



Vision 2040

The Dover/Kent County MPO  
Metropolitan Transportation Plan  
2017-2040

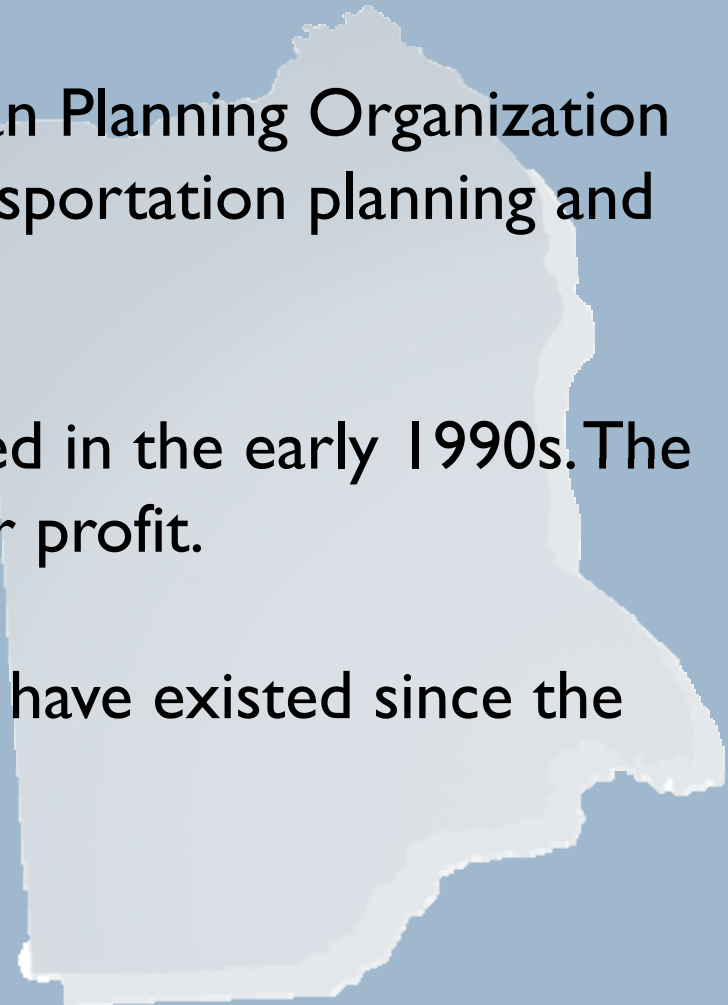


## What's an MPO?

The Dover/Kent County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is the agency that aids in transportation planning and programs for central Delaware.

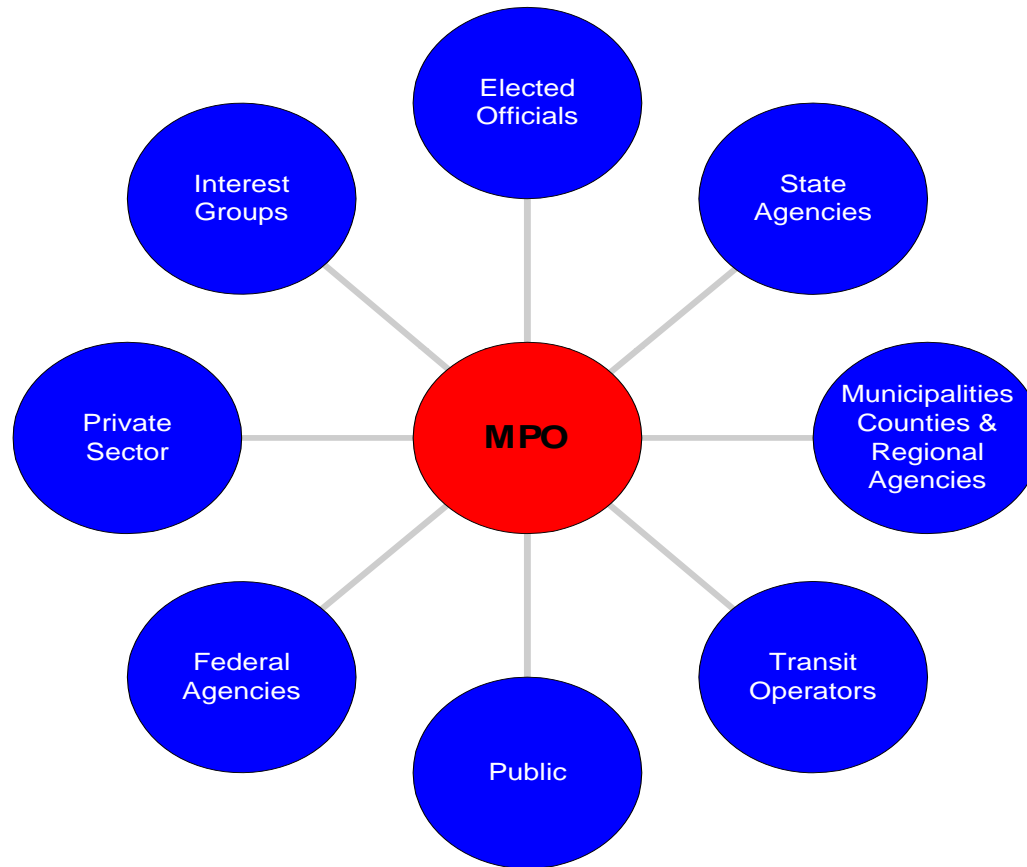
The Dover/Kent County MPO formed in the early 1990s. The agency is federally funded and not for profit.

MPOs exist all over the country, and have existed since the 1970s due to an act of Congress.



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# Vision 2040

The Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) is one of the MPO's core projects.

The MTP is a look at how central Delaware will take shape, transportation-wise, over the next 20 or more years and provides measurable goals for the region's transportation system.



# Vision 2040

The Plan is updated every four years, as is required of all MPOs. Major projects found in the MTP are eligible for Federal funding.

The Dover/Kent County MPO prepared its first long-range transportation plan in 1996. *Vision 2040* is the fifth update to the original plan.



# Vision 2040

The MTP:

- Identifies transportation needs and strategies
- Guides transportation investment
- Shows that transportation-related projects will meet federal air quality standards.



Three primary goals of the MTP are:

- To move people safely & efficiently
- Strengthen communities
- Promote economic development



## What's changed since the last MTP?

A new federal transportation bill:

The FAST Act (Fixing America's Surface Transportation) was signed into law in December 2015.

- FAST facilitates spending obligations through FY 2020.
- Spending will increase more than 2% per year for both highway and transit projects after FY 2016.

However, there is decreased transportation funding - Delaware raised fees and tolls in 2015 to provide additional revenue for maintenance and capital transportation projects.





Kent County is projected to receive between \$800 million and \$900 million for transportation projects between now and 2040, based on historical trends.



*Vision 2040* lists about 35 road projects and 12 walk and bicycle projects that are considered to be "financially reasonable," with an estimated cost of less than \$600 million.



MTP project highlights (road)

- Camden Bypass (construction - FY 2021)
- Kenton Road (FY 2020)
- U.S. 13 Widening (FY 2021)
- Walnut Shade Road (no construction money)
- Route 1/N.E. Front Street GSI (FY 2018)
- Crawford Carroll Road extension (FY 2020)
- Route 1 GSI, Little Heaven



## MTP Project Highlights (Bike/Pedestrian)

- U.S. 13 sidewalks in Dover

- Senator Bikeway

- Route 8 sidewalks (Dover High School)

- Route 10 bike trail



## What else is in the MTP?

Performance-based planning - The MPO will continue to use performance measures for this MTP. The MPO and DelDOT will establish criteria for measuring the performance of various components of Delaware's transportation system.

This type of planning was introduced in the last transportation bill, MAP-21, and Vision 2040's use of performance-based planning is a continuation of the previous bill.

FAST is clarifying what the performance measures should be for categories such as safety, pavement, bridges, etc.





## What else is in the MTP?

Emphasis on freight – Continuation from previous transportation bill. Federal directives outlined in MAP-21 noted the economic importance of regional freight planning.

DeIDOT recognized this, and in 2015, Delaware became one of the first states to adopt a regional freight plan, which incorporates the freight priorities of Delaware, Maryland, and Virginia into one, overall plan.



## We need your input

- ▶ From now through early August, the MPO will be on the lookout for public input.
- ▶ Take our survey, posted on our website:  
[www.doverkentmpo.org](http://www.doverkentmpo.org)
- ▶ Direct Survey Link:  
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/K95L9M7>
- ▶ Comment on social media    
(Twitter: *#DoverKentMPOVision2040Survey*)
- ▶ Visit our booth at public events
- ▶ Join us at our public workshop this summer – June 8, 2016



## Other Ways to Comment

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**Thank You!**

