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Mr. Joseph Reardon
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RE: DELAWARE ROUTE 1 AND BRIDGE ROAD - MIDDLESEX BEACH

Dear Mr. Reardon:

I apologize for the delay in responding to your concerns at the above referenced location. We have completed our review of the Delaware Route 1 pedestrian crossing at Bridge Road.

Our studies revealed that this location has no more pedestrians than any one of the other crossings in Middlesex Beach. Existing traffic conditions are not out of the ordinary for the area. We feel that part of the problem stems from a lack of a pedestrian refuge when crossing the southbound Delaware Route 1 lanes from east to west. The southwest corner of the intersection is essentially wide open, with no island to speak of, creating conflicts between vehicles and pedestrians.

We are proposing to create an island on this southwest corner, to better guide vehicles through the area. This will also give pedestrians that are crossing Delaware Route 1 a destination, or refuge. In addition, we plan on installing lighting to enhance the overall safety of the intersection. Unfortunately, we cannot justify the closing of the left turn lanes at this time.

We will be working within the Department to have these changes implemented as soon as possible. Your interest in traffic safety is appreciated. If you have any questions, or if we can be of further assistance, please feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,

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