

Special Committee to Study and Make Recommendations Regarding Truck Traffic and Freight Movements Along SR 41, SR 48 & SR 7

Status Update as of 6/3/19 (for DelDOT-led Recommendations)

| Recommendation | Status |
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| Conduct a feasibility study of constructing a bypass between US 1 and I-95 | Given the size, scope, and bi-state nature of this study, we believe it is premature to begin work on this effort without explicit direction from the General Assembly, and a formal recommendation from a bi-state working group such as the one recommended in Item 23. |
| 2. Conduct a feasibility study of constructing a passenger and freight rail spur from Wilmington that parallels the SR 41 corridor, including impacts to SR 7, SR 41, and SR 48 | Same response as Item 1. |
| 3. Conduct a feasibility study of constructing a dedicated freight line along the NE corridor from Perryville, MD to Newark, DE | Given the size, scope, and bi-state nature of this study, we believe it is premature to begin work on this effort without explicit direction from the General Assembly. |
| 4. Conduct a feasibility study of restricting trucks on SR 7, SR 41 and SR 48 during specified times, in specified directions, and based on loaded vs. unloaded conditions, determining impacts to, and improvements needed, on alternate routes | DelDOT Study Underway. Data Collection Ongoing. Expected Completion: Summer 2019 |
| 5. Conduct a feasibility study for improvements to the SR 896 corridor, including a potential alternate parallel route, to encourage trucks to use I-95 to SR 896 | Same response as Item 3. |
| 6. Perform a Road Safety Audit on SR 7, SR 41 and SR 48 | DelDOT Study Underway. Bus Tour held on December 11, 2018 Expected Completion: Fall 2019 |
| 7. Perform a traffic engineering study to implement a school speed limit zone on SR 41 near Cooke Elementary School | DelDOT Study Complete. No school speed zone recommended on SR 41. School speed zone with 20 mph speed limit recommended on Graves Road. |
| 8. Perform a traffic engineering study to determine appropriate speed limits on SR 7, SR 41, and SR 48 | DelDOT Study Complete. Lower speed limits proposed on portions of SR 7, SR 41 and SR 48. |
| 9. Continue to study options described in the 2016 Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC) Chester County New Castle County Transit Study | There were two general recommendations from the study: limited bus service from Wilmington to West Chester and van pools. Bus service was not recommended on SR 41 or SR 48. We will continue to monitor the options and this effort should be part of the work of the bi-state working group recommended in Item 23. |
| 10. Consider the use of quiet pavement technology on SR 7, SR 41 and SR 48 | DelDOT Implementing Quiet Pavement on SR 7, from SR 72 to Kirkwood Highway, under Pave & Rehab contract T201606118. The project is expected to start construction in Summer 2019. |
| 11. Relocate existing engine compression brake prohibition signs to downhill locations approaching signalized intersections | Signs fabricated and installed Project Complete - Summer 2018 |
| 12. Install engine compression brake prohibition sign with flashing beacons at PA state line | DelDOT Studied Concept. Decision to install larger signs w/o flashing beacons. Signs fabricated and installed. Project Complete – Summer 2018 |







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| 13. Conduct signal warrant studies for the following locations: SR 48 and Old Wilmington Road SR 48 and Courtney Road SR 48 and Harlech Drive/Hedgegrow Place SR 48 and Old Hobson Farm | DelDOT Study Complete. Traffic Signal Resolution signed for SR 48 at Old Wilmington Road. Project is currently in Design phase. Traffic signals are not recommended at the other three intersections. |
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| 14. Install permanent YOUR SPEED XX MPH signs on SR 7, SR 41 and SR 48 and perform a "before" and "during" study to determine the effectiveness of these signs on arterial roadways over time | Dynamic Signs Purchased and Installed. "Before" Data Collection Complete. Signs Installed – September 2018 "After" Data Analysis: In Progress |
| 15. Perform a traffic engineering study to determine any potential improvements for intersections on SR 7, SR 41 and SR 48 that are currently operating at LOS E or worse, based on WILMAPCO's Congestion Management Program Results | DelDOT Study Underway. Preliminary findings include additional lanes at 5 congested intersections. Expected Completion: Summer 2019 |
| 16. Provide additional enforcement of existing speed limits17. Perform a study to identify feasible locations to install fixed virtual WIM stations on SR 7, SR 41 and SR 48 | This recommendation is for Delaware State Police. DelDOT Study Complete. Recommendations for two (2) VWS Sites, one on SR 7 SB and one on SR 41 SB (north of split). |
| 18. Increase the number of truck inspections 19. Recommend New Castle County Police increase enforcement of NCC Code Section 22.02.0008-B.2.a.i, which makes it unlawful to "race or gun any motor vehicle between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m." | This recommendation is for Delaware State Police. This recommendation is for New Castle County Police. |
| 20. Increase enforcement of Delaware Code, Title 21 §4311(a), which makes it unlawful to "drive a motor vehicle, including a motorcycle, on a highway, including residential streets, unless such motor vehicle or motorcycle is equipped with a muffler in good working order and in accordance with manufacturer's specifications and in constant operation to prevent excess or unusual noise." | This recommendation is for Delaware State Police. |
| 21. Increase enforcement of engine compression brake prohibition | This recommendation is for Delaware State Police. |
| 22. Continue enhanced truck enforcement on SR 41 and SR 48, and expand enhanced truck enforcement to SR 7 | DelDOT continues to fund Delaware State Police with approximately \$100,000 for additional commercial vehicle enforcement on these corridors. |
| 23. Establish a bi-state working/coordination group to discuss and address issues associated with regional freight movement. The working group should be comprised of representatives from DelDOT, PennDOT, WILMAPCO, Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC), Delaware State Police, Pennsylvania State Police, and other relevant stakeholders | Dialog between agencies in Delaware and Pennsylvania has been occurring. WILMAPCO and DVRPC coordinating data collection efforts along DE/ PA border in Spring/Summer 2019. |
| 24. Request that existing legislation be re-written to bring Delaware's truck length laws in-line with surrounding states | This recommendation is for the General Assembly. |



