

Delegation Announces Interim Fix to Summit Bridge -- September 7, 2006

Resurfacing of
"approaches" will begin September 15

WASHINGTON, D.C. --

After hearing many concerns from residents living in the area regarding the disrepair of the road approaches to the Summit Bridge, which crosses the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal, U.S. Senators Joe Biden and Tom Carper and U.S. Representative Mike Castle today announced that they have worked out an agreement with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and DeIDOT to begin an interim fix to the approaches to Summit bridge.

On September 15, using \$250,000 transferred from the Army Corps, DeIDOT will begin the overall resurfacing of the "approaches" to the bridge, thereby filling in cracks and pot holes that are dangerous for drivers and pedestrians. However, the Delegation pointed out that this is simply a short-term fix and that significant federal resources will be needed to ensure the long term solvency of the Army Corps owned bridge.

"We are pleased to help negotiate this interim fix to the Summit Bridge and are hopeful it will help ease residents' minds about the safety of the bridge as they travel over the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal. However, we realize that this is not the final answer and will continue to work with the Army Corps and Appropriators to enact a more permanent and long-term solution to ensure the future of this crossing," the Delegation said.