PUBLIC WORKSHOP/INFORMATION MEETING
New Road Corridor Master Plan

A public workshop for the New Road Corridor Master Plan will take place on Tuesday, November 27th from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM at the Cape Henlopen High School Cafeteria/Atrium. The workshop will include time to review displays describing the initial set of concepts and recommendations under consideration for the corridor. Representatives from the planning team, the City of Lewes, Sussex County, and DelDOT Planning will be on hand to discuss the project's objectives. A presentation will be held at 5:30 PM followed by questions and open discussion.

The project involves a collaboration between the City of Lewes, Sussex County, the Delaware Department of Transportation, the Lewes Historic Byway, and those that live along, work nearby or use New Road on a daily basis. Funding for the master plan has been provided by Senator Lopez and Representative Smyk for the purpose of coordinating potential changes to the road and public right-of-way in advance of future development in the corridor.

Similar to the Master Plan developed in 2016 for Kings Highway and Gills Neck Road, the New Road Corridor Master Plan will help to define the desired future character of New Road in the face of changing land use, flooding and drainage problems, non-motorized accessibility and recreational opportunities, and anticipated vehicular transportation projects along New Road. The planning effort is being led by Lardner/Klein Landscape Architects, PC and Delaware Greenways, Inc.

The plan will include context sensitive approaches that could be incorporated throughout the corridor to address planned projects along New Road. The aim of the effort will result in the adoption of overall guiding concepts and principles that will help to achieve the desired future character of the corridor over time. Several components include:

- Addressing the active Minos Conaway preliminary design project at New and Nassau Roads to enhance the area and to serve as an introduction to the Lewes Historic Byway;
- Concepts and considerations for traffic calming to better manage operating speeds throughout the corridor;
- Concepts for a planned shared use pathway and bicycle lanes along New Road;
- Considerations for future changes to the bridge over Canary Creek to address flooding issues, and;
- Concepts for additional landscape treatments to address future needs for buffering and screening of new developments and existing areas along the corridor.

New Road is one of six transportation corridor routes incorporated as part of the Historic Lewes Byway. It was designated by the Delaware Department of Transportation as a State Byway in 2015 because of its special intrinsic scenic, historic, natural, cultural, recreational or archeological qualities.

As part of the New Road Corridor Master Plan effort, an ad hoc committee has been formed to represent the broad range of viewpoints throughout the corridor including the City, County, DelDOT, adjoining neighbors, conservation groups and the development community. The committee has helped project planners and future decision makers gain an understanding of the key issues and provide feedback on some initial concepts in advance of presenting them for discussion at the upcoming public meeting. More information may be obtained at http://www.lardnerklein.com/new-road-corridor-master-plan.html