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## Welcome

# (141) Corridor 20-Year Land Use and Transportation Plan

## Information Session #3

#### May 2016













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## **Opening Remarks**

- Dave Gula & Dan Blevins
  Principal Planners
  WILMAPCO
- Bobbie Geier Planning Supervisor DeIDOT
- George Haggerty Acting General Manager New Castle County







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## Purpose of Tonight's Meeting

- To Bring Planning Efforts to Closure
  - Review of Study Context
    - Land Use Plans and Development Approvals
    - Transportation Conditions
    - Changing Employment Context
  - Updated Vision and Goals
  - Draft Framework for Future Guidance
  - Implementation Concepts









## **Project Area**

- SR 141 from SR 2 to US 202
- Includes Several Major Businesses & Institutions
  - Astra Zeneca
  - A.I. DuPont Hospital
  - DuPont Experimental Station
  - DuPont Chestnut Run
  - DE Youth & Families Offices
  - NCC Detention Center







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  - Provides Regional Connectivity
  - Provides Local Access





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- Dow DuPont Merger Introduces Near-Term Uncertainty







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#### **Project Background & Need**

- The SR 141 Corridor is a Valued Resource
- The Three (3) Agencies Leading this Study will be Making Future Decisions on Land Use and Transportation Proposals
- Changes to Land Use and Transportation Conditions Affect the Lives of Those who Live, Work, Shop, Visit and Travel Within the Corridor
- Currently There Are No Guidelines Specific to the SR 141 Corridor











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## Purpose of the Study

- Purpose: To Develop Long-Term Vision and Goals Specifically for the SR 141 Corridor:
  - Establish Expectations and Aid in Future Decision Making
  - Integrate Land Use and Transportation
  - Help Achieve Community Goals and Aspirations
  - Attract High Quality Jobs and Continued Economic Investment
  - Respect the Valued Natural, Historic & Community Features
  - Supplement Existing Planning Process









#### **Vision and Goals**

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#### • Updated Vision and Goals

- Draft presented at Public Meeting #2 in October 2015
- Refined based on community feedback
- Copies available here tonight
- Available online: www.WILMAPCO.org

#### IV. THE VISION FOR THE SR 141 CORRIDOR

What is a Vision?: A vision statement describes the values, aspirations and shared image of what the SR 141 community wants the corridor to be in the future. Simply stated, the vision statement demonstrates what the corridor could become under ideal conditions. The vision is the benchmark against which the effectiveness of proposed land use and transportation strategies can be measured.

The County's Vision: The SR 141 Corridor is an integral part of New Castle County. Therefore, a starting place for developing a vision for the corridor is the following vision for the county as articulated in the legally adopted "New Castle County 2012 Comprehensive Plan Update", which is also consistent with New Castle County's "2014 Lond Use Action Plan."

"To preserve New Castle County as a strong community, where residents can grow up and grow old in a healthy and safe environment, by encouraging environmentally and economically sustainable use of land, which protects the county's natural, cultural, apricultural, and historic resources."

The 2012 Update of the Comprehensive Plan was certified by the Governor as consistent with the Delaware Strategies for State Policies and Spending.

The 2014 "New Castle County Economic Development Strategic Plan" identified the SR 141 Corridor as an Opportunity Area having great potential for future development or redevelopment. Additionally, the County's "2014 Land Use Action Plan" also supports the development of congestion management strategies for the SR 141 Corridor and other portions of New Castle County. These assessments were considered when creating this draft vision for the corridor.

#### SR 141 Corridor Vision

The SR 141 Corridor will be a shawpiece corridor in which land use and tramportation planning enable the creation of complete communities that encompass complete streets and efficient land use, and are healthy and livable, inclusive and active, and sustainable. The corridor will be home to a variety of residential

development, ranging from walkable multi-family developments to spacinus, single-family homes on larger tots in traditional neighborhoods. The corridor will have multiple high quality employment opportunities, building on the legacy and strength of Delaware's chemical, banking and pharmaceutical industry, and also provide a rich environment for emerging technology and other high quality employers to thrive, Institutional land uses such as schools, centers for the arts, and medical facilities will be encouraged. The SA 143 Corridor will facilitate "living near your work" and will remain a highly attractive and unique gateway to the frandywine Valley.



One of the defining characteristics of the corridor is it remains primorily residential, office and institutional with minimal commercial uses in the 5 miles from Faulkland Road to Route 202 – a product of decades of







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## Framework for Future Guidance

- The Vision and Goals will aid in the review of subsequent project proposals
  - Public agency transportation
  - Private sector development
- Additional strategies and guidance could provide greater detail on means to enhance
  - Land Use
  - Mobility
  - Safety
- Details and timing depend on champions for change













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## Feedback

- Plan has benefitted from input by SR 141 Stakeholders and Elected Officials
- Additional Input Being Sought Via:
  - Comment Form
    - Pen/Paper
    - Online <u>www.WILMAPCO.org</u>
  - Discussion with Team Members
  - Map Markups
- Key question: where do we go from here?
- Comments Requested by June 25<sup>th</sup>







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#### Schedule/Next Steps







#### **Room Layout**

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