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NEWS:

Changes Coming to Georgetown Intersection

- Public Input Sought for "East Gateway Improvements Project" -

MAY 30, 2018 -- Officials gathered in east Georgetown yesterday (photo) to officially announce the securing of a \$7 million federal grant to upgrade the intersection of U.S. 9, Airport Road & Sandhill Road.

The Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant awarded by the U.S. Department of Transportation will cover about half the project's estimated \$14.6 million cost.

Currently expected to begin construction in the spring of 2020, the Georgetown East Gateway Project will include roadway realignment, additional turn lanes, signal enhancements, pavement resurfacing, bike lanes, sidewalks, crosswalks, transit stops, and lighting.

"The ... intersection serves as a critical link in the local transportation system and is the main entrance to the Delaware Coastal Airport and the county's Emergency Operations Center," said Sussex County Administrator Todd F. Lawson. "Unfortunately, over the

years, this intersection has become a confusing, inefficient, and, frankly, frustrating mess. We believe the TIGER grant will assist in improving access to both eastern Georgetown and the county's facilities at the airport ... and make travel to, from and through Georgetown much easier."

To solicit public input on the proposed improvements, the Delaware Department of Transportation (DelDOT) is holding **a public workshop on Monday, June 11 in the Sussex Academy cafeteria** (21150 Airport Road in Georgetown). The public is invited to attend anytime **between the hours of 4 p.m. and 7 p.m.**

Interested persons are invited to express their views in writing, giving reasons for or in opposition to the proposed project. Comments will be received during the public workshop or can be mailed to: DelDOT Community Relations, ATTN: John Caruano, P.O. Box 778, Dover, DE 19903. Input can also be sent via email to: dotpr@state.de.us.

This workshop will be accessible to persons with disabilities. Any person having special needs or requiring special aid, such as an interpreter for the hearing impaired is requested to contact DelDOT by phone at (302) 760-2080 or mail to the above address one week in advance.

For further information, please contact DelDOT Community Relations at 1-800-652-5600 or (302) 760-2080.