



MINUTES OF MEETING
Eastern Sussex County TMT Meeting
August 10, 2005
Lewes Fire Company



Meeting Date: August 10, 2005
Location: Lewes Fire Company
Purpose: Eastern Sussex County Transportation Management Team (TMT) Meeting

List of Committee Members and Meeting Attendees:

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Handouts provided during the meeting:

- Eastern Sussex County TMT Meeting Minutes from July 13th meeting
- Eastern Sussex County TMT Action Item List
- Statewide TMT Action Item List
- Project Report – Intermediate Reference Location Signs
- Communications Working Group – List of Proposed Members
- Article from delawareonline.com – “Disaster on the horizon”

I. Opening Remarks

Gene Donaldson (DeIDOT TMC) welcomed the group and the attendees introduced themselves. Gene asked if there were any issues or questions regarding the July 13th meeting minutes. No comments were given.

II. Open Discussion on Action Item List

Improve DeIDOT's After-Hour Response

Gene stated that there was a meeting on July 7th with DeIDOT District Engineers and DNREC. One of the subjects discussed was DeIDOT's after-hours response. Edwards and Kelcey, who attended the July 7th meeting, will document options for DeIDOT.



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Establish TMT Communications Working Group

Gene mentioned that one of the handouts is a list of proposed members for the communications working group. Gene asked that everyone review the list and let him know if any changes or additions to the list are required.

Conduct Transportation Management Training

Gene stated that his timeframe for the training is this fall or winter.

DelDOT Process for Roadway Projects

Gene mentioned that the Capital Transportation Program has new budgets and that once DelDOT has a better understanding of them they would schedule this presentation.

Recommendations for "Quick Clearance" Policy

Gene stated that an executive summary of the I95 Corridor Coalition's Quick Clearance Policy report is due out sometime in August. He stated that the TMT would be given a chance to review and comment.

Evacuation Plan

Gene stated that creating an evacuation plan would be the focus of this meeting. Gene mentioned that Kent TMT has started this same work and that the New Castle TMT's would begin doing the same soon.

Eastern Sussex TMT – Traffic Study Requests

Gene reviewed the status of the traffic study requests including who would review each request: DelDOT TMC or DelDOT Traffic. Gene mentioned that the status of the requests would be monitored and reported back to the group.

Project Report – Intermediate Reference Location Signs

Mike Domboski (Edwards and Kelcey) reviewed the Project Report – Intermediate Reference Location Signs. Mike mentioned the benefits associated with the signs and the different styles of signs available. He gave an overview of what other states in the region use and provided a cost breakdown for purchasing, installing and maintaining the different styles. Gene asked that the TMT review the report and provide comments at the next meeting.

Detour Routes

Mike Domboski presented and reviewed the standard format and layout for the detour routes that were being prepared for the TMT's statewide. This included what is presently shown on the detour route as well as information that will be added but was not yet available.

Roger Willey (DSP – Troop 7) asked if these detour routes would be available on the internet. Gene stated that the plan is to have the detours available on the internet.



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Develop TMT plans for E/W Routes and SR1

Gene stated that the group would focus on evacuation routes at this meeting. Gene mentioned that hurricane season is approaching and that he wanted to start planning for how to deal with issues that arise from losing an intersection during an event. Gene stated the general evacuation plan is:

- Fenwick Island on DE54 to US113
- Bethany on DE26 to US113
- Lewes on DE9 to US113
- North Ocean City Maryland on SR1 to DE54
- Ocean City Maryland on MD90 to US113 and US50
- Virginia Beach uses US113 and US 13

Gene asked the group their ideas on evacuation routes and suggested starting in the Lewes area. The group suggested shutting DE9 off to westerly traffic so as to not overload US113. Gene reminded the group that east/west routes in Sussex County are there to help transfer traffic from SR1 to US113 and from US113 over to US13.

Gene stated that an area that would need attention would be evacuating any low-lying areas. Jeff Reed (DeIDOT South District) stated that winds would be a factor during events. Gene reiterated that all safety personnel would be brought in when winds reach 40 mph and that all vehicles should be in before a hurricane arrives.

Roger Willey suggested the areas east and north of Lewes be directed north on SR1 to DE16 or Milford. Gene added that the areas west of SR1 near Lewes would be directed west on DE9 to US113. Gene asked if there were any areas of concern on DE9. Marc DeFelice (Gumboro Fire Co.) stated the traffic circle in Georgetown would be an area of concern.

Gene asked if there any concerns along DE16. Roger stated the two signals in Milton would be an area of concern. Jeff Reed mentioned that speed limit on the DE16 would be an issue. Jeff mentioned using the shoulders as a lane. The group determined that the shoulders were not sufficient along the entire length of DE16 to be used effectively.

Gene asked about DE24 and warned that there are issues on that road during normal operations on the weekends. Roger Willey stated that DE24 runs too far south.

David Hake (DEMA) stated that along DE9 people would use DE5 and DE30 to head north. Gene stated that this is true but that those routes would not be advertised or recommended.

Roger Willey asked about SR1 at the Indian River Inlet Bridge. Gene stated that south of the bridge would be directed south to DE26 to avoid complications with bridge. Gene asked about any issues on DE26. Ken McLaughlin (Ocean View Police) mentioned the Central Avenue signal as a concern.

Gene brought up what to do with Fenwick Island and traffic coming from Ocean City Maryland. Gene stated that DE54 is the only option.



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III. Next Meeting

The next Eastern Sussex County TMT meeting is scheduled for Wed., September 21st at 7:00pm at the Ellendale Fire Hall. This will be a joint meeting with the Central Sussex County TMT.

Please visit the TMT website at www.deldot.net/static/projects/tmt/

Any questions or concerns can be directed to Gene at gene.donaldson@state.de.us or (302) 659-2404. Additionally, Edwards and Kelcey is providing consulting support and helping assist DelDOT in coordinating the efforts. Regis Wagner and Mike Domboski can be reached at rwagner@ekmail.com / (610) 701-7000 and mdomboski@ekmail.com / (610) 701-7000, respectively.