

Ribbon cut on Little Heaven intersection project

Project eliminated traffic signal on Route 1

Bowers Beach – With help from Governor John Carney, Lt. Governor Bethany Hall-Long, members of the State General Assembly, members of the project team, and others, Delaware Department of Transportation (DelDOT) Secretary Jennifer Cohan cut the ribbon on the SR 1 Little Heaven Grade Separated Intersection project today.

“The completion of the Little Heaven grade-separated intersection marks another step toward making Route 1 safer and easier for the local community and travelers,” said **Secretary Cohan**. “We have now eliminated all of the traffic signals along Route 1 in Kent County, easing the flow of local traffic to, from, and across the highway. And, for people traveling along Route 1, frustrating and time-consuming backups at lights along Route 1 in Kent County are now a thing of the past. We look forward to continuing similar improvements statewide.”

*“The investments that our state continues to make in its transportation infrastructure are paying off for Delawareans and our visitors alike,” said **Governor John Carney**. “Projects like the Little Heaven grade-separated intersection not only ease the flow of traffic, but they also make our communities more livable and attractive to business. The money that we spend on our roads is a direct investment in our quality of life.”*

“With the completion of this project, we’re ensuring both the

local community and visitors to Delaware will enjoy safer travel, while reducing traffic congestion,” said **Lt. Governor Bethany Hall-Long**. “I’m thrilled to see the positive impact of this project, as well as all of the recent projects DelDOT has successfully completed, to make Delaware stronger and healthier.”

“I’m thankful for everyone’s efforts in completing the project and thanks to local residents for their patience,” said **State Senator Colin Bonini**.

The new overpass replaced the intersection and traffic signal at Route 1 and Bowers Beach Road to improve safety and traffic flow on the Route 1 corridor. In its previous configuration, the intersection caused lengthy backups on Route 1 during summertime beach traffic while exposing turning traffic to the risk of side-impact crashes. Route 1 now crosses over Bowers Beach Road, allowing traffic to continue north and south without stopping, while pedestrian and local traffic is maintained on the new ramps and service roads. Additionally, six other intersections were eliminated as part of the project.

The Little Heaven project constructed service roads to the east and west of Route 1 as well as a Route 1 bridge over Bowers Beach Road. Ramps now allow traffic to exit and enter Route 1 northbound and southbound.

A-Del Construction, Inc., of Newark, led the construction of the \$44 million project, which began in November 2015. The work area consisted of more than 650 acres along nearly three miles of SR 1.

For more information about the SR 1 Little Heaven Project and other SR 1 projects, please visit <http://www.deldot.gov/information/projects/sr1/>