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Dear Neighbor,

I hope you and your family had a safe and enjoyable Veterans Day and weekend.

In this e-mail, I am sharing with you information about the new "diverging diamond" interchange along Route 72 at Route 1, which will open **Friday, November 18th at 7 p.m.** Please read the information below. You also can view a [DeIDOT video](#) showing how traffic will flow through the interchange [here](#).

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns you may have about issues in the 15th District or the state.

Sincerely,

Valerie Longhurst

Route 72 'Diverging Diamond' Interchange to Open

Delaware's first diverging diamond interchange will open to the public on Friday, November 18th at 7 p.m., after rush hour is concluded. The interchange is located in Bear at Route 72 and Route 1.

A diverging diamond interchange is regarded as safer than traditional intersections. It is unusual in that it requires traffic on a freeway overpass to briefly drive on the opposite side of the road to make uninterrupted left turns. The design has been successfully applied in other states and is recognized as a cost-effective method of achieving enhanced traffic flow and safety without widening an existing overpass.

There are fewer conflict points for traffic, better sight distance at turns and shorter pedestrian crossings, among other safety benefits. You can view a video detailing how the intersection will work [here](#).

For further information, contact DeIDOT Community Relations at [\(800\) 652-5600](tel:8006525600) (in DE) or [\(302\) 760-2080](tel:3027602080).

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