



# The Delaware River and Bay Authority

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### **New Traffic Pattern at the Cape May Ferry Terminal** *Special Pedestrian/Bicycle Route Created; New Vehicle Exit from Terminal*

(North Cape May, NJ) Today, Cape May – Lewes Ferry officials announced changes to the traffic pattern at the Cape May Ferry Terminal. The changes create a dedicated path for pedestrians and bicyclists from Lincoln Boulevard into and out of the Terminal and a new exit for vehicles from the terminal onto Beach Drive.

The new traffic pattern, which is designed to enhance safety and promote bicycling in the Twin Capes region, will be effective on September 29, 2014.

The way vehicles enter the Terminal complex – whether to board the vessel or to go to the terminal, will not change. In addition, vehicles leaving the ferry will continue to exit the property in the same manner. However, customers who enter and park in the Terminal lot to attend an event, to pick up or drop off passengers or to use the Ferry as a walk-on will now exit using Beach Drive.

“Bicycling and foot passenger traffic are rapidly growing segments of our customer base and we want to ensure that their experience is a memorable one,” said Heath Gehrke, Director of Ferry Operations. “By converting the previous vehicle exit road into a designated entrance and exit for pedestrians and bicyclists, we are able to improve safety as well as traffic flow.”

The Ferry is working closely with officials in both Sussex County, DE and Cape May County, NJ on a regional Twin Capes Trail. The new Gordon’s Pond Trail extension in southern Delaware, which opened in Cape Henlopen State Park in June 2014, links to the existing Junction and Breakwater Trail, completing a scenic 15-mile bicycle loop between Lewes and Rehoboth Beach that is beautiful and family-friendly. At the same time officials in Cape May County are working to connect existing bicycle paths in Lower Township and Middle Township that will create a route from the Ferry to the Cape May County Zoo, already one of the most popular destinations for ferry passengers.

Bicycling is popular on both sides of the Delaware Bay. The League of American Bicyclists ranked Delaware 4<sup>th</sup> in the 2014 Bicycle Friendly State “Report Card” while New Jersey placed 12<sup>th</sup>.

#### **About the Cape May-Lewes Ferry**

The Cape May – Lewes Ferry is owned and operated by the Delaware River and Bay Authority, a bi-state governmental agency created by Compact in 1962. The Ferry is open year-round and has carried more than forty two million passengers since its inception on July 1, 1964. In 2013, the ferry service, which connects Victorian Cape May, New Jersey, and historic Lewes, Delaware, transported approximately 275,000 vehicles and nearly 1 million passengers. For schedule, rates and other program information, please visit the ferry’s website at [www.CMLF.com](http://www.CMLF.com), or call toll free, 800-643-3779. Like us on Facebook or follow us on Twitter @CMLFerry.