Route 54 Meeting with Southern Sussex County Community Action Group (SSCCAG)

Oct. 3, 2017

Attending from DelDOT: Rob McCleary, Mark Luszcz

Follow-Up Items

- 1. DelDOT will collected new data in summer 2018 to review need for a traffic signal at SR 54/Bluewater Run/Royal Farms. The updated report should be complete by September 2018.
- 2. Request that signals should be synced. The signals on SR 54 are already coordinated. We recommend a follow-up meeting and corridor drive through with DelDOT's Transportation Management Center Manager, Gene Donaldson (gene.donaldson@state.de.us).
- 3. Eastbound SR 54 to southbound SR 1 "lane add" is not well understood. There was one sign on SR 54 approaching SR 1 that was incorrect and is in the process of being reoriented. We cannot add a sign such as "traffic keep moving" as motor vehicles need to yield to pedestrians at the intersection. Installing a right-turn traffic signal may be feasible but would also be expensive due to the need for additional pedestrian signals. At this time, we believe the issue is a relatively minor inconvenience and is not contributing significantly to traffic congestion on SR 54.
- 4. Request for transit service along SR 54 from SR 20 to SR 1 and beach areas. The Delaware Transit Corporation will be reviewing this request over the upcoming months. For additional information, please contact DTC CEO John Sisson at john.sisson@state.de.us.
- 5. Signal malfunction at SR 54/Lincoln Dr. (Cape Windsor community) fixed 10/11/17.
- 6. Request for traffic calming on West Fenwick Boulevard. Road not yet accepted by DelDOT. This was already on the radar of DelDOT's Traffic Calming Program. We can get started, but have not received a legislative request for this to date. Normally we require this, since ultimately the legislator is typically the one who is going to fund the traffic calming implementation. The legislative request can be sent to Mike Somers at michael.somers@state.de.us.
- 7. Complaint about geometry of islands at Royal Farms, and Mill Pond Drive, which are intended to restrict traffic to right-turns only. Although the islands are small, the intent is clear. Even a larger island could be circumvented. However, we will assess the feasibility of expanding these islands to make the restricted movement more difficult. Also, the DelDOT Signing Section will install RIGHT TURN ONLY signs at Royal Farms access.
- 8. Idea for SR 54 area TID. SSCCAG should contact Drew Boyce (drew.boyce@state.de.us) and/or Sarah Coakley (sarah.coakley@state.de.us) for further information on this issue.
- 9. From Sept. 20, 2017 meeting: DelDOT to evaluate the lane configuration on the West Fenwick Boulevard approach to SR 54: convert the lane configuration from the current "separate left & shared through/right" to the proposed "shared left/through & separate right." We concur with the proposed change, and reached out to the owner of the road and adjacent businesses, with no objections received. The goal is to implement this prior to summer 2018.