



MINUTES OF MEETING
Northern New Castle County TMT Meeting
July 19, 2010



Meeting Date: July 19, 2010
Location: Minquadale Fire Company, New Castle, Delaware
Purpose: Northern New Castle County TMT Meeting

List of Meeting Attendees:

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Young	Phillip	Minquas of Newport Fire Company	

Handouts provided during the meeting:

- May 3, 2010 Northern New Castle County TMT Meeting Minutes
- Detours (I-95 and I-495, from DE 141 to the PA Line)
- New Castle County Detour CD

I. Summary

Dwayne Day (DelDOT) began the meeting with brief introductions followed by a review of the agenda. The May 3, 2010 Northern New Castle County TMT meeting minutes were distributed and there were no comments. Dwayne turned the meeting over to Bruce Littleton (Orth-Rodgers & Associates, Inc.) who reviewed the use of the New Castle County CD and the I-95 and I-495 detour plans.

II. Detours

Bruce reviewed the level one detours for both I-95 (from SR 141 to the City of Wilmington) and I-495 (from I-95 to the Twelfth Street Interchange). Comments received on the detours are as follows:



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Interstate 95 Northbound

- **I-95 Northbound Exit 9 to Exit 10 (I-95---NB01945-02109-1)** – The comment was made that the stretch of Marsh Road between Washington Street Extension and Philadelphia Pike has a “No Trucks” restriction. This restriction is not based on a deficient bridge or pavement, so Marsh Road can be used and the truck restriction lifted during the emergency. To avoid using Marsh Road in the area of the truck restriction, have traffic turn right onto the Washington Street Extension, turn left at Lea Boulevard and turn right on Governor Printz Boulevard to the I-495 Interchange at Edgemoor. DelDOT will review the alternative with affected fire companies.

Interstate 95 Southbound

- **I-95 Southbound Exit 9 to Exit 8 (I-95---SB01732-01943-1)** - An alternate detour was suggested to return traffic to I-95 instead of I-495 by using Marsh Road to Washington Street Extension, turn right on Washington, turn right on Talley Road, turn left on Miller Road, turn right on US 202 to the I-95 interchange. DelDOT will review the alternative with affected fire companies.

Interstate 495 Northbound

- **I-495 Northbound Exit 3 to Exit 4 (I-495--NB00467-00604-1)** – It was mentioned at the meeting that the railroad bridge along this stretch of detour may have a low clearance. Verify the railroad underpass height restriction and modify the detour, if needed.

Interstate 495 Southbound

- **I-495 Southbound Exit 4 to Exit 3 (I-495--SB00467-00562-1)** – It was mentioned at the meeting that the railroad bridge along this stretch of detour may have a low clearance. Verify the railroad underpass height restriction and modify the detour, if needed. Consideration should be given to have the detour use Edgemoor Road to Marsh Road to I-95 instead.
- **I-495 Southbound Exit 5 Off Ramp to Exit 5 On Ramp (I-495--SB01020-01103-2)** – Although this is a truck only detour and automobile traffic will be on I-495, does DelDOT want to use the emergency gate to put truck traffic back on I-495 or should the truck detour extend south to the Edgemoor Interchange? Consideration should be given to have the detour use Edgemoor Road to Marsh Road to I-95 instead.
- **I-495 Southbound Exit 3 to Exit 2 (I-495--SB00312-00427-1)** – This detour needs to be revised as truck traffic can not use the bridges over the Christina River. Close I-495 at Edgemoor Interchange and use Edgemoor Road to Marsh Road to I-95.



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III. Next Detours to be Developed

The following list of new detour routes to be developed was generated:

Roadway	Limits
US 13	SR 72 to South Market Street
US 40	Maryland State Line to the split (US 13)
DE 141	US 13 to US 202
DE 7	PA Line to I-95

IV. Open Discussion

- There was continued concern expressed regarding emergency crossovers on Delaware’s limited access highways. It was noted that in locations with the new cable guiderail system it takes 5 to 6 minutes to lay down the cables. This is too long as a practical solution. DelDOT needs to revisit the possibility of installing emergency crossovers, or at least create locations that have been modified to allow emergency vehicles to cross. There is a similar crossover in front of the New Castle County 911 Center as well as a crossover on US 13 near DE 141.
- The question was asked, what level is “critical” to have DelDOT implement a detour. This became a topic of discussion amongst the group. If the Fire Chief feels that the incident will take a significant amount of time such as a haz-mat or a fatality scene, then the TMC should be notified to initiate a DelDOT response. DelDOT now has access to the 911 data and is trying to be more proactive. It is important that accurate information be given to the 911 center (i.e. severity of the incident) so that DelDOT can be more proactive. The follow-up question asked, why does DelDOT have to send a supervisor before a formal response? The TMC is working to get this changed; however, the comment was made that if the fire companies have problems with DelDOT response to contact the TMC directly.
- One of the fire chiefs commented that he noticed that after 4 pm and on the weekends (particularly on I-95), the level of DelDOT response is lowered.

Minquas Fire Company of Newport is willing to host the next New Castle County North TMT meeting on Monday, September 20, 2010 at 7PM. Minquas will confirm that there is no conflict to use their facilities.

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 (302) 659-4601. Additionally, ORA is providing consulting support and Bruce Littleton can be reached at blittleton@orth-rodgers.com or (610) 407-9700.

TMT Website: <http://www.deldot.gov/information/projects/tmt>