

PORT OF WILMINGTON TRUCK PARKING STUDY





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Who is WILMAPCO?

- Wilmington Area Planning Council ("WILMAPCO")
- Metropolitan Planning Organization
- Long-range Transportation Plan
- Local Community Plans





Agenda

- Overview
- Port and community ideas
- State of the practice
- Truck patterns
- Potential parking sites
- Other work
- Next steps





Overview

- Identify new truck parking area near the port
 - Allow for expansion/free space at the port
 - Address community's truck idling concerns
- Steering Committee
 - WILMAPCO
 - Port of Wilmington
 - DelDOT
 - City of Wilmington
 - DNREC
 - Clean Air Council
 - Civic Leaders





Overview



Source: Google Earth

Port and Community Ideas

Port of Wilmington Transportation Ideas (source: DeIDOT)

No.	o. Improvement Description	
	Short-Term Needs	
1.)	Truck parking areas	Alleviate backups on Terminal Avenue; free space at Port
2.)	Terminal Avenue	Sidewalks; lighting
3.)	Pigeon Point Road	Add shoulders; access for Magellan tankers
4.)	Dredging sites	Identify locations for silt
5.)	Add Dolfin to autoberth	Would accommodate larger ships
6.)	Cranes	Develop schedule for replacement
7.)	New Gate	Improve gate to ease future backups
8.)	Integration of CVISN	Install virtual WIM at the port

Long-Term Needs

1.) Extension of autoberth	Add 170 acres on River; this would add four docking sites	
2.) I-495 Interchange	Ensure good future access to highway	
3.) Rail	Extend rail to dock; increase rail car storage capability	

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Port and Community Ideas

Community Ideas (source: March 2010 civic meeting)

No.	Improvement	Description	
1.)	Zoning changes or voluntary relocation	Industry not compatible with residential; social justice issue	
2.)	Industrial site regulation	Not enough regulation by DNREC	
3.)	Truck traffic	Destroys roads, worsens air quality, late-night trips, idling at interstate ramps	
4.)	Terminal Avenue	Left turn violations	
5.)	Pyles Lane	Reduce truck volume	
6.)	Beautification	Prevent trash dumping, remove unused rail tracks, streetscape	



State of the Practice

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- Reviewed similar work at four seaports
 - Oakland, Seattle, Rotterdam and Hamburg

Common Themes

- Parking site should be well signed
- Security (lighting, guards, fencing, cameras)
- Sanitation (toilets and showers)
- Food and beverages (cafés)
- Electric plug-ins



Source: Paul Chinn, The Chronicle



State of the Practice

- Truck Stop Electrification
 - Trucks plug into the grid instead of idling
 - Reduces diesel exhaust
 - Reduces noise
 - Saves money long-term
- New Castle County TSE sites
 - I-95 Rest Area
 - Trinity Trucking



Source: Ohio Environmental Council

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Truck Patterns

- Get a sense of truck movement around port
- Late-night trips?
- Truck restricted roadways

Combo Truck



Unit Truck





0 250 500 February 3012 feet	NY Ave. E. of SR9 <u>Class Count %</u> Autos: 649 73% Unit Trucks: 218 24%	Average Weekday Traffic Counts North - Port of Wilmington Truck Parking Analysis
9	Combo Trucks: 28 3%	
Terminal Ave. E. of SR9 Class Count % Autos: 7,266 83% Unit Trucks: 862 10% Combo Trucks: 604 7%	I-495 S off-ramp to Terminal Ave.	
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Combo Trucks: 5 2% Dover Ave. E. of SR9 <u>Class Count %</u> Autos: 227 96% Unit Trucks: 8 3% Combo Trucks: 1 1%	I-495 S on-ramp from Terminal Ave. Class Count % Autos: 1,618 66% Unit Trucks: 360 15% Combo Trucks: 469 19%	















Truck Patterns

- Most truck movement around port
- Potential violations of truck-restricted roads
 - Especially Pyles Lane and Lambson Lane
- Early morning (3 AM to 6 AM) truck movements confirmed
 - Especially along Pigeon Point Road
- Good potential for use of parking site



Potential Truck Parking Areas

- Nearby the port
- Can handle at least 30 trucks
- Three sites identified







El DuPont: Christiana Avenue

- 4.3 acres; 0.6 miles (2 min.); industrial
- Farthest from port
- Christina Lab site
- Free of activity
- Sea level rise impacts





F & H Transport: Terminal Avenue

- 9 acres; 0.5 miles (1 min.); commercial
- Closest to interstate
- Most developed/active
- Likely most expensive
 - \$276k



- 2.1 acres; 0 miles (<1 min.); exempt commercial
- At port, 28 marked truck spaces
- Smallest site, little room for expansion
- Can non-port related trucks use site?





Other Work

- Non-motorized recommendations on Terminal Avenue
 - Access from bus stop at Christiana Avenue
 - Walkability to New Castle Avenue



Next Steps

- Public feedback
- Identify preferred parking site
- Assemble implementation needs
 - Truck idling/restriction enforcement and education
 - Identify potential funding sources
 - Maintenance and operation of potential parking site
- Draft report





Questions/Feedback

