio-economic conditions ("Trip Generation"). Trip generation estimates are developed at a zone level for small areas called Traffic Analysis Zones (TAZs). The greater Dover/Kent County MPO planning area is divided into 166 TAZs in the current DelDOT model. There are no "external stations" in the Kent County TAZ structure. There are 2,136 TAZs in DelDOT's model with about 1,000 reserved for future model refinements. Trips are generated for seven trip purposes.
2. Trips are distributed between TAZs ("Trip Distribution") based on the degree of connectivity between the zones (measured as estimated travel times) and the amount of population and employment forecast for each zone. For example, the number of trips forecast between a TAZ with a large population and a nearby TAZ with a large employment base would be far greater than the number of trips forecast to occur between two distant TAZs with small population bases.
3. Trips are allocated to the different travel modes using a "mode choice model" that includes automobiles, express bus routes, line-haul bus routes, and passenger rail routes based on "walk access" and "drive access" to all available transit services as well as relative travel time ratios between auto and non-auto modes (bus and rail), and between toll and non-toll route choices.
4. Traffic is routed to the transportation network ("Trip Assignment") using peak hour capacities and a capacity-constrained equilibrium path choice model. Up to twenty assignments are performed for morning, mid-day, afternoon, and off-peak travel periods and then summed together to estimate 24-hour "daily" traffic volumes for the particular scenario requested.
5. Feedback occurs. The process summarized above is repeated up to four times based on expected travel times given the projected traffic volumes forecasted for each link in the

network. This "feedback" allows the modeling process to account for differences between peak and off-peak traffic conditions in the estimation of where trips will be made to and from in the trip distribution phase.

Figure A-1 illustrates the Traffic Analysis Zone coverage for the Kent County portion of DelDOT's travel demand modeling tool.

The model process also includes a number of post-processing mechanisms to facilitate a variety of transportation planning functions, including estimation of vehicle emissions, a process to visually display where trips are projected to be made to and from, and a process for modeling evacuation scenarios.

Population and Employment Estimates

The DelDOT model relies on population and employment forecasts developed by the Delaware Population Consortium for the State of Delaware and for each of its three counties (including Kent County) as a basis for estimating the number of trips made. The Consortium used data gathered by the US Bureau of the Census and then developed projection estimates for growth in Kent County for the Year 2030 based on national trends, County and municipal land use plans, local trends, and local knowledge provided by planning officials. The Consortium data was first calculated at the County level then disaggregated into County Census Divisions (CCDs). To use the growth-oriented data in transportation planning models (as described above), Kent County planning staff worked with other planning agencies in the county (including the Dover/Kent MPO and DelDOT, among others) to further disaggregate the data among Traffic Analysis Zones (TAZ's) which are the base units of DelDOT's travel demand model. The DelDOT model used for this effort comprised 157 TAZs in Kent County.

Exhibit A.1: Travel Demand Model Coverage

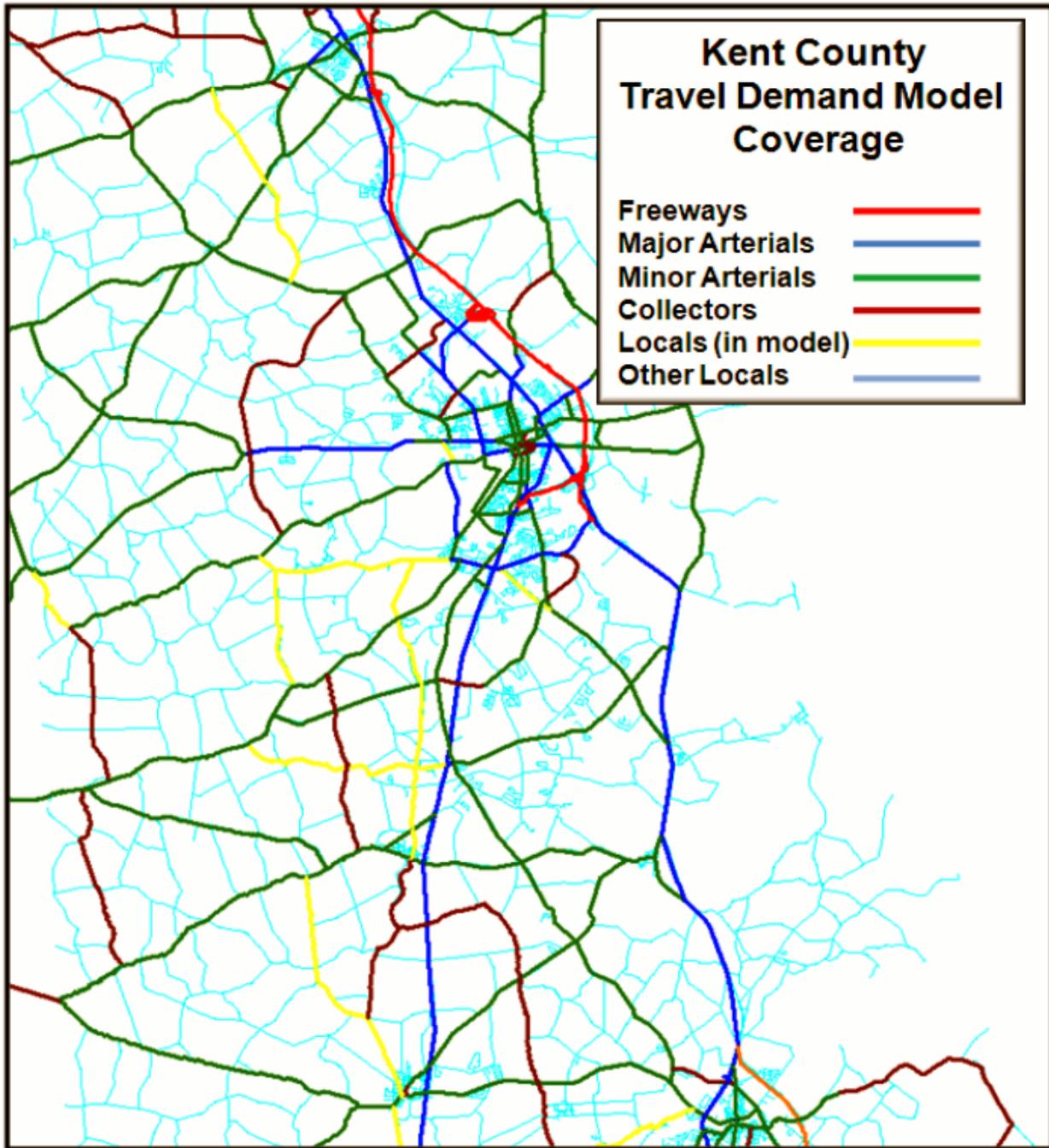


Exhibit A.2: Traffic Analysis Zone Coverage

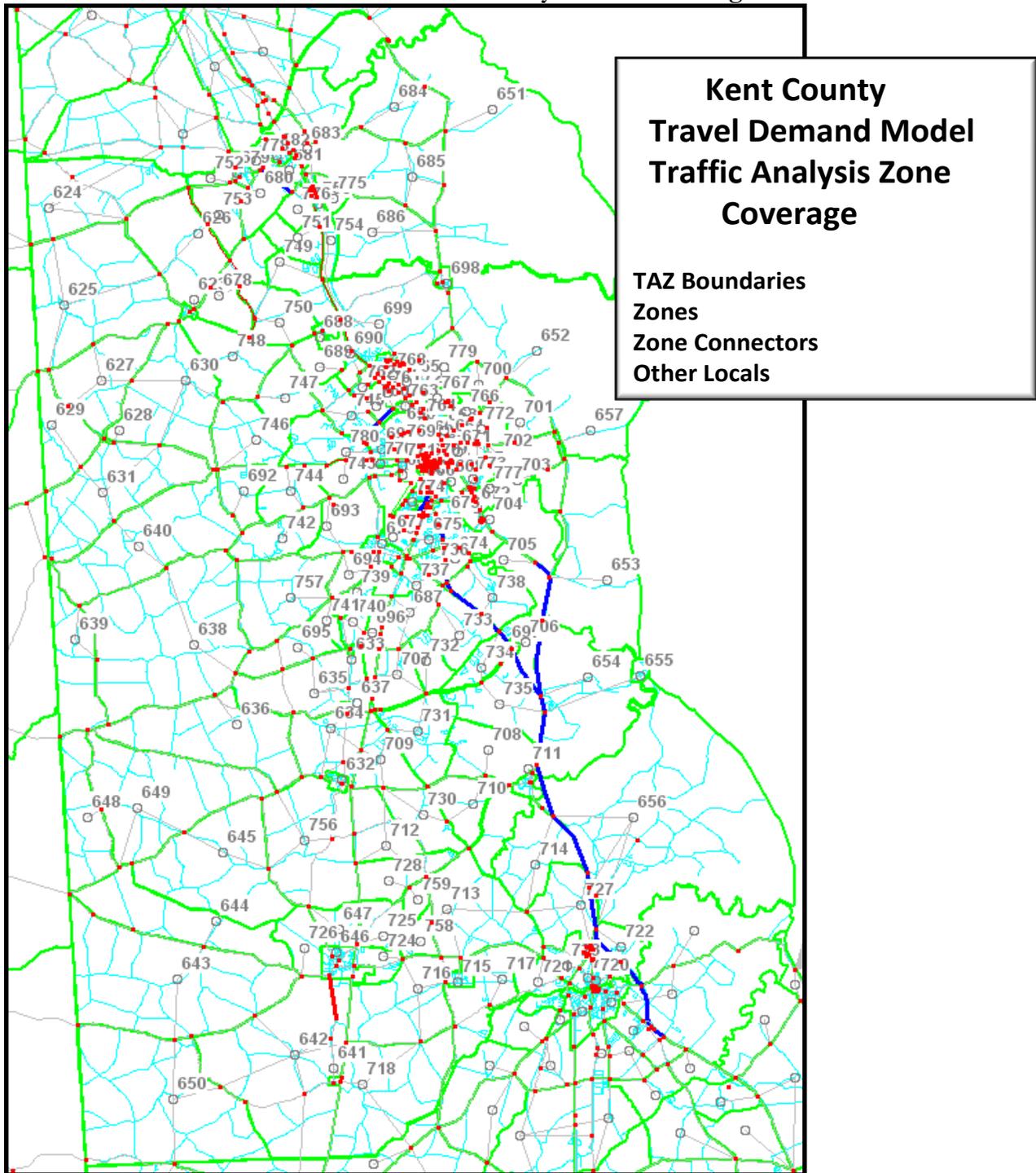


Figure A-2 illustrates the relative size and locations of the 157 traffic analysis zones located in the Kent County portion of DelDOT’s travel demand model. The “green lines” present the traffic analysis zone boundaries; each traffic analysis zone has a unique “record number” (shown in gray) and various data points (shown in red).

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Appendix B: Air Quality Conformity

Introduction

This report demonstrates transportation conformity of the Dover/Kent County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the fiscal year (FY) 2010-2013 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the 2030 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) for the Kent County, Delaware portion of the PA-NJ-MD-DE 8-hour ozone non-attainment area. This document replaces the previous approved conformity demonstration of the TIP and RTP and ensures that the findings meet all current and imminent conformity criteria established by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA).

Background on 8-Hour Ozone

Ozone is an odorless, colorless, gas and is created by a reaction between oxides of nitrogen (NO_x) and volatile organic compounds (VOC) in the presence of sunlight. While ozone in the stratosphere forms a protective layer, shielding the earth from the sun's harmful rays, ground level ozone is a key contributor to smog. Motor vehicle exhaust, industrial emissions, gasoline vapors, chemical solvents, and natural sources all contribute to NO_x and VOC emissions. Since ozone is formed in the presence of heat and sunlight, it is considered a summertime pollutant.

The health effects of ozone vary. Ozone can irritate lung airways and cause inflammation similar to sunburn. Other symptoms include wheezing, coughing, pain when taking a deep breath and breathing difficulties during exercise or outdoor activities. People with respiratory problems, children and the elderly are most vulnerable, but even healthy people that are active outdoors can be affected when ozone levels are high. Even at very low levels, ground-level ozone triggers a variety of health problems including aggravated asthma, reduced lung capacity, and increased susceptibility to respiratory illnesses such as pneumonia and bronchitis. In addition to adverse health effects, ground-level ozone also interferes with the ability of plants to produce and store food, which makes them more susceptible to disease, insects, other pollutants, and harsh weather. Furthermore, ozone damages the leaves of trees and other plants, ruining the appearance of cities, national parks, and recreation areas. In 1997, the USEPA issued the 8-hour ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) at a concentration of 0.080 ppm. to better protect public health. Areas that have failed to meet the standards outlined above have been designated as non-attainment areas and, as a result, are subject to the requirements of transportation conformity. Transportation conformity requires non-attainment and maintenance areas to demonstrate that all future transportation projects will not hinder the area from reaching and attaining its air quality improvement goals. In particular, projects may not:

- Cause or contribute to new air quality violations
- Worsen existing violations
- Delay timely attainment of the relevant NAAQS

USEPA originally designated areas as non-attainment for the 8-hour ozone standard on April 15, 2004. Following modifications, the designations became final on June 15, 2005. USEPA designated the PA-NJ-MD-DE area as moderate non-attainment for the 8-hour ozone standard. This classification resulted in an attainment date of six years following the original designations or, June 2010, for the PA-NJ-MD-DE non-attainment area.

Status of the 2030 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and FY2009-2012 Transportation

Improvement Program (TIP):

As the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for Kent County, Delaware, Dover/Kent County MPO is charged with authoring a long-range transportation plan with at least a 20-year planning horizon. The RTP presents recommendations for enhanced transportation efficiency and functionality, including the construction of new facilities, improved connectivity to multiple travel modes, and the enhancement of existing highway, transit, and bicycle/pedestrian facilities. Transportation projects that address challenges faced by the region are identified in this plan and placed on the four-year TIP that corresponds to that project's development timetable. The FY 2010 – 2013 TIP and the 2030 RTP were created by the Dover/Kent County MPO staff and member agencies. The 2030 RTP was adopted by the Dover/Kent County MPO Council on January 28, 2008 and the FY 2010-2013 TIP is scheduled to be adopted on March 4, 2009.

Interagency Consultation Process

As required by the federal transportation conformity rule (40 CFR 93.105) the transportation conformity process includes a significant level of cooperative interaction among federal state and local agencies. Interagency consultation requires coordination with local county representatives, the MPO and representatives from state, city and federal agencies which include but are not limited to:

- City of Dover
- Dover/Kent County MPO
- Delaware Transit Corporation
- Delaware Department of Transportation
- Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control
- FHWA
- USEPA
- FTA
- Kent County Department of Planning

Determining Planning Assumptions

8-Hour Ozone Standard

The emissions resulting from regional transportation conformity analysis equal to or less than the USEPA approved, Delaware Department of Natural Resources and the Environment's (DNREC) Motor Vehicle Emission Budgets. USEPA regulations, as outlined in the Final Transportation Conformity Rule, Section 93.118, Criteria and procedures further require that regional conformity emissions analyses be conducted for specific analysis years as follows:

- NAAQS Attainment year
- A near-term year, one to five years in the future

- The last year of the RTP's forecast period
- An intermediate year or years such that analyses years are no more than ten years apart.

All analysis years are determined through the interagency consultation process. 2010 has been selected as the near term year and is also the attainment year. The last year of the plan is 2030. 2020 has been chosen as the intermediate year so that the analysis years are no more than ten years apart, making the analysis years 2010, 2020 and 2030. As discussed above, ozone formation is a direct result of VOC and NO_x emissions reacting with each other in the presence of sunlight. The USEPA has ruled that both precursor emissions, VOC and NO_x, must be included in a regional analysis for the 8-hour ozone NAAQS to demonstrate regional transportation conformity.

Air Quality Modeling Methodology:

The air quality analysis conducted for the FY 2010-2013 TIP and 2030 RTP used a series of computer-based modeling methods which are briefly described below. These methods are consistent with methods Dover/Kent County MPO and DelDOT have used in conducting air quality analyses required by the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990, and are similar to those used by other state and regional transportation agencies in preparing air quality analyses. They are also consistent with the modeling procedures Dover/Kent County MPO and DelDOT have used when assisting in the preparation of the State Implementation Plan for air quality (SIP) documents with DNREC.

Emission Factor Estimate

The USEPA required modeling software used in the regional air quality analysis is MOBILE 6.2, a program designed to calculate mobile source emission factors. These factors are generated for each one-mile per hour increment from 3 miles per hour to 65. The factors identify the emission rates for all on road vehicle classifications at the previously prescribed speeds. The input file for the modeling process reflects air quality strategies anticipated according to the SIP and its amendments as submitted by DNREC to the USEPA. (Examples of such strategies include fuel formula requirements and motor vehicle inspection programs).

Mobile Source Emissions Estimates

The estimates of emissions for Kent County are generated by DelDOT using a model post-processor combines the travel model output with output from the mobile model to calculate link based emissions. This process links the estimated roadway speeds and volumes generated by the travel demand model with emission factors derived from MOBILE 6.2. These emission factors are then multiplied by the link-based travel speeds generated in the travel demand modeling process to calculate link based emission estimates. Once emissions for each segment are calculated, they are summed to identify the countywide totals that are presented in this document. Adjustment factors are used to account for seasonal traffic variations and alignment of Delaware based vehicle miles traveled (VMT) estimates with the federal, Highway Performance Management System (HPMS). These data are used to standardize the Delaware specific VMT data as required by the USEPA so that direct comparisons can be made among different years and modeling scenarios.

Conformity Results

The following tables provide the Kent County conformity analysis results. These include tabulations of VMT and emissions by functional classes for the county, and a comparison to the applicable conformity budgets.

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TOTAL Volatile Organic Compound Emissions(grams/day)

2010	Kent County		Vehicle Type							TOTAL
	Functional Class	LDGV	LDGT12	LDGT34	HDGV	LDDV	LDDT	HDDV	MC	
	Interstate-rural	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	PA-rural	425498	248233	112930	32943	104	715	35934	26136	882416
	Minor Arterial-rural	203217	117613	53622	15893	50	348	18075	11166	420080
	Major collector-rural	175859	99139	45763	18672	55	409	27350	10052	377232
	minor collector-rural	46650	26299	12140	4953	15	109	7255	2667	100069
	local-rural	147098	82925	38279	15619	46	342	22877	8408	315537
	interstate-urban	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	freeway-urban	191202	111774	50811	14919	47	325	16426	13169	398508
	PA-urban	101465	58810	26801	7886	25	172	8840	5588	209649
	Minor Arterial-urban	223702	129078	58895	17930	57	397	21255	12334	463731
	Major collector-urban	68843	38811	17915	7310	22	160	10707	3935	147674
	Local-urban	68657	38717	17866	7290	22	160	10678	3924	147274
	Total	1652192	951398	435021	143415	442	3138	179398	97380	3462172
	Total(in Tons)	1.82	1.05	0.48	0.16	0	0	0.2	0.11	3.81

TOTAL Volatile Organic Compound Emissions(grams/day)

2020	Kent County		Vehicle Type							TOTAL
	Functional Class	LDGV	LDGT12	LDGT34	HDGV	LDDV	LDDT	HDDV	MC	
	Interstate-rural	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	PA-rural	226655	144777	65799	19453	43	335	30403	29196	516918
	Minor Arterial-rural	109845	69454	31610	9598	22	167	15729	12852	249254
	Major collector-rural	92821	57431	26305	10115	22	180	21643	11055	219742
	minor collector-rural	25747	15930	7297	2806	6	50	6003	3067	60952
	local-rural	77110	47710	21853	8403	18	150	17980	9184	182550
	interstate-urban	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	freeway-urban	104858	67426	30623	9017	20	156	14139	15331	241305
	PA-urban	54276	34398	15651	4691	11	81	7515	6357	123018
	Minor Arterial-urban	111631	70319	32042	9925	22	174	16829	13080	254005
	Major collector-urban	36360	22497	10304	3962	9	71	8478	4331	86078
	Local-urban	44209	27353	12529	4818	11	86	10308	5265	104659
	Total	883511	557294	254014	82788	184	1449	149029	109719	2038480
	Total(in Tons)	0.97	0.61	0.28	0.09	0	0	0.16	0.12	2.24

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TOTAL Volatile Organic Compound Emissions(grams/day)

2030	Kent County		Vehicle Type							TOTAL
	Functional Class	LDGV	LDGT12	LDGT34	HDGV	LDDV	LDDT	HDDV	MC	
	Interstate-rural	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	PA-rural	152695	109964	49766	13329	25	218	24047	24871	375060
	Minor Arterial-rural	100031	71129	32229	8787	17	144	16243	14245	242738
	Major collector-rural	85007	57392	25957	9097	17	157	22193	11765	211746
	minor collector-rural	28780	19431	8788	3080	6	53	7514	3983	71690
	local-rural	68600	46310	20947	7341	14	127	17910	9495	170878
	interstate-urban	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	freeway-urban	76279	55056	24926	6662	13	110	12212	13834	188873
	PA-urban	40945	29024	13152	3602	7	59	6695	5785	99237
	Minor Arterial-urban	96781	67852	30740	8729	17	146	17200	13611	235034
	Major collector-urban	32990	22270	10074	3530	7	61	8613	4566	82177
	Local-urban	36790	24833	11234	3937	7	68	9605	5092	91641
	Total	718899	503261	227811	68093	129	1144	142232	107247	1769075
	Total(in Tons)	0.79	0.55	0.25	0.07	0	0	0.16	0.12	1.95

2010	Kent County		Vehicle Type							TOTAL
	Functional Class	LDGV	LDGT12	LDGT34	HDGV	LDDV	LDDT	HDDV	MC	
	Interstate-rural	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	PA-rural	381043	285672	161371	129070	345	2002	1230465	12807	2202599
	Minor Arterial-rural	171627	127483	72414	55864	124	720	442542	5145	875817
	Major Collector-rural	104310	72872	41746	24845	86	500	291206	2279	537783
	minor Collector-rural	27671	19331	11074	6591	23	133	77249	605	142658
	local-rural	87251	60954	34919	20781	72	418	243580	1906	449830
	interstate-urban	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	freeway-urban	176727	133022	75022	60182	189	1102	711017	6404	1163459
	PA-urban	86804	64599	36641	28466	64	371	228141	2614	447693
	Minor Arterial-urban	185679	137089	77995	58653	132	764	469627	5444	935258
	Major Collector-urban	40834	28527	16342	9726	34	196	113998	892	210525
	Local-urban	40724	28450	16298	9700	34	195	113689	890	209954
	Total	1302670	957999	543823	403877	1103	6401	3921514	38987	7175576
	Total(in Tons)	1.43	1.05	0.6	0.44	0	0.01	4.31	0.04	7.89

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TOTAL Nitrogen Oxide Emissions(grams/day)

2020	Kent County		Vehicle Type							TOTAL
	Functional Class	LDGV	LDGT12	LDGT34	HDGV	LDDV	LDDT	HDDV	MC	
	Interstate-rural	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	PA-rural	155645	134808	77711	31611	72	634	319951	15218	735876
	Minor Arterial-rural	71637	61213	35389	13894	27	239	120352	6263	309049
	Major Collector-rural	43462	33703	18815	5879	18	157	76075	2644	180485
	minor Collector-rural	12056	9349	5219	1631	5	44	21102	733	50063
	local-rural	36106	27999	15630	4884	15	130	63199	2196	149937
	interstate-urban	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	freeway-urban	74727	65252	37673	15326	42	368	193995	7946	395218
	PA-urban	35838	30763	17784	7073	14	122	61389	3185	156210
	Minor Arterial-urban	71566	60750	35126	13502	27	235	118256	6141	305647
	Major Collector-urban	17025	13202	7370	2303	7	61	29800	1036	70700
	Local-urban	20700	16052	8961	2800	8	75	36233	1259	85962
	Total	538761	453092	259678	98903	234	2064	1040354	46620	2439147
	Total(in Tons)	0.59	0.5	0.29	0.11	0	0	1.14	0.05	2.68

TOTAL Nitrogen Oxide Emissions(grams/day)

2030	Kent County		Vehicle Type							TOTAL
	Functional Class	LDGV	LDGT12	LDGT34	HDGV	LDDV	LDDT	HDDV	MC	
	Interstate-rural	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	PA-rural	97087	97681	57024	11570	23	443	120327	13894	398045
	Minor Arterial-rural	60618	60258	35239	7006	12	228	61724	7931	233067
	Major Collector-rural	35017	30261	16891	2651	7	129	34926	2923	122813
	minor Collector-rural	11855	10245	5719	898	2	44	11825	990	41580
	local-rural	28259	24421	13631	2139	5	104	28185	2359	99109
	interstate-urban	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	freeway-urban	49376	50180	29455	5918	14	262	71365	7568	214200
	PA-urban	24557	24290	14200	2807	5	88	23742	3093	92767
	Minor Arterial-urban	55851	54477	31897	6097	10	193	52037	6802	207377
	Major Collector-urban	13590	11744	6555	1029	3	50	13555	1135	47662
	Local-urban	15155	13097	7310	1147	3	56	15116	1265	53152
	Total	391364	376653	217923	41262	84	1596	432801	47960	1509772
	Total(in Tons)	0.43	0.41	0.24	0.05	0	0	0.48	0.05	1.66

Vehicle Miles of Travel

2010	Kent County		
	Functional Class	Network Model Output	HPMS & Seasonal Factor Adjusted
	interstate-rural	0	0
	freeway-rural	96270	140319
	PA-rural	981676	1532048
	Minor Arterial-rural	484676	706444
	Major collector-rural	295549	412727
	minor collector-rural	75115	109485
	local-rural	236852	345226
	interstate-urban	0	0
	freeway-urban	425746	691446
	PA-urban	243826	355391
	Minor Arterial-urban	589226	759910
	Major collector-urban	127533	161569
	minor collector-urban	0	0
	local-urban	110549	161131

Vehicle Miles of Travel

2020	Kent County		
	Functional Class	Network Model Output	HPMS & Seasonal Factor Adjusted
	interstate-rural	0	0
	freeway-rural	114808	167339
	PA-rural	1192937	1861750
	Minor Arterial-rural	596107	868861
	Major collector-rural	342821	478741
	minor collector-rural	91107	132794
	local-rural	272861	397712
	interstate-urban	0	0
	freeway-urban	534137	867482
	PA-urban	298909	435678
	Minor Arterial-urban	668323	861920
	Major collector-urban	148028	187534
	minor collector-urban	0	0
	local-urban	156436	228015
	Total	4416474	6487825

Vehicle Miles of Travel

2030 Kent County		Network Model Output	HPMS & Seasonal Factor Adjusted
Functional Class			
interstate-rural		0	0
freeway-rural		119645	174390
PA-rural		1049069	1637224
Minor Arterial-rural		713855	1040486
Major collector-rural		379072	529366
minor collector-rural		122962	179224
local-rural		293089	427195
interstate-urban		0	0
freeway-urban		503019	816943
PA-urban		289891	422533
Minor Arterial-urban		738245	952096
Major collector-urban		162164	205442
minor collector-urban		0	0
local-urban		157183	229103
Total		4528194	6614003

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Part C – Mobile 6 Input Files

Available Upon Request



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RESOLUTION

ADOPTING THE AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY ANALYSIS FOR THE 2009 UPDATE OF THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN

WHEREAS, Kent County, Delaware has been designated as a moderate non-attainment area under the 8-hour National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for ozone by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA) with a designated attainment year of 2010, as required by the Clean Air Act as amended (CAAA); and

WHEREAS, the DOVER/KENT COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (D/KC MPO) has been designated the Metropolitan Planning Organization for Kent County, Delaware by the Governor of Delaware; and

WHEREAS, Statewide and Metropolitan Planning Regulations (23 CFR Part 450 and 49 CFR Part 613) require that regional transportation plans and transportation improvement programs be developed and updated by the MPO, approved by the Governor, reviewed by the Federal Transit Administration and the Federal Highway Administration; and

WHEREAS, MPO transportation plans and programs are required to conform to the purposes of the State Implementation Plan (SIP) and the CAAA under the Final Conformity Rule (Final Rule) promulgated by the US EPA in November 1993 and amended in July 2004; and

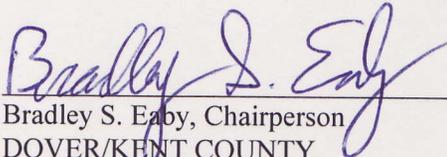
WHEREAS, the D/KC MPO has completed a conformity analysis of the RTP according to the procedures detailed in the Final Rule under the CAAA in a manner meeting the requirements of all appropriate federal and state regulations pertaining to statewide and metropolitan planning and air quality; and

WHEREAS, the analysis demonstrates that emissions of ozone precursors are less than the established motor vehicle emission budgets in the SIP; and

WHEREAS, the D/KC MPO has provided a reasonable opportunity for all interested parties to participate and have their views considered in the development and adoption of this conformity determination;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the DOVER/KENT COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION determines that the 2009 Update of the 2030 RTP is found to conform to the current Delaware SIP and all NAAQS requirements under the CAAA, as amended, and that the finding is consistent with the Final Rule.

1/28/09
Date:


Bradley S. Eby, Chairperson
DOVER/KENT COUNTY
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

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Reply to: HDA-MD
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The Honorable Carleton Carey Sr., Chair
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Dear Mr. Carey:

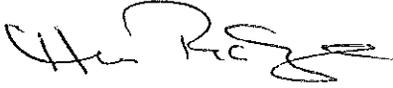
The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have completed our review of the Dover/Kent MPO Regional Transportation Plan Update 2008. Our review has been coordinated with the regional office of the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The EPA has documented their review of the Region Transportation Plan Update 2008 in a letter to the FHWA's Delmar Division, Delaware Office dated April 22, 2009, (copy enclosed). U.S. EPA's review concluded that your transportation conformity determination met the requirements of the Clean Air Act and the applicable regulations promulgated thereunder at 40 CFR Part 93.

We find that the program of projects contained in the above mentioned Regional Transportation Plan Update 2008 are based upon a transportation planning process that meets the requirements of 23 CFR Part 450 Subpart A, B, and C, 23 USC Sections 134 and 135, and 49 USC Sections 5303-5305. We find that the analysis adopted by the Dover Kent MPO on January 28, 2009, demonstrates conformity of the Regional Transportation Plan Update 2008 and that the conformity determination has been performed in accordance with the Transportation Conformity Rule (40 CFR Part 93). In accordance with the provisions of Section 134, Title 23 USC, this approval does not constitute a final commitment of Federal funds. Federal funding for these projects is finalized when project authorization is requested of FHWA or upon approval of a grant application to FTA. Each FTA application must meet the appropriate project requirements.

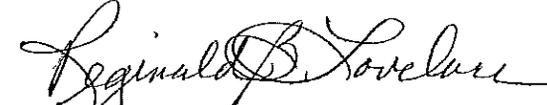
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Sincerely yours,



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UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
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APR 22 2009

Mr. Nelson Castellanos, Division Administrator
Federal Highway Administrator
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Dear Mr. Castellanos:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has reviewed the 8-hour ozone transportation conformity determinations for the FY 2010-2013 Transportation Improvement Programs and 2030 Regional Transportation Plan for Kent County Delaware submitted to us with your request dated February 3, 2009. EPA reviewed the conformity determinations in accordance with the procedures and criteria of the Transportation Conformity Rule contained in 40 CFR Part 93, Sections 93.106, 93.108, 93.110, 93.111, 93.112, 93.113(b), 93.113(c), 93.118.

Our review of the conformity determinations for Kent County indicates that the determinations meet the requirements of the Clean Air Act and the applicable regulations promulgated thereunder at 40 CFR Part 93. Enclosed, please find EPA's detailed evaluations titled "Technical Support Document for Review of 8-Hour Ozone Conformity Determinations for the Kent County, Delaware FY 2010-2013 Transportation Improvement Program and 2030 Regional Transportation Plan".

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Carol Febbo, Chief, Energy, Radiation, and Indoor Environment Branch, at 215-814-2076 or Mr. Martin Kotsch, at 215-814-3335.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Diana Esher".

Diana Esher, Acting Director
Air Protection Division

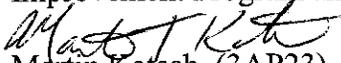
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UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
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April 14, 2009

SUBJECT: Technical Support Document for Review of 8-Hour Ozone Conformity Determinations for the Kent County, Delaware FY 2010-2013 Transportation Improvement Program and 2030 Regional Transportation Plan

FROM: 
Martin Kotsch, (3AP23)

TO: Administrative Record of EPA's Review of 8-Hour Ozone Conformity Determinations for the Kent County, Delaware FY 2010-2013 Transportation Improvement Program and 2030 Regional Transportation Plan

THRU: Carol Febbo, Chief 
Energy, Radiation and Indoor Environment Branch (3AP23)

The purpose of this document is to review 8-hour ozone transportation conformity determinations for the Kent County, Delaware FY 2010-2013 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and 2030 Regional Transportation Plan (Plan) and to determine whether or not the conformity determinations meet the requirements of the Clean Air Act and the applicable regulations promulgated thereunder at 40 C.F.R. Part 93. On February 3, 2009, EPA Region III received the Kent County conformity determinations for the TIP and Plan and a request from the Maryland Division Office of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) to review the document. The conformity determinations were prepared by the Dover/Kent County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). The conformity determinations were reviewed in accordance with the procedures and criteria of the Federal Transportation Conformity Rule, 40 CFR Part 93, Sections 93.106, 93.108, 93.110, 93.111, 93.112, 93.113(b), 93.113(c) and 93.118.

The Kent County area is a moderate 8-hour non-attainment area for ozone. For the 8-hour conformity analysis, the 2008 Reasonable Further Progress Plan budgets are applicable for use in the 8-hour conformity analysis.

**EVALUATION OF CONFORMITY DETERMINATIONS FOR THE KENT COUNTY,
DELAWARE TIP AND PLAN SUBMITTED TO EPA BY FHWA ON
FEBRUARY 3, 2009**

GENERAL CRITERIA APPLICABLE TO BOTH PLAN AND TIP

SECTION of 40 CFR Part 93	CRITERIA	Y/N	COMMENTS
93.110	<p>Are the conformity determinations based upon the latest planning assumptions?</p> <p>(a) Are the conformity determinations, with respect to all other applicable criteria in §§93.111 - 93.119, based upon the most recent planning assumptions in force at the time of the conformity determinations?</p> <p>(b) Are the assumptions derived from the estimates of current and future population, employment, travel, and congestion the most recently developed by the MPO or other designated agency? Are the conformity determinations based upon the latest assumptions about current and future background concentrations?</p>	<p>Y</p> <p>Y</p> <p>Y</p>	<p>(a, b) The conformity determinations are based upon the latest planning assumptions in force and approved by the MPO at the time of the determinations. Year 2008 vehicle registration data were used in the analysis. The analyses utilized socio-economic data based upon the year 2007 Delaware state demographic data and projected to each of the analysis years.</p>
	<p>(c) Are any changes in the transit operating policies (including fares and service levels) and assumed transit ridership since the previous conformity determination discussed?</p>	<p>Y</p>	<p>There have been no changes in any operating policies or assumptions for ridership since the last conformity determination.</p>

	(d) The conformity determinations must include reasonable assumptions about transit service and increases in transit fares and road and bridge tolls over time.	Y	The conformity determinations included reasonable toll, transit service and fare assumptions.
	(e) The conformity determinations must use the latest existing information regarding the effectiveness of the TCMs and other implementation plan measures which have already been implemented.	N/A	There are no TCMs in the SIP. However, the following implementation plan measures were accounted for in the conformity analyses: the Federal Motor Vehicle Control Program (FMVCP), reformulated gas, Reid Vapor Pressure 7.8 psi for all analysis years, Stage II vapor recovery, I&M, On Board Diagnostics and anti-tampering programs.
	(f) Key assumptions will be specified and included in the draft documents and supporting materials used for the interagency and public consultation required by §93.105.	Y	Key assumptions have been included in the documents and supporting materials used for interagency and public consultation. They were included in the materials made available during the public review period.

93.111	Are the conformity determinations based upon the latest emissions model?	Y	The conformity determinations were based upon emission factors developed using MOBILE6.2, the currently-approved EPA mobile emissions model.
93.112	Did the MPO make the conformity determinations according to the consultation procedures of the conformity rule or the state's conformity SIP?	Y	Consultation has occurred among all appropriate agencies. Public participation occurred through out the entire TIP/Plan development process over period of two years. No comments were received on the conformity determination.

SPECIFIC CRITERIA APPLICABLE TO THE PLAN															
SECTION of 40 CFR Part 93	CRITERIA	Y/N	COMMENTS												
93.106(a) (1)	Are the horizon years correct?	Y	The years 2010, 2020 and 2030 are appropriate horizon years.												
93.106(a) (2)(i)	Does the plan quantify and document the demographic and employment factors influencing transportation demand?	Y	Chapter 4 of the Plan discusses demographic and employment factors.												
93.106(a) (2)(ii)	Is the highway and transit system adequately described in terms of the regionally significant additions or modifications to the existing transportation network which is envisioned to be operational in the horizon years?	Y	The highway and transit system is adequately described in terms of regionally significant additions or modifications to the existing transportation network, which the transportation plan envisions to be operational in the horizon years.												
93.108	Is the Transportation Plan fiscally constrained?	Y	EPA is deferring to the MPO and FHWA who have found the Plan to be fiscally constrained.												
93.113(b)	Are TCMs being implemented in a timely manner?	N/A	There are no TCMs in the SIP.												
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CONCLUSION

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Appendix C: Glossary

A glossary of terms commonly used in transportation planning is provided below. Not all of the terms are used in this report; the definitions of these other terms are included as a help to the reader in review of other documents.

Alternative	A collection of transportation improvements for model testing, from which one or more will be chosen as a recommended plan.
Alternative Modes	Transportation other than one person in a motorized private vehicle, such as transit, walking, bicycling & carpooling.
Arterial	A class of street serving a major movement of traffic not served by a freeway.
Attainment	Have pollutant concentrations less than the specified standard.
Auto Ownership	In common modeling parlance, the number of passenger vehicles available to a household for routine daily travel.
Average Daily Trip (ADT)	The average number of vehicles passing a specified point during a 24-hour period.
Baseline	A scenario against which the results of alternative scenarios are measured.
CAAA	Clean Air Act Amendments
Capacity	For highways, the maximum number of vehicles that can pass over a given section of a lane or roadway in one or both directions during a given time period under prevailing environmental, roadway, and traffic conditions.
Capacity Deficiency	A situation where travel demand exceeds the ability of a facility to handle that demand.
Carpool	A group of people who share their automobile transportation to designated destinations on a regular basis.
CBD	Central Business District
CO	Carbon Monoxide

Complete Streets	Designing streets that accommodate a variety of user groups.
Cost Effectiveness	Cost per unit of a measure of effectiveness (e.g. tons of pollutant reduced).
Congestion Management System (CMS)	A requirement of ISTEA that each Transportation Management Area develop a CMS that provides for effective management of new and existing transportation facilities through the use of travel demand reduction and operational management strategies. Unless a part of a CMS, future highway projects which significantly increase capacity for single occupant vehicles may be ineligible for federal funding.
Density	When used in transportation planning, the number of persons or houses per square mile.
Destination	The point at which a trip terminates or the zone in which a trip ends.
Diurnal emissions	Vehicular emissions that occur on a daily cycle, and are not necessarily related to vehicle use (though usage patterns may affect diurnal emissions rates). Currently, diurnal emissions factors are available for evaporative hydrocarbon emissions only.
Expressway	A divided arterial highway for through traffic with full or partial control of access and generally with grade separations at major intersections.
Fixed route transit	Transit services with regular established routes & schedules. Other types of transit might be demand responsive or door-to-door service
Forecasting	In planning, the process of determining the future conditions, magnitudes, and patterns within the urban area such as future population, demographic characteristic and, travel demand
Freeway	A divided arterial designed for the safe non-impeded movement of large volumes of traffic, with full control of access and grade separations at intersections

Functional Classification	The classification of urban roadways by function. Roadways at the top of the hierarchy and other long-distance movement of traffic, roadways at the bottom provided access to land. Traffic volume and spacings typical of each level in the hierarchy.
Goal	The end towards which effort is directed. The desired eventual end of a planning process.
Growth factor	A value used to adjust existing data to produce an estimate for some future year.
HPMS	Highway Performance Monitoring System
High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV)	Applied to a vehicle carrying two or more people. High volume roadways may have lanes designated for HOV use. These may be dedicated for use by carpools, vanpools, and buses.
HSIP	Highway Safety Improvement Program
Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS)	Transportation systems that involve integrated applications of advanced surveillance, communications, computer, display, and control process technologies on the roadway network, in the vehicle, and modes. Examples include electronic toll collection, and automated vehicle location.
Incorporated	Areas that fall under city/town as well as county jurisdictions.
Intermodal	Between or including more than one means or mode of transportation.
Internoc	A post processing linkage program which multiplies the estimated volume on each segment of the roadway network corresponding to each segments average speed.
Land Use	The way specific portions of land or the structures on them are used (e.g., commercial, residential, industrial, etc.).
Level of Service	The quality of service provided by a facility under a given set of operating conditions.

Local Street	A street or road primarily for access to residence, business or other abutting property.
Long-Range Plan	Generally referring to a transportation plan covering a time span of 10 or more years. ISTEA requires metropolitan planning organizations, in consultation with the State, prepare a plan spanning 20 years by October 1, 1993.
Macroscopic Model	A model that describes traffic flow in the aggregate.
Measures of Effectiveness	MOEs are used to determine the degree to which a particular goal or objective has been attained. MOEs are used as a basis or standard of comparison (measure), of an action which "produce a decisive, desired result" (effectiveness).
Microscopic Model	A model that describes traffic flow in terms of individual vehicles.
Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO)	The organizational entity designated by law with lead responsibility for developing transportation plans and programs for urbanized areas of 50,000 or more in population.
Mobile Source	A moving source of emissions, including but not limited to motor vehicles.
Mode	A means of transportation, such as car, bicycle, bus, or train.
Mode Choice	A process by which an individual selects a transportation mode for use on a trip or trip chain, given the trip's purpose, origin, and destination; characteristics of the individual; and characteristics of travel by the realistically-available modes.
National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS)	Standards established by the Environmental Protection Agency that determine the maximum allowable amount of air pollutants.
Non-Attainment Areas	An area that does not achieve one or more federal national ambient air quality standards.
NO_x	Nitrogen oxides along with volatile organic compounds (VOCs) the two compounds are precursors of ozone formation.

Objectives	Operational statements of goals, measurable and attainable.
Origin-Destination Survey	A survey of the number, purpose, and mode of trips from various zones of destination.
Ozone	The O ₃ form of oxygen, a regulated pollutant and a key component of smog.
PSI	Present Serviceability Index
Paratransit	Typically, on-demand transit service that does not follow a fixed route or schedule. Riders may have to meet eligibility requirements in order to use the service.
Park and Ride	A procedure that permits a patron to drive a private automobile to a transit station, park in the area provided for that purpose, and ride the transit system to his or her destination.
Peak Hour (Peak Period)	That hour (period) during which the maximum amount of travel occurs. Generally, there is a morning peak and an afternoon peak.
POV	Privately owned vehicle
Ridesharing	A transportation service which includes carpooling, vanpooling, buspooling and transit.
Right-of-Way	A general term denoting land, property, or interest therein, usually in a strip, acquired for or devoted to transportation purposes.
SAFETEA-LU	Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users is legislation that followed TEA-21. It was passed by Congress in 2005 attempting to address the Nation's changing transportation needs by investing funds in highways, highway safety, and public transportation.
State Resource Areas (SRA)	SRAs are the most important natural open space lands valued for their natural, cultural, and geological significance as determined by the Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC).

Strategic Planning	A style of planning that assesses opportunities/strengths and constraints/weaknesses and identifies options for capitalizing on the opportunities and overcoming or minimizing the constraints.
TIP	Transportation Improvement Program
TCM	Traffic Control Mitigation
Transit-oriented development (TOD)	A transit-oriented development (TOD) is a mixed-use residential or commercial area designed to maximize access to public transport, and often incorporates features to encourage transit ridership.
Transit-ready development (TRD)	Transit ready development is development that accommodates future potential transit alignments.
Transferable Development Right (TDR)	Transferable Development Right is a development right that may be transferred from a “Sending Site” to lands that are designated as suitable for development (“Receiver Site”).
Transportation Control Measure (TCM)	An action to adjust traffic patterns or curtail vehicle use intended to reduce air polluting emissions, (e.g., ridesharing, alternative work hours, trip reduction ordinances).
Transportation Demand Management (TDM)	An action designed to regulate the use of a transportation mode or facility as a means of travel, primarily intended to reduce congestion, (e.g., transit enhancements, road pricing, parking strategies).
Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA21)	Legislation passed by Congress restructuring funding for highway and transit programs, authorizing funds for a period of six years.
Transportation System Management (TSM)	Actions implemented at relatively low cost which improve a transportation system and allow more efficient use of existing transportation facilities (e.g. intersection improvements, lane striping, synchronized signalization, etc.)
Travel Demand Forecasting	Predicting the impacts that various policies and programs will have on travel demand in the area.

Trip generation	The determination of the number of trips that have their origin or destination in a specified location or area.
Vehicle Availability	The number of passenger vehicles available to a household for routine daily travel.
Vehicle Occupancy	The number of people in a car, truck, bus, etc.
Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT)	A standard area-wide measure of travel activity, most often calculated by multiplying average trip length by the total number of trips.
VOCs	Volatile Organic Compound
Volume-to-Capacity Ratio	Used in figuring the level of service of a roadway. The number of vehicles versus the capacity of the road.
Zone	Geographically, the smallest analysis area for transportation analysis.

Adapted from Base Comprehensive Transportation Planning Bulletin Appendix E, United States Air Force, May 1984.

Appendix D: Population and Household Estimates by TAZ

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 by Traffic Analysis Zone 2005 and 2030**

TAZ Number	Housing Units 2005	Housing Units 2030	Population 2005	Population 2030
K001	92	92	262	252
K002	545	685	1555	1876
K003	479	639	1367	1750
K004	128	288	365	788
K005	318	451	862	1172
K006	27	27	68	66
K007	88	200	223	489
K008	654	849	1753	2190
K009	729	998	1848	2438
K010	261	262	692	667
K011	76	77	210	203
K012	550	635	1472	1630
K013	210	264	581	701
K014	376	492	1041	1309
K015	67	67	185	179
K016	685	842	1896	2237
K017	234	285	630	735
K018	557	765	1412	1870
K019	35	35	92	90
K020	347	695	915	1761
K021	298	465	786	1177
K022	107	246	282	624
K023	185	196	488	495
K024	1193	1211	3149	3068
K025	92	148	243	376
K026	137	166	361	419
K027	289	332	762	838
K029	349	598	921	1515
K054	90	91	230	225
K055	91	91	231	221
K056	233	339	591	829
K057	341	560	826	1303
K058	166	169	402	394
K059	756	943	1828	2195
K060	73	73	185	177
K074	643	668	1741	1742
K075	876	901	2782	2764
K076	585	593	1557	1523
K077	399	416	1029	1034
K078	123	126	312	309
K079	781	784	1980	1916
K080	848	853	2154	2088
K081	15	612	38	1495
K082	366	369	1071	1045
K083	484	493	1230	1206
K084	290	298	753	745
K085	114	115	289	282
K086	133	133	337	326
K087	727	912	1909	2293
K088	618	630	1567	1539
K089	457	523	1158	1276
K090	184	229	466	559
K091	1057	1133	2677	2767
K092	791	807	2005	1972

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K093	1051	1058	2702	2624
K094	229	870	627	2214
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K096	277	1030	707	2546
K097	546	546	1668	1626
K098	833	833	2125	2061
K099	669	669	1707	1655
K100	180	191	459	473
K101	133	133	339	329
K102	125	141	319	349
K103	291	507	806	1346
K104	138	137	350	336
K105	121	393	307	960
K106	456	545	1156	1332
K107	1335	1385	3499	3502
K108	230	270	583	659
K109	88	157	223	384
K110	152	158	385	387
K111	124	141	343	375
K112	173	192	479	511
K113	93	94	257	249
K114	85	85	215	207
K115	629	921	1594	2249
K116	104	126	264	309
K117	24	27	61	66
K118	23	24	58	58
K119	28	28	71	68
K120	27	27	449	447
K121	1106	1154	2801	2820
K122	93	117	257	310
K123	642	836	1777	2221
K124	215	717	569	1834
K125	408	637	1091	1626
K126	170	2488	412	5790
K127	291	293	705	683
K128	144	147	384	375
K129	510	763	1309	1880
K130	85	164	206	383
K131	168	170	443	430
K132	522	673	1380	1704
K133	304	538	782	1343
K134	336	650	886	1648
K139	905	958	2251	2292
K142	401	428	971	996
K207	180	250	436	581
K208	225	294	545	685
K209	236	269	571	625
K210	220	387	580	980
K211	132	163	348	412
K212	70	149	185	379
K213	301	812	729	1889
K214	118	124	311	312
K215	0	0	0	0
K216	76	187	200	472

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K217	786	1058	2167	2799
K218	384	623	1063	1656
K219	402	620	1113	1648
K220	432	467	1196	1242
K221	1002	1583	2774	4207
K222	768	908	1947	2217
K223	734	1099	1861	2684
K224	688	1134	1905	3013
K225	218	243	553	593
K226	128	140	354	372
K227	37	84	102	222
K228	329	443	834	1082
K229	379	604	961	1476
K230	157	215	398	525
K231	946	1135	2399	2776
K232	316	430	801	1050
K233	311	595	788	1454
K234	269	427	766	1168
K235	394	869	1004	2148
K236	151	692	384	1707
K237	227	1442	621	3608
K238	2	190	5	470
K239	248	451	633	1116
K240	208	960	531	2373
K241	76	101	194	250
K242	434	496	1144	1255
K243	295	342	817	910
K244	85	163	224	412
K245	26	26	69	67
K246	74	92	294	330
K247	146	145	370	355
K248	134	133	340	326
K249	15	22	1617	1632
K250	381	389	966	951
K251	31	31	79	75
K252	458	456	1161	1113
K253	111	117	281	287
K254	430	439	1090	1072
K255	107	106	271	260
K256	274	277	695	676
K257	659	694	1670	1695
K258	215	289	545	705
K259	179	178	454	435
K260	955	961	2418	2349
K261	20	20	51	49
K262	479	890	1236	2216
K263	151	155	383	379
K264	696	780	1776	1930
K265	42	55	106	134
K266	1592	1671	4033	4082

Appendix E

Part A: Funded Projects

List of Recommended Projects

		Year Completed By	Year Of Expenditure \$ Amount	Road Classification
Estimated Available Statewide Programs Funding			\$1,059,587	
Statewide Programs	Statewide Projects			
	Transit (Expanded Bus Service and Rail Service)	2030	\$289,979	
	Civil Air Terminal	2030	\$45,886	
	Bicycle lending or sharing programs	2010	\$500	
	Bridges	2030	\$12,501	
	Corridor Preservation	2030	\$43,359	
	Environmental Improvements	2030	\$12,782	
	Equipment	2030	\$24,920	
	Intersection Improvements	2030	\$12,247	
	Materials and Minor Contracts	2030	\$65,260	
	Operations	2030	\$86,234	
	Paving Program	2030	\$210,149	
	Rail Crossings	2030	\$1,369	
	Highway Safety Improvement Program/Plan	2030	\$8,799	
	Signage and Pavement Markings	2030	\$9,389	
	Technology	2030	\$2,870	
	Traffic Calming	2030	\$2,319	
	Transit Facilities	2030	\$773	
	Transportation Enhancements	2030	\$50,622	
	Transportation Facilities	2030	\$28,568	
Transportation Management	2030	\$8,756		
Engineering & Contingencies	2030	\$3,062		
EZ Pass	2030	\$4,358		
Aeronautics	2030	\$1,770		
	Estimated Total Cost		\$926,474	
Estimated Available Highway Project Funding			\$566,895	
Committed Projects	Highway Projects			
	South Governors Ave Reconstruction Webbs Lane to Water Street	2011	\$12,850	
	27.1 Complete the SR 1 Little Heaven Grade Separated Intersection	2015	\$59,123	Arterials
	26.4 Complete the SR 1 and SR 9 Grade Separated Intersection at DAFB	2010	\$13,826	Arterials
	23.2 Complete the SR 1 / Thompsonville Road Grade Separated Intersection (K 19)	2014	\$25,222	Arterials
	23.2 Complete the SR 1 South Frederica Grade Separated Intersection (Cedar Neck Road K 120)	2015	\$25,000	Arterials
	23.2 Complete the SR 1, North Frederica Grade Separated Intersection	2012	\$13,074	Arterials
29.0 Upgrade Barratts Chapel Road from SR 1 to Kersey Rd to include adequately wide travel lanes and shoulders and include bicycle, pedestrian and transit facilities as appropriate	2020	\$20,810	Major Collector	

		Year Completed By	Year Of Expenditure \$ Amount	Road Classification	
Committed Projects	29.0	Improve Carter Road from Sunnyside Road to Wheatley's Pond Road (DE 300) to include adequately wide travel lanes and shoulders and pedestrian and bicycle facilities	2020	\$8,800	Major Collector
	28.3	Upgrade Duck Creek Parkway from Bassett Street to Main Street in north Smyrna to include adequate travel lanes, shoulders, curbs, drainage, and bicycle and pedestrian improvements	2020	\$9,052	Major Collector
	28.3	Construct the West Dover Connector	2020	\$42,665	Minor Arterial
	25.1	Realign Wyoming Mill Road with the Village of Westover entrance and signalize	2012	\$1,500	Major Collector
	28.3	Construct the Clarence Street Extension	2020	\$1,400	Local
	29.0	Complete gateway improvements on Forest St, including a roundabout at the intersection of Lookerman Street and Forest Street	2016	\$5,327	Minor Arterial
	27.2	Construct a grade separated intersection at SR 1 and NE Front St. in Milford	2020	\$30,000	
Recommended New Projects	37.0	DE 8: Construct recommendations from the DE 8 Concept and Operations Study	2030	\$37,986	Minor Arterial
	37.0	- D8: Intersection Improvements: Left turn phasing at 4 intersections	2030		Minor Arterial
	37.0	- D8: Intersection Improvements: Access to the new High School site (Carey Farm), Calvary Church site	2030		Minor Arterial
	37.0	- D8: Intersection Improvements: Mifflin Road right turn and realignment of Brandywine Apts entrance	2030		Minor Arterial
	37.0	- D8: N/S Connector Road: Chestnut Hill Road to Rt 8	2030		Major Collector
	37.0	- D8: N/S Connector Road: Rt 8 to Hazletville Rd	2030		Major Collector
	37.0	- D8: N/S Connector Road: Connection above road to Artis Drive	2030		Major Collector
	37.0	- D8: Install Bicycle and pedestrian improvements including bike lanes, designated, controlled crossings with ped signals and an alternative shared use path	2030		Minor Arterial
	37.0	- D8: Connector Road behind Greentree Shopping Center between Independence Blvd and Kenton Road	2030		Local
	37.0	- D8: Realign intersection of Artis Drive with DE 8	2030		Local
	37.0	- D8: Interconnections to enhance Rt 8 Corridor Capacity Independence south of Rt 8 to Mifflin Road, Dove View to Modern Maturity, Heatherfields/Fox Hall West & Cranberry Run,	2030		Exempt
	37.0	- D8: Connector Road south of Gateway West to Commerce Way	2030		Local
	37.0	NDS: Implement the recommendations of the Concept Plan for US 13 and 113 in Dover	2030	\$39,391	Minor Arterial
	37.0	- NDS: Construct a collector road between the Scarborough Rd. and US 13 to the East of Dover Mall and Dover Downs, to Leipsic Road (NDS is North Dover Study)	2030		Major Collector

		Year Completed By	Year Of Expenditure \$ Amount	Road Classification		
Capital Projects - Highways	Recommended New Projects	37.0	- NDS: Construct a collector between above and US 13 adjacent to Best Buy	2030	Major Collector	
		37.0	- NDS: Realign Exit 104 toll plaza and access roads to accommodate above	2030	Other Freeway	
		37.0	- NDS: Realign Leipsic Road and connect to US 13 at Jefferic Blvd. and to the Barry Van Lines site	2030	Major Collector	
		37.0	- NDS: Construct Crawford Carroll Rd extension from behind Lowes to College Rd east of DSU	2030	Major Collector	
		37.0	- NDS: Construct a local road between above and US 13 across from a realigned Dover Mall North entrance	2030	Major Collector	
		34.7	Upgrade Kenton Road from DE 8 to Chestnut Grove Road in Dover with shoulders, sidewalks, bike and transit facilities and closed drainage	2030	\$20,858	Minor Arterial
		33.2	Intersection Improvements to South State Street at SR 10 (Lebanon Road)	2020	\$593	Minor Arterial
		33.2	Intersection Improvements to South State Street: Sorghum Mill Rd. to SR 10 (Lebanon Road)	2020	\$237	Minor Arterial
		33.2	South State St. Intersection Improvements various intersections (8 total) between US 13 and SR 1	2020	\$1,521	Minor Arterial
		32.4	Upgrade West Street from New Burton Road (Queen Street) to North Street in Dover to include adequate travel lanes, shoulders, curbs, drainage, and bicycle and pedestrian improvements	2020	\$1,431	Major Collector
		32.4	Construct pedestrian improvements on US 13 from Duck Creek to the north Smyrna SR 1 interchange	2030	\$8,793	Major Collector
		30.8	Upgrade Front Street corridor from Rehoboth Blvd to SR 1, Milford to include adequate travel lanes, shoulders, curbs, drainage, bicycle and pedestrian improvements and intersection improvements	2030	\$3,588	Major Collector
		30.8	Construct /fill gaps in pedestrian improvements on US 13 in Smyrna	2030	\$14,185	Minor Arterial
		30.7	Upgrade corridor of DE 14 from DE 15 to Church Street and from Washington Street to SR 1 with adequate lane width, shoulders, sidewalks and transit facilities	2030	\$28,396	Minor Arterial
		30.7	Complete upgrade of DE 300 from railroad tracks to US 13 to include sidewalks, bicycle and transit facilities and intersection improvements at Carter Rd/DE 6 area	2030	\$20,739	Major Collector
		30.7	Upgrade Irish Hill Road from SR 1 to US 13 to include adequate travel lanes, shoulders, and bicycle and pedestrian improvements	2030	\$86,025	Major Collector
		30.7	Upgrade College Road from Salisbury to Kenton Road to include turn lanes where needed, shoulders, sidewalks or multi-use path, curbing and closed drainage	2030	\$4,289	Minor Arterial
29.1	Construct a connector road from White Oak Road to DE 8	2015	\$1,092	Major Collector		
Estimated Total Cost			\$5,826,580			

		Year Completed By	Year Of Expenditure \$ Amount	Road Classification	
		Estimated Available Transit Project Funding			
Transit Projects	New Projects	Transit Projects			
		Expand fixed-route bus service	2010	\$2,987	
		Expand paratransit service	2020	\$2,434	
		Create/operate the Smyrna Shuttle	2020	\$2,156	
		Delaware Air Park - DRBA - Runway Extension	2020	\$1,249	
		Implement recommendations of Civil Air Terminals Studies	2020	\$128	
		Construct the Dover Transit Center at Water and West Streets	2020	\$11,699	
Estimated Total Cost			\$20,653		
		Estimated Available Planning Study Funding			
Studies and Other Planning	Studies	Planning Studies			
		34.8 Develop a commercial corridor/modified corridor preservation concept for US 13 in Camden	2010	\$135	
		34.8 Develop commercial corridor concepts for US 113 in Milford, and DE 10 from US 113 to US 13	2010	\$301	
		33.1 Study the need to upgrade DE 14 west of DE 15	2010	\$81	
		32.5 Develop a Main Street concept plan for DE 42 in Cheswold	2020	\$59	
		30.8 Reassess feasibility study of implementing passenger rail service between Dover and Wilmington	2020	\$148	
		29.1 Study the need to upgrade DE 15 west of Wyoming in future annexation areas	2020	\$98	
		29.1 Study US 13 Alt. south of South Street in Camden to determine how to improve safety and traffic flow	2020	\$33	
		28.5 Study the need to bring Denneys Road in Dover to urban standards	2020	\$65	
		26.8 Study the need to upgrade Church Hill Road north of Milford between DE 14 and Road 119	2020	\$65	
		25 Monitor conditions on DE 8 between Forest Street and US 13 to determine the need for additional corridor and intersection improvements	2020	\$392	
		25 Study the transportation system south of Smyrna to determine required future transportation improvements	2020	\$196	
		25 Study where/how to make a new connection(s) between SR-1 and DE-12 outside of Frederica	2020	\$361	
		25 Develop an access management program to preserve capacity on key roadways serving regional travel needs such as DE 15, DE 12, DE 14	2020	\$541	
24.5 Conduct walkable community workshops in the region's municipalities as a means to creating local bicycle and pedestrian plans and accomplishing ADA compliance	2020	\$115			
23.3 Study ways to reduce congestion on SR 1 north of Dover	2020	\$80			

		Year Completed By	Year Of Expenditure \$ Amount	Road Classification	
Studies	22.8	Study access to employment and commercial areas of Milford	2020	\$199	
	22.7	Expand the Corridor Capacity Preservation Program to include DE 10	2020	\$159	
	21.1	Conduct site studies to determine the best locations for intermodal freight transfer facilities	2020	\$80	
	19.4	Study how pinchpoints on DE 15 west of Smyrna and Clayton can be improved to constitute a westerly bypass of those towns	2020	\$318	
	16.7	Study creating a truck route outside of/around the Milford historic district	2020	\$278	
Estimated Total Cost				\$3,704	

Appendix E

Part B: Unfunded Projects: Aspiration List

		Year Completed By	Year Of Expenditure \$ Amount	Road Classification	
Aspirations List of Projects					
Highway Projects					
Capital Projects - Highways Excluded New Projects (Aspiration List)	29.1	Upgrade Sunnyside Road from DE 300 to US 13 in Smyrna to include adequate travel lanes, shoulders, curbs, drainage, and bicycle and pedestrian improvements	>2030	\$30,845	Major Collector
	29.1	Construct/fill gaps in pedestrian facilities on US 113 between Court Street and Lafferty Lane	>2030	\$5,774	Minor Arterial
	28.5	Upgrade N. Main Street in Smyrna to include adequate travel lanes, shoulders, curbs, drainage, and bicycle and pedestrian improvements	>2030	\$7,150	Major Collector
	28.5	Upgrade Joe Goldsborough Road from Duck Creek Road to US 13 to include adequate travel lanes, shoulders and bicycle and pedestrian facilities	>2030	\$2,240	Major Collector
	28.5	Upgrade Paddock Road from US 13 to SR 1 to include adequate travel lanes, shoulders and bicycle and pedestrian facilities	>2030	\$5,096	Major Collector
	27.3	Upgrade Messina Hill Road to improve safety and include adequate travel lanes, shoulders and bicycle and pedestrian facilities	>2030	\$4,480	Major Collector
	26.8	Upgrade Peachtree Run Road (from Voshells Mill Star Hill Road to Irish Hill Road) to include adequate travel lanes, shoulders, and bicycle and pedestrian improvements	>2030	\$12,300	Major Collector
	26.8	Upgrade New Burton Road from Westview Terrace to Wyoming town limit with turn lanes, where needed, adequate shoulders and bicycle and pedestrian facilities	>2030	\$11,200	Major Collector
	26.7	Construct/ fill gaps in pedestrian facilities on US 13 from Smyrna-Leipsic Road (K 12) to Duck Creek Road.	>2030	\$4,362	Minor Arterial
	26.4	South State Street Center left turn lane: SR 10 to SR 1	>2030	\$55,000	Minor Arterial
	26.3	Upgrade SR 36 west of US 113 to include pedestrian, bicycle and transit facilities and adequate travel lane and shoulder widths (in Milford)	>2030	\$28,000	Major Collector
	26.2	Upgrade the McKee Road/ Saulsbury Road/Morton Road corridor from Denneys Road to Lynnbury Woods Road with adequate lane width, shoulders, sidewalks and bicycle and transit facilities	>2030	\$10,200	Major Collector
	26.2	Upgrade DE 15 between DE 14 and US 13 and from DE 10A to DE 10 to include adequate lane width, shoulders, multi-use path and transit facilities.	>2030	\$39,300	Minor Arterial
	25.7	Upgrade DE 42 from Kenton to US 13 with adequate travel lanes and shoulders and bicycle and pedestrian facilities	>2030	\$21,056	Major Collector
	25.7	Upgrade corridor of Lynnbury Woods Road to include adequate travel lanes, shoulders, curbs, drainage, and bicycle and pedestrian improvements	>2030	\$5,600	Minor Collector
25.1	Upgrade sections of Brenford Road not included in developer improvements to include adequate travel lanes, shoulders and bicycle and pedestrian facilities	>2030	\$200	Minor Arterial	

		Year Completed By	Year Of Expenditure \$ Amount	Road Classification		
Capital Projects - Highways	Excluded New Projects	25.1	Upgrade Walnut Shade Road from US 13 to S. State St. to include adequate travel lanes, shoulders, and bicycle and pedestrian improvements	>2030	\$8,000	Major Collector
		25.0	Widen US 13 from Scarborough Road to South Smyrna SR 1 Interchange	>2030	\$112,000	Minor Arterial
		24.6	Upgrade DE 15 west of Clayton and Smyrna (Vandyke Greenspring Road to DE 6) to include adequate travel lanes and shoulders and bicycle, pedestrian and transit facilities	>2030	\$6,900	Major Collector
		24.5	Construct Bike and Pedestrian Improvements on Duck Creek Road from Main St to US 13 and from DE 6 to VanDyke Spring Road	>2030	\$550	Major Collector
		254.5	Upgrade Carpenter Bridge Road from Frederica to DE 15 to include adequate lane width, shoulders, multi-use path and transit amenities	>2030	\$18,816	Minor Arterial
		24.5	Upgrade DE 12 from SR 1 to US 13 with adequate lane width, shoulders, multi-use path and transit facilities	>2030	\$30,016	Minor Arterial
		24.5	Construct/fill gaps in bicycle and pedestrian facilities on Hazletville Road within the Dover city limits.	>2030	\$2,240	Minor Arterial
		24.5	Construct a Bike route on S. State Street from Webbs Lane to SR 10	>2030	\$1,200	Minor Arterial
		24.0	Construct/fill gaps in bicycle and pedestrian improvements on DE 10 between Bay Road (US 113) and DE 15 west of Wyoming	>2030	\$5,600	Minor Arterial
		21.0	Construct grade-separated intersection at SR 1 and Barratts Chapel Road	>2030	\$30,000	Principal Arterials
		20.6	Construct pedestrian improvements on Washington Street bridge in Milford	>2030	\$224	Major Collector
		17.1	Upgrade Brick Store Landing Road from Paddock Road to SR 1 in Smyrna	>2030	\$3,696	Major Collector
		17.0	Improve the intersection of Airport and Bowman Roads in Milford	>2030	\$900	Major Collector
		14.9	Upgrade DE 6 between the Maryland state line and DE 300 with adequate travel lanes and shoulders.	>2030	\$7,900	Local
Transit	Transit	Transit Projects				
			Implement Bus Rapid Transit/BRT recommendations through Kent County by creating a dedicated lane and intelligent signalling on existing ROW	>2030	\$0	
			Expand Rail service to Dover	>2030	\$0	
Planning Studies			Studies not specifically listed in the RTP	>2030	\$0	

	Year Completed By	Year Of Expenditure \$ Amount	Road Classification
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Appendix F: Summary of Public Outreach and Comments

Public Outreach

Public outreach for the Dover/Kent County Metropolitan Planning Organization's 2035 Long-Range Transportation Plan began in early 2008 when MPO staff partnered with Kent County government to present transportation data at public workshops for the county's comprehensive plan update. The information included travel modeling results and population/employment estimates.

MPO staff additionally spoke with workshop attendees about new concepts being developed for the RTP such as Complete Streets and Transit-Ready development. Since these workshops focused on the Comprehensive Plan, the MPO gathered no comments. Due to the contentious nature of other issues in the county's draft comprehensive plan, neither county nor MPO staff received any substantive comments about the transportation system during the workshops.

MPO staff later in 2008 initiated media coverage and public presentations regarding the RTP to encourage people to lend their input to the plan.

In December 2008, MPO staff mailed letters to Kent County-area mayors to offer PowerPoint presentations describing the RTP, sent postcards to residents and businesses to invite them to a January 15, 2009 public workshop and created and released a television advertisement through Comcast cable on a number of channels. The television ad was narrated in English, with Spanish subtitles, as central Delaware has a sizeable Hispanic population. All information about the plan directed the public to the MPO's Web site, www.doverkentmpo.org.

Drafts of the RTP were placed on the MPO's Web site, hard copies of the plan went to Kent County area public and university libraries and media releases about the ad, workshop and availability of the RTP for public review went to local newspapers and radio networks such as the *The News Journal*, *Delaware State News*, *Dover Post*, *Clear Channel* and *DelawareTalkRadio.net*.

Examples of the mayors' letter and workshop invitation follow:



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December 5, 2008

Hon. Harold H. Lane
Mayor of Woodside
POB 211
Woodside, DE 19980

Dear Mayor Lane:

Complete Streets, sustainable communities and transit-ready development.

Alone, these terms sound far removed from the average person. But in fact, they are concepts based upon historic development patterns that could shape the Dover and Kent County area toward easier mobility.

These progressive planning concepts are in the latest draft of the Dover/Kent County Metropolitan Planning Organization's Regional Transportation plan.

Thus far, the Dover/Kent County MPO has conducted an analysis of future transportation needs and compiled a list of projects.

Now, we're ready to take our plan on the road to share with municipalities and community organizations. We would be happy to make a presentation for you sometime in the first few weeks of January. The plan would take about 20 to 30 minutes to present.

The Regional Transportation Plan defines how the region's transportation system will develop over the next 20 years. This type of plan, which is updated every four years, is required by the U.S. Department of Transportation as a prerequisite for federal funding. It must be developed through a process that includes input from the public and private sectors and coordination with local and state plans.

Transit-ready development is a concept to develop communities that are more easily served by public transit. Sustainable communities is a concept that supports the sustainability of good quality of life for the area. Complete Streets, a new term, describes streets that are designed with all potential users in mind -- bicyclists, pedestrians, the disabled and transit.

If you are interested in a presentation, please contact us by telephone at (302) 760-2713 or e-mail at juanita.wieczoreck@state.de.us.

Sincerely,

Juanita S. Wieczoreck
Executive Director

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Public Workshop

The Dover/Kent County Metropolitan Planning Organization wants your input on its draft Regional Transportation Plan. Stop by and give us your thoughts about the plan and transportation services in Dover and Kent County.

Date: Jan. 15, 2009
Time: 4-7 p.m.

*Public Assembly Room
Dover Police Station
400 Bank Lane*

To preview a copy of the plan, call the office, go to your local public library or visit the MPO on the Web at:
www.doverkentmpo.org

Dover/Kent County MPO
Phone: 302-760-2713
Fax: 302 739-6340

Examples from the television commercial and the media release are also displayed:



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Dover/Kent County
RTP
Regional Transportation Plan Update

La Organización de Planificación Metropolitana de Dover/Condado de Kent actualiza su Plan Regional de Transporte de veinte años. Los fondos son limitados.



DoverKentMPO.org (302) 760-2713

Tendremos que hacer elecciones difíciles. Sus comentarios son esenciales para un mejor futuro. Llame al (302) 760-2713 o visite nuestro sitio web: doverkentmpo.org.

Hello, folks. Would welcome any coverage you could give us on this. If you have any questions, give me a call at the office.

Thanks!

Wishing very happy holidays to everyone.

Kate Layton
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MPO to air commercial on Comcast
30-second spot encourages participation in the agency's Regional Transportation Plan

DOVER – Comcast cable television customers may see a new ad on some of their favorite channels over the next few weeks.

From the end of December through January, the Dover/Kent County Metropolitan Planning Organization will challenge residents via a 30-second advertisement to tell the agency what they think about local transportation services.

The MPO developed the ad over the past few months, using colorful photos of various places around Dover and Kent County and cheerful music.

Narrated in English with Spanish subtitles, the commercial's message says:

“Growth brings congestion and a need for better transportation services.
The Dover/Kent County Metropolitan Planning Organization is updating its 20-year Regional
Transportation Plan.
Funds are limited. We'll have to make tough choices.
Your comments are vital.
Be an agent of change. Lend your voice to the RTP.
Call (302) 760-2713 or visit doverkentmpo.org.

The Dover/Kent County MPO: Planning transportation for you, for me, for everyone.”

A Regional Transportation Plan defines how an area's transportation system will develop over the next 20 years. Updated every four years, the RTP is required by the U.S. Department of Transportation as a prerequisite for federal funding.

This plan must be developed through a process that includes input from the public and private sectors and coordination with state and local comprehensive plans.

“We see this as an opportunity to get the word out that we are working on the plan and we want to know what people think about it,” MPO Executive Director Juanita Wieczoreck said about the TV spot.

The ad is set to air Dec. 29, playing on CNN, Comedy Central, Bravo, Discovery, ESPN 2, Food Network, FX, History Channel, CNN Headline News and The Weather Channel.

Those who wish to read the RTP can go to www.doverkentmpo.org and find a link to the document on the main page. To comment on the plan, readers may e-mail MPO executive director Juanita Wieczoreck at juanita.wieczoreck@state.de.us, MPO planner Jim Galvin at jim.galvin@state.de.us or call the office at (302) 760-2713.

MPO staff presented the plan to the MPO Council and committees throughout 2008 and early 2009. Prior to each of these meetings, media releases and public notices with agendas were sent to electronic and print media outlets. Meetings were open to the public and advertised as such. Media releases and public notices are shown:

TO: Media outlets

FROM: Kate Layton, public liaison, Dover/Kent County MPO

DATE: 10/24/08

RE: Nov. 5 MPO Council meeting

The council of the Dover/Kent County Metropolitan Planning Organization will meet at 3 p.m. Nov. 5 in the MPO conference room, on the second floor of the Blue Hen Corporate Center, Dover.

Scott Muir of Norfolk Southern Railroad is scheduled to present an overview of the company's operations, infrastructure and needs.

MPO Executive Director Juanita Wiczoreck will present a draft of the MPO's Regional Transportation Plan Update, which includes a list of proposed transportation projects in Kent County.

An agenda for the meeting is enclosed.

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TO: Media Outlets
FROM: Kate Layton, Public Liaison, Dover/Kent County MPO
DATE: Nov. 26, 2008
RE: Next MPO, Technical Advisory Committee meeting

Complete Streets, sustainable communities and transit-oriented development. Alone, these terms sound far removed from the average person. But in fact, they are concepts Based on historic development patterns that could shape the Dover and Kent County area toward easier mobility.

These concepts are in the latest draft of the Dover/Kent County Metropolitan Planning Organization's Regional Transportatino plan. MPO staff will go over the RTP at the Dec. 10 Technical Advisory Committee meeting.

The Regional Transportation Plan, updated every four years, defines how the region's transportation system will develop over the next 20 years. The plan must be developed through process that includes input from the public and private sectors, be coordinated with local and state long-range transportation plans.

Transit-oriented development is a concept to develop communities that are more easily served y public transit. Sustainable development is a concept that supports the sustainability of good quality of life for the area. Complete Streets, a new term, describes streets that are designed with all potential users in mind -- bicyclists, pedestrians, the disabled and motor vehicles. The latest RTP includes all these progressive planning ideas.

Also at the meeting, staff from the City of Dover will go over the latest draft of the city's comprehensive plan.

You are welcome to join us if you can!

What: Dover/Kent County Metropolitan Planning Organization's Technical Advisory Committee meeting.

When: 10 a.m. to noon, Dec. 10, 2008

Where: Blue Hen Corporate Center, Dover.

Suite 5 g.a. on the main floor of the corporate center.

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TO: Media
FROM: Kate Layton, Public Liaison, Dover/Kent County MPO
DATE: Dec. 2, 2008
RE: Upcoming Public Advisory Committee meeting

The Dover/Kent County Metropolitan Planning Organization's next Public Advisory Committee meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 16 in one of the meeting rooms of the new Eden Hill Medical Center in Dover.

A presentation on DelDOT's South Governor's Avenue project is on the agenda, as well as a general description to the PAC of DelDOT's public outreach process. MPO staff also is scheduled to present a draft of the MPO's Regional Transportation Plan and a presentation of a public outreach plan.

Please publish notice of the attached agenda and plan to attend the meeting if you are able.

Eden Hill Medical Center is located at 200 Banning St., Dover, off West North Street near downtown.

Thanks!

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MPO hopes to take Regional Transportation Plan on the road

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These concepts are in the latest draft of the Dover/Kent County Metropolitan Planning Organization's Regional Transportation plan.

The MPO has conducted an analysis of future transportation needs and compiled a list of projects. Now, the group is ready to take the list on the road to share with municipalities and community organizations.

"It's essential that we share our Regional Transportation Plan with the communities that it will serve," said MPO Executive Director Juanita Wieczoreck. "We want to be sure that we have identified the region's transportation needs and the priority projects to be funded with the limited resources available."

Staff hopes to present a draft of its Regional Transportation Plan to Kent County towns and cities within the first few weeks of January.

The Regional Transportation Plan defines how the region's transportation system will develop over the next 20 years. This type of plan, which is updated every four years, is required by the U.S. Department of Transportation as a prerequisite for federal funding. It must be developed through a process that includes input from the public and private sectors and coordination with local and state plans.

Transit-ready development is a concept to develop communities that are more easily served by public transit.

The Sustainable Communities concept supports the continuation of good quality of life.

Complete Streets, a new term, describes streets that are designed with all potential users -- bicyclists, pedestrians, the disabled and transit -- in mind.

Any municipality or community organization that is interested in a presentation may contact the Dover/Kent County MPO at (302) 760-2713 or by e-mail at juanita.wieczoreck@state.de.us.

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Media Release

TO: Media Outlets

FROM: Kate Layton, public liaison, Dover/Kent County Metropolitan Planning Organization

DATE: 12/31/08

RE: Upcoming meetings

Special meetings, workshops ahead in January

DOVER -- The Dover/Kent County Metropolitan Planning Organization's Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) will hold a special meeting from 10 a.m. to noon on Wednesday, Jan. 14 in Suite 5 g.a. on the main floor of the Blue Hen Corporate Center. (The full meeting agenda is attached)

At this meeting, TAC members are scheduled to review and approve the MPO's draft Regional Transportation Plan. If the TAC approves the draft, the document next goes to the MPO Council, the MPO's policy-making body. At the same time, the draft is subject to public view.

A Regional Transportation Plan defines how the region's transportation system will develop over the next 20 years. This type of plan, which is updated every four years, is required by the U.S. Department of Transportation as a prerequisite for federal funding. It must be developed through a process that includes input from the public and private sectors and coordination with local and state plans.

The MPO will bring the draft plan to the public the day after the TAC meeting on Jan. 15. From 4 to 7 p.m., the MPO will hold a public workshop to present the draft plan. The workshop will be held in the public assembly room of the Dover Police Department.

All meetings of the Dover/Kent County Metropolitan Planning Organization are open to the public, which is encouraged to attend. The Regional Transportation Plan can be viewed on the MPO's website: <http://www.doverkentmpo.org>.

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TO: Media Outlets

FROM: Kate Layton, public liaison, Dover/Kent County MPO

DATE: Jan. 13, 2009

RE: Special MPO Council Meeting

**Dover/Kent County Metropolitan Planning
Organization
Council to hold special meeting**

DOVER -- The Dover/Kent County Metropolitan Planning Organization's Council will hold a special meeting at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 28 to vote on the MPO's recent draft of the Regional Transportation Plan.

The Regional Transportation Plan defines how the region's transportation system will develop over the next 20 years. This type of plan, which is updated every four years, is required by the U.S. Department of Transportation as a prerequisite for federal funding. It must be developed through a process that includes input from the public and private sectors and coordination with local and state plans.

The meeting will be held at the MPO conference room, Suite 210, on the second floor of the Blue Hen Corp. Ctr., Dover.

Members of the public are invited to attend. The full agenda is attached.

MPO information is available on the Web at www.doverkentmpo.org



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Hi, everyone, this is a reminder of our public workshop today from 4-7 p.m. regarding our Regional Transportation plan.

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MPO to hold Regional Transportation Plan workshop

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The MPO will share information in the plan during a **public workshop from 4-7 p.m. today (Jan. 15) in the public assembly room of Dover Police Department.** The workshop will be held in an open house format.

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Kate Layton

Public Liaison

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Offers for presentations yielded requests for presentations from Kent County, the City of Dover and the Kent County Association of Realtors. MPO staff made presentations to the Dover City Council Safety Advisory and Transportation Committee on December 1, 2008; Kent County Regional Planning Commission on January 14, 2009; Kent County Association of Realtors on January 15, 2009 and Kent County Levy Court on January 20, 2009.

At the January 15 public workshop, hard copies of an abbreviated version of the staff's PowerPoint presentation were made available to the public. Hardcopies of the plan also were available at the workshop. The event had few attendees and few comments. Media outreach yielded a number of news articles and two radio interviews describing the plan and the invitation for public input. Radio interviews were with Phil Feliciangeli on January 8, 2009 which played on a number of Delaware *Clear Channel* stations. The second interview was with John Flaherty of *DelawareTalkRadio.com*, an Internet-based radio station. Other local radio stations also mentioned the RTP hearings in morning newscasts. Newspaper articles follow:

12/23/2008 The Dowr

State Capital

Transportation plan ready for viewing

DOVER — The Dover/Kent County Metropolitan Planning Organization has conducted an analysis of future transportation needs and compiled a list of projects. Now, the group is ready to take the list on the road to share with municipalities and community organizations.

The Regional Transportation Plan defines how the region's transportation system will develop over the next 20 years. This type of plan, which is updated every four years, is required by the U.S. Department of Transportation as a prerequisite for federal funding.

Any municipality or community organization that is interested in a presentation may contact the Dover/Kent County MPO at 760-2713 or by e-mail at juanita.wieczoreck@state.de.us.

Delaware State News, Tuesday, December 30, 2008

The Dowr

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The Dover Post, Wednesday, January 7, 2009 Page 3A

Regional transportation plan up for review

The Dover/Kent County Metropolitan Planning Organization's Technical Advisory Committee will hold a special meeting from 10 a.m. to noon Wednesday, Jan. 14, in Suite 5 on the main floor of the Blue Hen Corporate Center.

TAC members will review the MPO's draft Regional Transportation Plan. If the TAC approves it, the document will go to the MPO Council, the MPO's policy-

making body.

A Regional Transportation Plan defines how the region's transportation system will develop over the next 20 years. The MPO will hold a public workshop from 4 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 15, in the public assembly room at the Dover Police Department.

The plan can be viewed on the MPO's website, www.doverkentmpo.org.

Delaware State News, Monday, January 26, 2009

MPO to vote on transportation plan

DOVER — The Dover/Kent County Metropolitan Planning Organization's Council will hold a special meeting at 3 p.m. on Wednesday to vote on the MPO's recent draft of the Regional Transportation Plan. The meeting will be held at the MPO conference room, Suite 210, on the second floor of the Blue Hen Corporate Center, Dover.

MPO information is available on the Web at www.doverkentmpo.org

To share news about the State Capital, call 674-3600 or e-mail newsroom@newszap.com.

Page 20B The Dover Post, Wednesday, January 21, 2009

Dover/Kent County MPO meet Jan. 28

The Dover/Kent County Metropolitan Planning Organization's Council will hold a special meeting at 3 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 28, to vote on the MPO's recent draft of the Regional Transportation Plan.

The plan defines how the region's transportation system will develop over the next 20 years. Updated every four years, the plan is required by the U.S. Department of Transportation in order to receive federal funding.

The meeting will be held at the MPO conference room, Suite 210, on the second floor of the Blue Hen Corporate Center, Dover, and members of the public are invited to attend.

Additional information is available at www.doverkentmpo.org.



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Kent County transportation plan ready for review

JAMES MERRIWEATHER

Staff

By JAMES MERRIWEATHER

The News Journal

DOVER -- The Dover/Kent County Metropolitan Planning Organization has completed the draft of a four-year update of its Regional Transportation Plan and is looking to share the information with municipalities and community organizations.

The transportation plan -- which features 123 transportation projects worth hundreds of millions of dollars -- is intended to guide the development of Kent County's transportation system for a 20-year period. By federal edict, the plan must be updated every four years for the county to get federal subsidies for its transportation projects.

"It's essential that we share our Regional Transportation Plan with the communities that it will serve," MPO Executive Director Juanita Wieczorek said. "We want to be sure that we have identified the region's transportation needs and the priority projects to be funded with the limited resources available."

Already, the MPO has scheduled presentations to the Kent County Regional Planning Commission for 7 p.m. Jan. 14 and Kent County Levy Court at 7 p.m. Jan. 20. The organization will sponsor its own community meeting from 4 to 7 p.m. Jan. 15 at Dover police headquarters.

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Next month, the organization will launch a TV campaign intended to let residents know they can pass along their ideas about local transportation services. A series of 30-second spots will air during January on CNN, CNN Headline News, Comedy Central, Bravo, Discovery, ESPN2, the Food Network, FX, the History Channel and The Weather Channel.

"We don't want residents to just attend community meetings," said Kate Layton, the MPO spokeswoman. "We also want them to go the Web site, read the plan and send us their comments. We want to know what they think."

Excluding 23 projects to be implemented on a statewide basis, MPO officials have assigned priority ratings to each of 100 Kent County projects based on criteria such as local economic benefits, environmental protection and safety.

No. 1 on the list is \$38 million worth of improvements to Del. 8 between Dover's Lookerman Street and Artis Drive. Among other improvements, the elements include left-turn phasing at four intersections, intersection improvements at Mifflin Road and the selected site for a new Dover High School and four connector roads.

Another top priority is a \$39.4 million plan for improvements recommended by a study of north Dover -- including a collector road beginning at Scarborough Road and U.S. 13 and running behind Dover Mall and Dover Downs southward to Leipsic Road.

Among 123 projects listed as priorities, only 13 are slated for completion before 2020.

For purposes of the transportation plan, no priorities were assigned to the list of general, statewide transportation needs. The big ticket of \$290 million is for the cost of expanded bus service and new rail service that would be implemented by 2030.

As he collected comments recently from constituents on how the state might weather the current financial crisis, Gov.-elect Jack Markell questioned whether the state would ever be able to afford train service -- given the ever-expanding backlog of more urgent transportation needs. A questioner had suggested that rail service connecting Wilmington and Dover would provide an economic boost while improving the quality of life for the state's residents.

"We have expenses that grow with inflation and revenues that don't," Markell observed in his response. "That's just a fact of DelDOT's life."

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Dover/Kent planners make sure the public knows what's coming

Even if you find long-range government planning as boring as watching grass grow, the folks behind the Dover/Kent County Metropolitan Planning Organization have set a shining example of how to make sure the public is involved in its plans.

The MPO recently completed a draft of a four-year update to the Regional Transportation Plan that includes some 123 projects that could build out by 2030. The projects combined are worth hundreds of million of dollars and obviously will affect tens of thousands of local residents.

To get the word out about the projects – some of which might never be built – the MPO has developed a wide range of media and other outlets to dispense information and take feedback from the public. It's a model to ensure public input that virtually any government-sanctioned organization would do well to emulate.

Said Juanita Wiczoreck, executive director of MPO: "It's essential that we share our Regional Transportation Plan with the communities that it will serve. We want to be sure that we have identified the region's transportation needs and the priority projects to be funded with the limited resources."

Formally required presentations are already scheduled with the Kent County Regional Planning Commission on Jan. 14 and Kent County Levy Court on Jan. 20.

But what really shows MPO's commitment to full public disclosure is its use of other and somewhat unconventional outlets.

Any local organization can host a presentation by simply calling MPO. As many project drafts as needed will be supplied.

The group also plans to start a TV campaign with a series of 30-second spots this month. They will appear on CNN, Comedy Central, Bravo, ESPN2 and The Weather Channel, among others.

High on the priority list are projects including \$38 million in renovations to Del. 8 between Lookerman Street and Artis Drive in Dover and recommendations for improvements in the North Dover area beginning at Scarborough Road. It would include a new road to run behind Dover Mall and Dover Downs to Leipsic Road.

There are few government responsibilities that get more public attention than roads and transportation. That MPO is giving the public such open notification of its plans is what a good democracy is all about.



Del. scans 'shovel-ready' road plans

Federal stimulus funding may get some rolling

BY JAMES MERRIWEATHER • THE NEWS JOURNAL • JANUARY 8, 2009

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DOVER – With millions of dollars in federal stimulus [money](#) at stake, the rush is on to identify Delaware road projects that could be made construction-ready within 180 days.

Transportation Secretary Carolann Wicks said Wednesday that such projects would have to be among the 30 percent of Delaware's identified road needs that qualify for federal funding – a limitation aggravated by the fact that Delaware moves projects to "shovel-ready" status only after funding is salted away.

Since the stimulus program would be aimed at jolting the economy with an infusion of new money for infrastructure, projects that already are funded are not likely to qualify, she said. Most projects that require negotiating for rights-of-way also can be ruled out, Wicks added, given the six-month window of opportunity expected to come with the stimulus package.

"The challenge for us is we don't have projects just sitting around," she told the governing body of the Dover/Kent County Metropolitan Planning Organization.

Her remarks came in response to a question from Camden Mayor Robert A. Mooney, who asked if the [Department of Transportation](#) harbored any "guesstimate of shovel-ready projects that might be ready to be started tomorrow" for purposes of the stimulus program.

Wicks is president of the National Association of State Transportation Officials, which is party to an effort to shape a federal stimulus package of about \$775 billion worth of public works projects. A day earlier, Wicks, the state's transportation czar since 2006, accepted an invitation from Gov.-elect Jack Markell to stay on as DeIDOT secretary.

Delaware is at a disadvantage because it picks up 90 percent of the state's transportation load, including the cost of city streets, county roads and bus service that are picked up by local governments in most other states. Other states that pay only for bridges and "high-end" projects that qualify for federal money may be able to just pass along projects to the stimulus program from the top of their federal wish lists.

Wicks was invited to the Wednesday meeting to share a Transportation Trust Fund balance sheet that grows bleaker with each passing month.

In June, the Delaware Economic and [Financial](#) Advisory Council, the state's official revenue-forecasting arm, projected that trust-fund revenues would total \$468.8 million during the year that began July 1. By December, the estimate had dropped by \$24.6 million – or 5.2 percent – to \$444.2 million.

The big hit was a 15.7 percent decrease in motor vehicle document fees, reflecting the nationwide downturn in auto sales. Short of a car-buying frenzy, Wicks said, she's hard-pressed to identify new revenue sources to head off the need to push back even more road projects.

"There isn't any new money out there," she said. "It's just a question of how we keep working through it."

Richard Ornauer of Dover, a member of the MPO Council, called for an oft-recommended avenue to reserving more money for road projects. He would transfer DeIDOT's operating expenses from the trust fund – financed largely with tolls, motor fuel taxes and motor vehicle document and registration fees – to the state's general revenue budget.

"Something has to give," Wicks responded, adding that she could see the pros and cons of both Ornauer's position and maintaining the status quo.

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Transportation Plan up for Public Comment

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In the coming weeks, Kent County residents will have the opportunity to comment on the latest plan to manage traffic and transit in the region.

The Dover/Kent Metropolitan Planning Organization is in the process of drafting its 30-year Regional Transportation Plan, which prioritizes road projects and analyzes changing needs and transportation trends in the area.

Presentations are scheduled at upcoming Kent County Regional Planning Commission and Levy Court meetings on Jan. 14 and 20, respectively.

Juanita Wieczoreck, executive director of the Dover/Kent MPO, said she welcomes public input on the plan, which serves as an important catalogue for transportation projects.

If a project isn't in the plan, it can't receive funding from the Delaware Department of Transportation and move forward, Wieczoreck said.

The Dover/Kent MPO is one of three such organizations in the state, and was founded in 1992.

"The main thing we do is establish priorities in terms of what we need for the region, and then work with DelDOT and the local governments to get those needs met," Wieczoreck said at a meeting of the Dover/Kent MPO Council Jan. 7.

Those priorities, she said, take shape according to a set of underlying principles that guide the formulation of the plan.

The MPO first considers maintaining and upgrading the current infrastructure, then expanding to include other forms of transit like bikes, pedestrians and buses, and finally expanding the highway system.

Wieczoreck said highway expansion is last of the list for a reason.

"Studies have shown building new highway capacity is the really the least sustainable kind of transportation improvement you can make," she said. "Because you fill that one up, you need another one, then you fill that one up and need another one, that's why it's always the last choice."

The MPO applies these planning principles to its list of projects to come up with a ranking that prioritizes transportation projects, which can come from DelDOT research, municipal and legislator recommendations,

even concerned citizens.

"Projects that are considered for inclusion in the RTP are prioritized using a numeric scoring system to reflect qualitative ratings based on transportation system data," Kate Layton, spokeswoman for the Dover/Kent MPO said in an email. "Scoring criteria is based on the goals of the RTP: to strengthen the local economy; improve the quality of life; support desired land use and effective growth management; improve access and mobility while ensuring the safety of all citizens; and safely and efficiently transport people and goods."

Currently, top priority projects include improvements to the Route 13/Route 8 and South State Street/Lebanon Road intersections in Dover and the intersection of Route 13 and Walnut Shade Road in Woodside. But even though these projects earned high scores, their timelines stretch as far out as 2030.

The Dover/Kent MPO Council, a governing body made up of representatives from municipal governments, the community and DelDOT, has final say on the prioritized list, but it rarely rejects projects, Wieczoreck wrote in an email.

"We have not rejected any projects in this plan due to lack of Council support," she wrote. "In past years, large expansion projects, such as widening [Route] 8 to four lanes from Dover to the Maryland state line have not been included because they did not have enough support."

The main reason projects do not make it into the plan is finances, she added.

And according to DelDOT Secretary Carolann Wicks, state money for transportation projects is tight and getting tighter.

Wicks told the Dover/Kent MPO Council Jan. 7 that DelDOT revenue projections for fiscal year 2009 are down by more than \$24 million, mostly because of a sharp drop in the take from tolls and vehicle registration fees.

This could put many of the plan's projects with high priorities and long timelines in jeopardy.

"If funding decreases to the level predicted by DelDOT ... then very few of the projects in the plan beyond the first four years will be able to actually be implemented," Wieczoreck wrote in an email.

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Levy Court questions criteria used to determine road improvements

By Melissa Steele, Staff Writer
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Regional Transportation Plan passes amid concerns for bike travel



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The Dover Kent Metropolitan Planning Organization approved its updated Regional Transportation Plan Jan. 28, but not without considering some public criticism of the plan, especially its treatment of bike routes throughout the area.

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As a result of the public outreach, the MPO received several comments via e-mail, telephone and in-person conversations. Comments and responses are summarized in the following table:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Include roundabout in the list of calming devices in the city of Dover on item 3.4.3 on pages 30-31. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A roundabout is not considered the type of traffic calming device that facilitates pedestrian access since it moves the pedestrian farther from the intersection and is designed to keep traffic moving, reducing gaps during which a pedestrian can cross the street
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<p>Milford Bypass project:</p> <p>Four people wrote via e-mail to the MPO regarding a proposed overpass at Del. 1 and Thompsonville Road near Milford.</p> <p>All the comments adamantly supported the overpass, citing traffic, especially from visitors to and from the beach, as well as increased risk of crashes at the highway intersection.</p>	

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