



MINUTES OF MEETING
 Kent County TMT Meeting
 October 6, 2010



Meeting Date: October 6, 2010
Location: Kent County 911 Center
Purpose: Kent County TMT Meeting

List of Meeting Attendees:

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Handouts provided during the meeting:

- Agenda
- May 5, 2010 Kent County Meeting Minutes
- Pilot Detour Update Handout

I. Opening Remarks

Gene Donaldson (DelDOT) began the meeting with brief introductions followed by a review of the agenda. The May 5, 2010 Kent County TMT meeting minutes were distributed and no comments were provided at the meeting. Gene turned the meeting over to Mark Harbeson to provide the status of the SR 1/Frederica Interchange and to Jennifer Duval for a status of the upcoming Kent County detour pilot training exercise.

II. Status of SR 1 Projects from south of DAFB to Milford

Mark Harbeson mentioned that there are six projects for SR 1 from DAFB through Milford, namely the SR 1 / SR 9 Interchange (completed), SR 1 / Frederica Interchange (under construction), SR 1 / Thompsonville Interchange (under design), SR 1 / SR 30 Interchange (under design), SR 1 / Barratts



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Chapel Interchange (under design), and SR 1 through Little Heaven (long term project). Mark provided details on the SR 1 / Frederica Interchange. This \$10M project is behind schedule. While originally expected to be done in December, it is anticipated that completion will be next May. For emergency purposes, the crossover on the north-end of the project limits will remain in service after the project is complete; however the others will be removed. In order to allow access for emergency vehicles to northbound SR1, an emergency geo-grid crossover will be built and marked just north of the twin bridges over the Murderkill River. This crossover will be built with geo-textile materials so that it can be crossed by emergency vehicles, however it will have grass growing through it.

There will be night time shutdowns of SR 1 to set the bridge beams over SR 1 once the current utility work is complete. Both directions of traffic will be diverted through Frederica on Frederica Road. DeIDOT will have the contractor notify the emergency response community when the closures will occur.

In order to allow traffic to flow smoother, the contractor has been directed to install an acceleration lane in the median so that traffic exiting Frederica on the south end wanting to go north, can enter the median crossover and use the acceleration lane to merge into northbound traffic. This crossover should be completed very soon. In the interim, a single vehicle in crossover sign was added to prevent multiple vehicles being congested in the median simultaneously. In order to get compliance, police enforcement of the signage was also provided.

III. Kent County Detour Pilot Training Exercise

Jennifer Duval gave a brief overview of the upcoming training exercise that will be conducted with both Little Creek and Magnolia Fire Companies, State and City of Dover Police, TMC Operators and 911 center personnel. This exercise is being conducted to evaluate the process of activating the newly developed, standardized detour route plan developed through the TMT process. It was noted that the intent is to evaluate the process, not the individuals participating.

The goal is to validate a quick reaction checklist (QRC) to be used by the TMC operators during activation of a detour as well as to define/refine the lines of communication between the emergency responders in the field and TMC when the responders in the field need DeIDOT assistance to establish and/or maintain the detour for a prolonged incident. The training for the tabletop exercise will be conducted on October 20th, the tabletop exercise will be on October 26th, and a debrief will be conducted on November 16th. All meetings will be held at Magnolia Fire Company at 7:00 PM. Observers are welcome for all three events, however, please contact Jennifer Duval at (610) 701-7000 or Jennifer.duval@jacobs.com to reserve a seat.

IV. Live Interactive Traffic Maps

Gene gave a presentation on the data that is now available to the general public on DeIDOT's website (www.deldot.gov) under the Interactive Traffic Maps link on the left side of the home page. The maps display the information that is available to DeIDOT from its traffic sensors, weather stations, CCTV's and soon, the messages that are displayed on the Department's Dynamic Message Signs. WTMC's live radio program is also available on the maps site. The map is based on Google Maps and can be zoomed into a particular area. The data to be displayed on the map (traffic sensors, CCTV, weather, etc can be



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changed by clicking across the top of the map on the kind of data to be displayed. Clicking on the icon on the map will pull up the detailed live data or live camera image. The website is a work in progress and will continue to be updated to include more of the data that is available to the TMC.

V. Open Discussion

- It was pointed out that DelDOT's website for the West Dover connector has not been updated as much of the material dates back to 2000 and 2003.
- Gene and Jennifer noted that future meetings will be more varied in content. While there still will be work on the detours, the focus of the meeting will shift to provide for more information exchange. Presentations on upcoming DelDOT projects to get input from the emergency response community about the potential impacts caused by the project during and after construction as well as discuss ways to mitigate the impacts. Future meeting topics may also include after incident reviews, an update on the pilot detour program, and the National Unified Goal.
- Gene also talked about a committee that has been formed to look at how the Department responds during snow removal operations. Last winter's storms dumped a significant amount of snow that exceeded DelDOT's resources. There were multiple demands that caused some to go unmet in the expected response time. The committee has been set up in conjunction with the Delaware Volunteer Fireman's Association, the State Police, and others. The first committee meeting will be scheduled shortly. The committee has been charged with reviewing what occurred last year and setting up the processes that need to be put in place so that the limited resources get better utilized and augmented with outside resources when needed. Gene will keep the TMT committees informed of the progress of the Snow Removal Committee.
- A comment was made at the meeting that to re-establish the trust between DelDOT and the fire response community Gene should attend the monthly Kent County Fire Chief's Meetings. Gene indicated that he was receptive to having a DelDOT representative at the meetings, he would personally attend if need be, however, he asked that he be notified in advance of meetings that the Fire Chief's wanted him to attend.

The next meeting has been tentatively scheduled for December 1, 2010 at the Kent County 911 Center.

We believe the foregoing minutes to be an accurate summary of the meeting and related decisions.

Any questions or concerns can be directed to Gene Donaldson at gene.donaldson@state.de.us (or by phone at 302 659-4601) or to Bruce Littleton at blittleton@orth-rodgers.com (or phone at 610 407-9700).

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