

Department of Transportation



League of Women Voters of Sussex County

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Excellence in Transportation

Every Trip. Every Mode. Every Dollar. Everyone.

▶ **Every Trip**

- We strive to make every trip taken in Delaware safe, reliable and convenient for people and commerce.

▶ **Every Mode**

- We provide safe choices for travelers in Delaware to access roads, rails, buses, airways, waterways, bike trails, and walking paths.

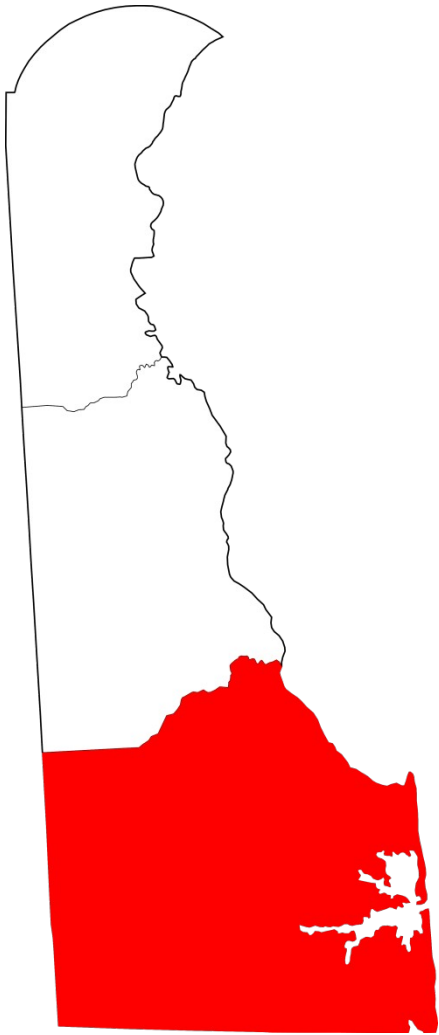
▶ **Every Dollar**

- We seek the best value for every dollar spent for the benefit of all.

▶ **Everyone**

- We engage and communicate with our customers and employees openly and respectfully as we deliver our services.

Services for Seniors



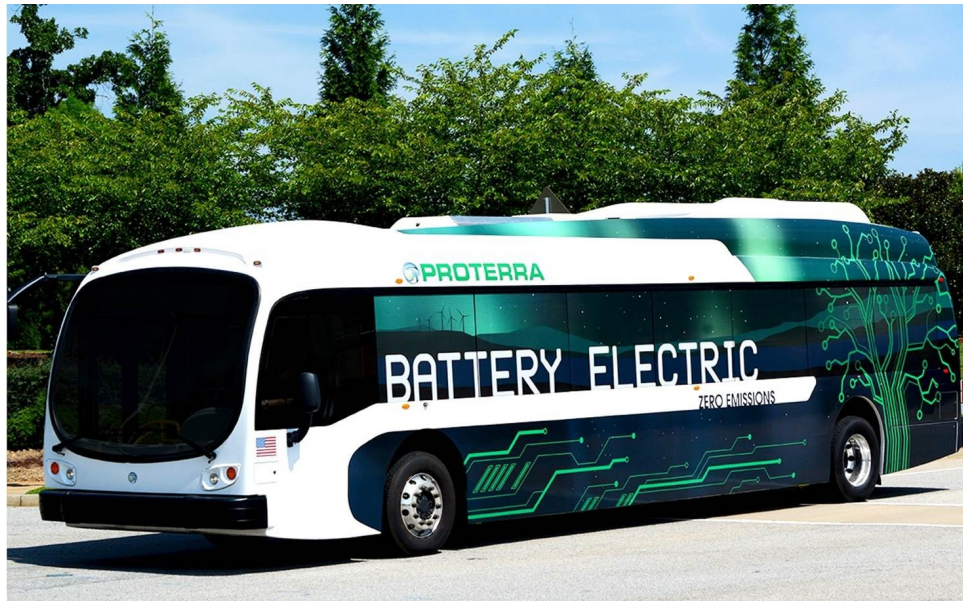
- ▶ DeIDOT uses data from U.S. Census Bureau and building permits from the three counties
- ▶ In 2016, about 55,000 of Sussex County's 217,000 people are 65+. That's over 25%.
- ▶ By 2040, about 80,000 of Sussex County's 260,000 people will be 65+. That's about 31%.

Services for Seniors

- ▶ The county as a whole is going to increase by almost 45,000 people, and over 25,000 of them will be 65+.
- ▶ So it's clear the size of the senior population is an important factor in Sussex County.



Services for Seniors



How DeIDOT is Addressing Services for Seniors in Sussex

- ▶ Most seniors in Sussex County drive, about 4-5 days per week.
- ▶ DeIDOT welcomed and funded iTN Southern Delaware.
- ▶ DeIDOT welcomed two ride share companies, Uber and Lyft



What Plans Do We Have for Seniors in Sussex

- ▶ Adding buses to current routes as ridership levels increase.
- ▶ Extending routes to other destinations near current routes, based on studies, interviews and input from Sussex County, employers, and comments from our riders.



Lewes Park & Ride = Key



What Plans Do We Have for Senior in Sussex

- ▶ Continue to adjust our demand responsive Paratransit services.
- ▶ Continue to expand DART Flex services – today we have three routes.
- ▶ Greyhound...



How DeIDOT is Addressing Services for Seniors in Sussex

- ▶ Targeted Travel Training
- ▶ Senior Centers
- ▶ Promote Public Transportation
- ▶ Resources Available and Allocated



Transportation Improvement Districts



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A Guide for Delaware Local Governments

By Marcia S. Scott & Matthew Watkins
Institute for Public Administration

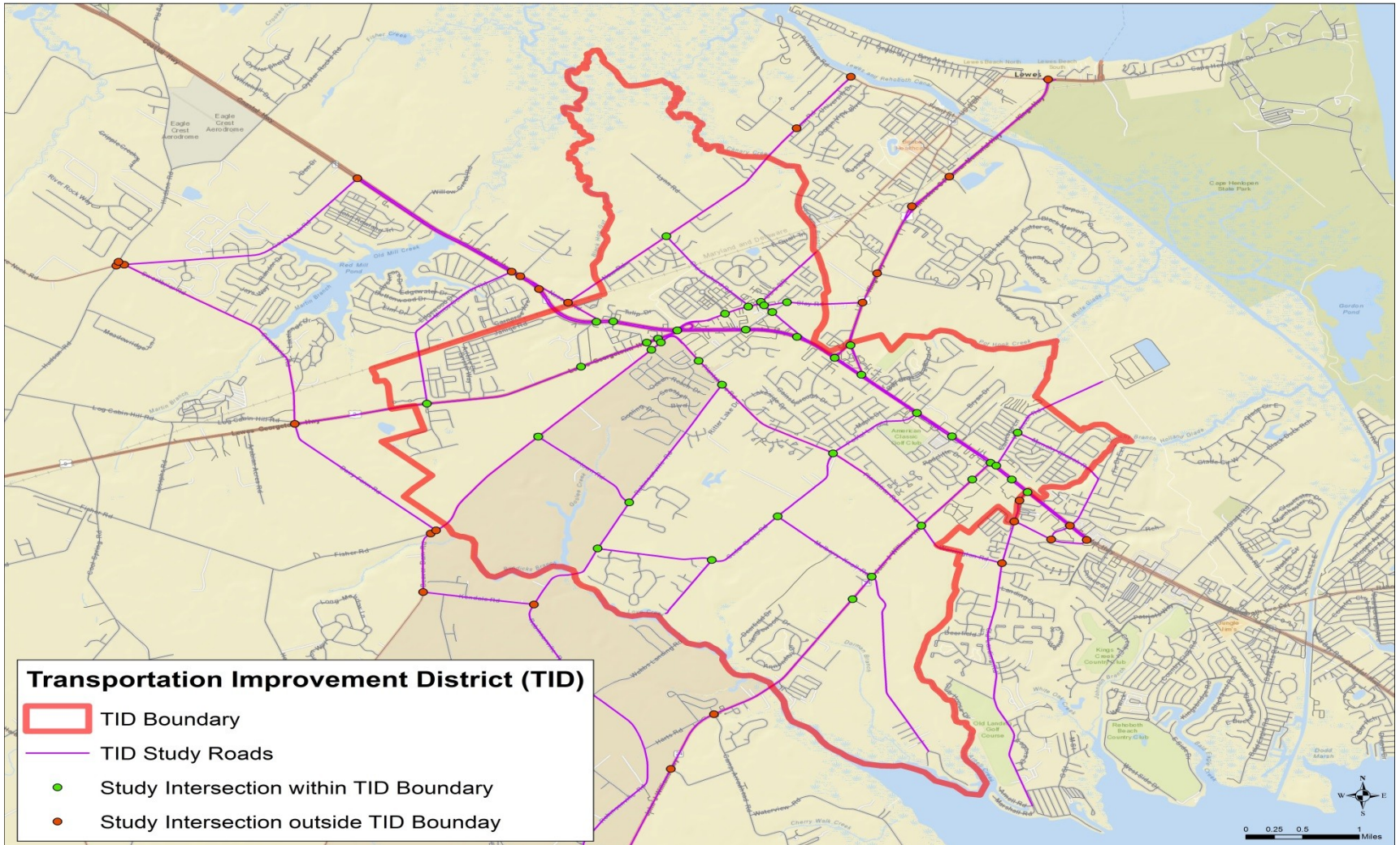
Transportation Improvement Districts

- ▶ A TID District is an area in which development is expected to occur and for which Traffic Impact Studies have already been completed.
- ▶ A local government initiates.
- ▶ DeIDOT holds meetings with the public and with the city or the county to establish boundaries, levels of service, density and other expectations.

Transportation Improvement Districts

- ▶ The process enables DeIDOT to determine the requirements that developers would face.
- ▶ This enables developers to know the cost of road improvements up front and to pay for improvements as building progresses.
- ▶ In a TID, developers don't have to wait for Traffic Impact Studies.

Henlopen TID



Henlopen TID

- ▶ On 8/30, Sussex County Council approved a motion to proceed with the development of the Henlopen TID.
- ▶ The current boundary may be adjusted as we move closer to an agreement (TID Agreement).
- ▶ Public comment and involvement

Henlopen TID

- ▶ **Current Work:**
 - The County will be initiating an amendment to its comprehensive plan that describes the intent to create a TID.
 - DeIDOT, County staff, and the members of the Planning & Zoning Commission are currently collecting data and developing the technical elements of the draft agreement.
- ▶ DeIDOT and Sussex County hope to enter into a formal agreement in early 2017.

Questions & Comments

