

Governor Carney and DeLDOT Cut Ribbon on New South Frederica Grade Separated Intersection

Delaware Department of Transportation (DeLDOT) Secretary Jennifer Cohan and Delaware Governor John Carney were joined by members of the state's congressional delegation and local leaders as they cut the ribbon on the South Frederica Grade Separated Intersection (GSI) on Friday.

"Investing in infrastructure is a central part of our strategy to make sure that Delaware has a strong, growing, and globally competitive economy that works for all Delawareans," said **Governor John Carney**. "Over the next six years, we are investing nearly \$700 million to upgrade our roads and bridges in Kent County, and nearly \$4 billion statewide. These investments will modernize our transportation system, create jobs, help attract even more businesses to Delaware, and ease congestion across our state."

The project removed the at-grade intersection at Milford Neck Road and Tub Mill Pond Road and provided access to and from Route 1 via ramps. Frederica Road and Tub Mill Pond Road were realigned to create a new service road on the west side of Route 1.

"The completion of the South Frederica GSI marks another step in our progress toward a safer and more user-friendly Route 1 through Kent County," said **Secretary Cohan**. "We continue to complete these GSI projects on Route 1 – at Route 9, North Frederica, Thompsonville, South Frederica and Little Heaven later this year – helping our residents and visitors have safer and easier travels to their destinations."

“It is important that as Kent and Sussex Counties grow, we are able to keep State Route 1 at capacity and safely flowing. Here, we have a transportation project that has not only eased congestion, but also provided access to this fantastic Sports Complex that sees thousands of cars on the weekends,” said **U.S. Senator Tom Carper**. “Kent County is poised for growth, and one way to encourage economic development is by offering safe and reliable roads, highways and bridges. This project’s funding is shared by the state and federal government and is a great example of what we can do when we work together to improve our transportation infrastructure.”

“From tourists going to our beautiful beaches in the summertime, to year-round residential traffic, State Route 1 and the South Frederica corridor are critical components to economic development in Kent County and throughout the state,” said **Congresswoman Lisa Blunt Rochester**. “With the completion of the South Frederica project, the Delaware Department of Transportation is reducing traffic congestion, facilitating commercial growth, and making our roads safer for everyone living and visiting in Delaware. I’m proud to stand with Governor John Carney and Transportation Secretary Jennifer Cohan in cutting the ribbon to open this much anticipated project.”

“While the South Frederica Overpass was not initially planned for the DE Turf Complex it was essential for the project to happen. Without the interchange Delaware would not have realize the significant economic benefit from the DE Turf,” said DE Turf Chairman **William Strickland**. “To date, over 100,000 visitors from 33 states, Canada and New Zealand have come to the complex and importantly have stayed in our hotels, eaten at our restaurants and shopped in our stores. We are so appreciative of the great partnership that has been forged with DelDOT to see the South Frederica Overpass to completion and most importantly for the highly professional way they have managed safe travel for our guests.”

A-Del Construction served as the lead contractor on the \$26.6 million project which broke ground in March 2016, and received \$21.7 million in funding from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA).