



New Road Corridor Master Plan

New Road, designated as a Delaware Byway in 2015 as part of the Historic Lewes Byway is an important gateway from the Coastal Highway to the City of Lewes. A Corridor Management Plan (CMP) was prepared for the entire Historic Lewes Byway in 2015. The CMP recognizes the need to retain the overall character defining features of the New Road corridor including its farms, forests, wetlands and tributary streams.

However, growth and change are accelerating in and around the City of Lewes. Land use and transportation changes are being proposed throughout the corridor, some of which are imminent. Two large properties, the Groome Church property and Brittingham Farm are currently entering the development process. DeIDOT is developing plans for a grade separated intersection for SR 1 at Minos Conaway Road with modifications proposed for New Road that may change travel patterns on New Road. DeIDOT is advancing a project to realign Old Orchard Road at Wescoats Corner. Several large privately owned tracts are likely to be developed over the next few years.

NEED FOR THE PLAN

The Historic Lewes Byway CMP calls for conceptual master plans for each of the three entrance corridors that are part of the Byway. The master plan is needed to coordinate and guide land use and transportation projects to help retain the character defining features of the corridor while making the most efficient use of public and private investments. A master plan was funded and completed for Kings Highway and Gills Neck Road in 2016 and is currently being used to guide land use and transportation decisions in a coordinated way.

Similarly, the goal for the New Road Corridor Master Plan is to coordinate public investments and private actions throughout the corridor and to guide land use and transportation decisions in a coordinated way. The planning process envisioned for the master plan recommends the formation of an Ad Hoc Stakeholder Committee to identify issues, review preliminary plans and proposals, and provide input and comments on the draft plan. This ad hoc committee has been organized with representation from a broad range of interests along New Road including conservation, owners of large land parcels, neighborhood organizations, businesses, and developers.

The schedule at the right provides an overview of the eight month planning process including three meetings with the Stakeholder Committee (SC).

Funding for the New Road Master Plan has been graciously provided by Senator Lopez and Representative Smyk. All the stakeholders along New Road express their appreciation for the assistance in this important project.



Anticipated Schedule	Month
AC #1: Identify issues and opportunities	8/22/18
AC #2: Review and discuss initial master plan concepts/corridor design principles	Oct. 2018
Public #1: Community Design Work Session (public meeting)	Nov. 2018
AC #3: Review and refine draft plan concepts and principles	Feb. 2019
Public #2 City of Lewes and Sussex County meetings to review draft	March 2019

STAKEHOLDER COMMITTEE MEETING COMMENT FORM

Thank you for attending the August 22, 2018 Stakeholder Committee Meeting. A public meeting is scheduled for November, 2018. In the meantime, if you would like to comment on the topics discussed at this meeting, please use this form to provide the planning team with any comments or suggestions, or use the survey link or code below. Thank you!

August 22, 2018 Discussion Topics

From your perspective, what is your vision for New Road - in one sentence or phrase?

What are the obstacles that are making it difficult to achieve the desired vision?

What needs to change in order to overcome those obstacles?

*For more information or to email comments, please contact Jim Klein, Project Planner for the New Road Corridor Master Plan at **jim.klein@lardnerklein.com**. Mail or drop your comments off at the Lewes City Hall. Please put NEW ROAD COMMENTS in the subject line. Thank you.*

Please provide us with your initial thoughts to supplement the work of the New Road Corridor Ad Hoc Committee. Please provide input to the three questions discussed at our first Committee meeting. Your answers will help us to better understand issues and attitudes towards the New Road corridor of the Historic Lewes Byway. The survey can be accessed until August 29 using the QR Code on line or at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VM9KMWZ>



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