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DOVER/KENT MPO LAUNCHES NEW WEBSITE

Dover (DE) -- Dover/Kent County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), recently launched its brand new website, at <http://www.doverkentmpo.org>. A presence on the world-wide now enables the MPO to make its information more accessible and allow for immediate feedback by visitors to the site. The MPO is the federally-designated agency responsible for coordinating transportation planning and programming in Kent County. Plans and programs adopted by the MPO outline how federal transportation funds will be spent and must comply with federal laws governing clean air and transportation. Visitors are encouraged to browse the site and be sure to use the "Contact Us" page to share their comments.

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MPO STUDIES SOUTH STATE STREET

Dover (DE) -- Many Kent Countians who live and travel along Alternate US Route 113 (US113A), also known as South State Street, are concerned about traffic congestion, and development, among other issues. The Dover/Kent County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), is about to begin a South State Street Area and Access Study, to examine traffic along this increasingly busy roadway.

To introduce the study, the MPO will hold a news conference at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, November 14, 2000, in the parking lot of the Moore's Lake Fishing Area on South State Street. The purpose of the study will be to: determine the origins and destinations of travelers, determine causes for existing travel patterns, and develop strategies for encouraging use of alternate parallel facilities. The one-year study will also assess current and future access to downtown Dover and determine its impact on US 113A. Strategies will be developed for managing the area's future transportation needs, including safety, the provision of alternate modes of travel, and the diversion of through traffic.

"The MPO is excited that this study is finally being started," says MPO Executive Director, Juanita S. Wiczoreck. "This corridor has been recognized for a long time as a problem area. It is in the middle of the

County's growth zone, and we are looking forward to working with residents, and policy- makers while examining ways of solving current problems and heading off future ones."

The roughly seven-mile study area is bounded by Little Creek Road to the north, US Route 113 and DE Routes 1 to the east, US 113A to Little Heaven to the south, and US Route 13 and US 113A to the west. The study area includes the east-central portion of Kent County, encompassing southeast Dover, east Camden, and Magnolia. The corridor comprises vastly differing land uses ranging from small town urban characteristics in the City of Dover to suburban and rural landscapes south of the city limits.

Note: Rain date is Friday, November 17, 2000 at the same time and location.

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MPO PAC ELECTS OFFICERS

Dover (DE) -- Richard L. Ornauer and Leonard W. Coryell, were recently voted chair and vice-chair, respectively, of the Public Advisory Committee (PAC) to the Dover/Kent County MPO (Metropolitan Planning Organization). Mr. Ornauer, of Dover, is a retired journalist, and Mr. Coryell, of Harrington, is also retired, and formerly, a City Manager of the Town of Harrington. The 11-member PAC comprises business and civic volunteers with interests in regional transportation planning issues. Members serve two-year appointments.

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DOVER/KENT MPO AND THE COUNCIL ON TRANSPORTATION PLAN TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM WORKSHOP AND PUBLIC HEARING

Dover (DE) -- Kent Countians are invited to join the Dover/Kent County MPO (Metropolitan Planning Organization) and the Council on Transportation (COT) for a workshop and public hearing scheduled for Wednesday, September 20, 2000, at the Delaware Department of Transportation's (DelDOT) Administration building on Route 113 in Dover. Up for review and discussion will be the MPO's draft Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for fiscal years 2002-2004, and the DelDOT Capital Improvement Program (CIP). Bicycle and pedestrian issues, transit services, roadway/bridge improvements and the state-wide long-range transportation plan will also be presented.

The workshop is planned from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m., followed by the public hearing at 7:00 p.m. MPO and COT representatives and DelDOT support staff will be available to receive comments and discuss proposed plans and projects. The MPO comprises representatives from state, county and local governments, as well as technical and citizen representatives. COT members are appointed by the Governor, and represent Kent, Sussex, and New Castle counties.

A court reporter will be available to record comments. Interested persons who cannot attend may submit written comments for inclusion in the public record, and an interpreter for the hearing impaired can be available, if

requested in advance. Please direct questions, comments and requests to the MPO at (302) 739-5359 or fax (302) 739-6340.

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MPO COMMITTEES RATE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM PROJECTS

Dover (DE) -- A special joint meeting is planned between the Public and Technical Advisory Committees (PAC and TAC), of the Dover/Kent County MPO (Metropolitan Planning Organization) on Tuesday, August 22, 2000, at 2:30 p.m., at the Delaware Department of Agriculture on Route 13 South in Dover. The two committees will convene to discuss and prioritize projects proposed for the MPO's fiscal year 2002 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The TIP outlines projects for which millions of federal transportation dollars will be sought in the MPO region over the next three years. As with all MPO meetings, the public is welcome and encouraged to attend. Call 739-5359 for more information.