

Delaware’s location at the center of the East Coast of the United States provides excellent access to world markets. Delaware lies in the Eastern Megalopolis where approximately one-third of the United States’ population resides. A 350-mile radius circle, drawn around the City of Wilmington, encompasses every major population center from Boston, Massachusetts to Raleigh, North Carolina, and as far west as Cleveland, Ohio. Modern highways, railroads, airports, ports, and public transit systems facilitate the movement of products and people.

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## **EXCELLENT HIGHWAY SYSTEM SERVING THE MID-ATLANTIC REGION:**

The major north-south highway along the Eastern Seaboard is Interstate 95. Delaware's direct access to I-95 provides industry with fast, efficient, economical delivery service anywhere in the nation. More than 25 percent of the U.S. population can be reached within one day.

I-95 joins Delaware in the north from Philadelphia, travels through Wilmington to the Maryland line south of Newark, and provides a direct connection to points south and west via the Baltimore Harbor Tunnel and Baltimore Beltway. I-295 crosses the Delaware River via the Delaware Memorial Twin Bridges, linking with the New Jersey Turnpike on its way to New York and New England. The Wilmington By-Pass, I-495, provides access to the Port of Wilmington and many of northern Delaware's major industrial parks.

Major industrial centers in central and southern Delaware are linked to the interstate system by U.S. Highways 13 and 113. These routes provide direct connections to Norfolk and southern states via the Chesapeake Bay Bridge. U.S. Route 301 begins at the Delaware Memorial Twin Bridges and goes to Richmond, Virginia via the Chesapeake Bay Bridge at Annapolis, Maryland. This convenient route joins I-60 and rejoins I-95 at Richmond, Virginia, thus bypassing the congested Baltimore, Maryland and Washington, DC areas for time-saving delivery. The Cape May-Lewes Ferry links southern New Jersey with southern Delaware, joining the entire Delmarva Peninsula with the Garden State Parkway.

## **DELAWARE'S HIGHWAYS KEEP PACE WITH STATE'S GROWTH:**

The [Delaware Department of Transportation \(DelDOT\)](#) is responsible for providing the motoring public with a highway system that is safe, well maintained and free from unnecessary travel delays.

Working with traffic and engineering consultants, the Delaware Department of Transportation staff stays alert to the future demands projected for Delaware's roadway system. As the population of northern Delaware continues to increase, the highway and Interstate systems will be relied upon to carry significantly larger volumes of both intra- and interstate traffic.

The construction of a North-South Relief Route in Central Delaware is a major project designed to the increased traffic that flows throughout the state. State Route 1, the 46-mile controlled-access highway which stretches from I-95 near Wilmington to Routes 13 and 113 south of Dover, has brought much needed relief to Route 13, the State's major north-south artery. This project was the largest in the history of the Delaware Department of Transportation,

In addition to the construction of new highways, DelDOT works to make roadways safer and more efficient through the application of various [DelTrac](#) technologies. Safety is important for [Homeland Security](#), as well as any time we use our transportation system. Comprising Delaware's Integrated Transportation Management System, DelTrac technologies include the development of a traffic adaptive signal system, an aerial monitoring system, motorist assistance patrol, electronic toll collection, electronic red light enforcement system, and even a Traveler's Advisory radio station, 1380 AM-WTMC. The core of the DelTrac program, however, lies in the state-of-the-art Transportation Management Center (TMC), where employees monitor traffic, attempt to ease congestion, and provide real-time transportation information to motorists 24 hours a day. For more information on roadway projects and plans, log onto [www.deldot.net](http://www.deldot.net) or call (302)760-2080.



## **FREIGHT RAILROAD SERVICE TO EVERY COUNTY:**

Delaware is served by two Class 1 railroads, [Norfolk Southern](#) and [CSX](#). CSX's main line serves New Castle County with connections to Norfolk Southern and the Port of Wilmington. Norfolk Southern serves Delaware via the Amtrak Northeast Corridor and provides service to the entire Delmarva Peninsula. Several short line railroads provide service from Norfolk Southern and CSX lines direct to customers. The Wilmington and Western Railway and the Brandywine Valley Railroad serve northern New Castle from the CSX mainline, with the Brandywine Valley extending into Pennsylvania.

More than \$50 million track improvements have been made to the peninsula lines since 1970. In 1988, the installation of continuous welding rail on the principal freight lines in New Castle County and on 80 miles of track from Newark to Indian River was completed.

Norfolk Southern's main north-south line extends to Pocomoke, Maryland and provides an alternative connection to Norfolk, Virginia and all southern destinations via the Eastern Shore Railroad's car float operation at Cape Charles. This is particularly convenient for unusually wide or high loads that cannot be accommodated on other lines due to clearance limitations.

There are direct connections to the Port of Wilmington for fast, low cost import/export shipping. The State of Delaware upgraded the internal rail circulation and intermodal facilities of the port.

Most major industrial sites in Delaware are located on railroad lines or have rail connections available. Vacant industrial property with rail access is available at several locations in the state. Delaware railroads generally have reserve capacity available to accommodate additional traffic.

## **PASSENGER RAIL SERVICE:**

INTERCITY – Intercity passenger rail service is provided by Amtrak, offering both high-speed Northeast Corridor and long-distance trains. Local and commuter services are provided by the [Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority \(SEPTA\)](#) under contract to the Delaware Transit Corporation.

[AMTRAK](#) – On Average, 80 Amtrak trains serve the historic Wilmington Train Station each weekday, which includes up to 30 high-speed Acela Express trains. The number of weekend service trains is slightly lower. Two Amtrak trains serve the Newark Station daily. While most Amtrak trains serving Delaware make frequent direct connections to Richmond, Washington, New York and Boston, there is also direct service to the Carolinas, Atlanta, Miami, New Orleans and Chicago. In FY '05, Amtrak provided 784,488 passenger trips to/from Delaware.

## **PUBLIC TRANSIT SERVES A VARIETY OF NEEDS:**

The [Delaware Transit Corporation](#), operating as DART First State, is a division of the [Delaware Department of Transportation](#) (DelDOT) and, as such, provides a full range of fixed bus routes, paratransit, commuter rail and related services.

DART provides local fixed route bus service throughout the state operating 68 routes reaching most all of the First State. All DART buses are wheelchair accessible and bike rack equipped.

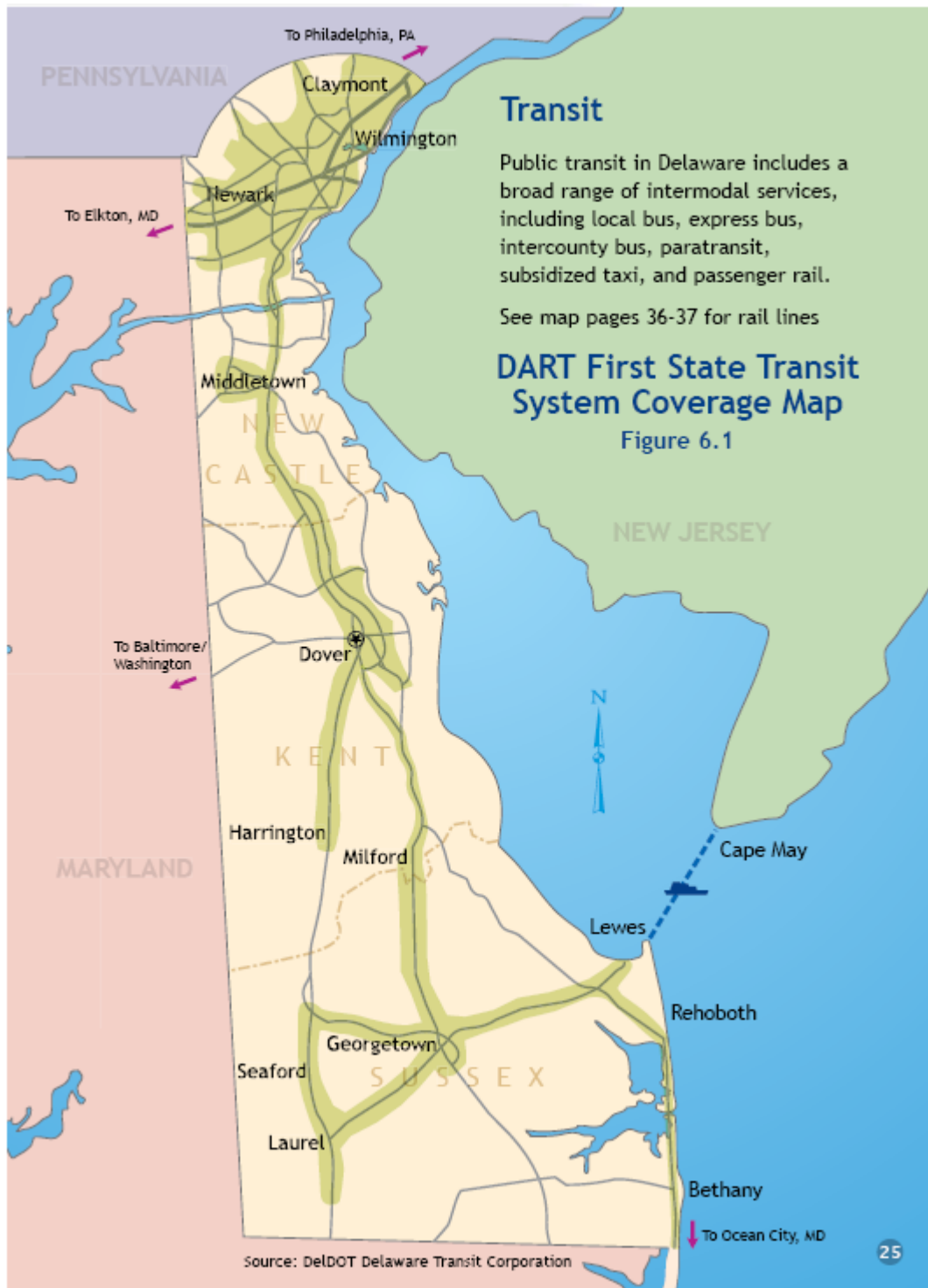
**PUBLIC TRANSIT SERVES A VARIETY OF NEEDS (continued):**

DART First State provides statewide door-to-door bus service for individuals who are unable to use fixed route bus service due to age or disability. Service is also available to individuals in need of transportation to and from renal care centers for dialysis treatment. Reservations for paratransit service must be made at least one day in advance.

[RideShare Delaware](#) is a commuter carpool assistance program. Commuters interested in carpooling can give RideShare their name, address, and work schedule. RideShare will enter this information into their database to try to match commuter in a carpool. The database is open to anyone who lives and/or works in Delaware, including individuals who commute from surrounding counties in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Maryland. RideShare offers the “[Home Free Guarantee](#),” which will get the commuter where they need to go if an emergency arises on the day they carpool.

DART First State Rider  
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**AIRPORTS LINK DELAWARE WITH NATION AND WORLD:**

Delaware's network of public and private airports can readily accommodate commercial and corporate aircraft. Worldwide passenger service is one half-hour from downtown Wilmington to the Philadelphia International Airport. The Baltimore-Washington International Airport is less than a two-hour drive from most locations in Delaware.

The [New Castle County Airport](#), just 15 minutes from Wilmington, offers a full IFR instrument approach system and is the base of several large corporate aviation departments. The airport is also equipped with complete facilities for major engine and airframe maintenance and repair. Several other airports in the State offer major and minor repair and maintenance service for commercial and corporate aircraft. Leasing and storage for aircraft is also available at key locations.

The New Castle County Airport and the [Sussex County Airport](#) in Georgetown both offer the double convenience of good transportation and a prime industrial site. In addition, access to central Delaware by air is enhanced by a joint use agreement with the Dover Air Force Base and the recent purchase of Delaware Airpark. For information about using the Civil Air Terminal at Dover AFB please call (302) 735-5519.

Delaware has recently published an Aviation Chart for out-of-staters as well as aviators in Delaware. If you would like a copy of this chart, stop by your local airport for a copy or call (302) 760-2149. A map indicating Delaware airports can be found on page 6.

## **YEAR-ROUND PORT SERVICE:**

The first inbound port along the Delaware River, the [Port of Wilmington](#), is located at the mouth of the Christina River, approximately 65 miles from the Atlantic shipping lanes. The Port offers 4000' marginal berthing with a 38-foot project depth on the Christina River, and a new 875-foot dedicated auto carrier berth on the Delaware River. The Port presently covers over 308 acres, and future expansion is planned to provide more storage capacity for existing and future commercial businesses. The Port area is sheltered from sea conditions and experiences a moderate climate and light traffic density, thereby allowing the handling of ocean carriers with speed and efficiency.

The Port of Wilmington has modern, state-of-the-art facilities and equipment, and can handle all types of containerized, breakbulk and bulk cargoes. The Port has two 50-ton container cranes, which are capable of handling bulk cargoes as well. In addition, there is a Clyde Gantry crane with a 90-ton hook capacity and a Hyle-Patterson bulk unloader for ores and dry bulk. A fleet of forklifts with lifting capacities from 5,000-80,000 pounds is used to handle cargoes from shipside into dockside warehouses and to load trucks and railcars for delivery off port.

More than 2 million square feet of open space is available for storage of import vehicles, steel and containers. In addition, 200,000 square feet of covered warehouse storage is available for storage of dry cargoes such as lumber, paper, woodpulp and bagged goods. Modern refrigerated warehouses are located at dockside adjacent to Berths 5 and 6, offering 10 (700,000 sq. ft.) million cubic feet of temperature-controlled storage space for fresh fruits, frozen meats, and juice concentrates. In addition, the refrigerated warehouses include 16,000 sq. ft. with controlled atmosphere capabilities.

The Port is located within one-quarter mile of Interstate 495 for immediate access to East Coast markets, and is 25 miles from I-76, one of the region's major east/west arteries. Rail access to the Port is available via Norfolk Southern and the CSX, with railcar loading docks located next to terminal warehouses.

The Port of Wilmington currently handles 5 million tons of waterborne cargo annually, including the following: bananas and tropical fruits; import and export vehicles; frozen meat and seafood; frozen and fresh juice concentrates; fresh fruits; lumber; steel; linerboard; gypsum; salt; petrolcoke, various bulk ores and minerals, and liquid bulk petroleum products. The Port of Wilmington is currently the nation's largest banana port, and the USA's number one port for fruit, produce and juice concentrate imports.

The Port of Wilmington offers potential savings over neighboring ports because of reduced vessel transit time to and from the Atlantic Ocean and due to high labor productivity with economical handling rates.

[Click here for map of port.](#)