



MINUTES OF MEETING
Northern New Castle County TMT Meeting
September 20, 2010



Meeting Date: September 20, 2010
Location: Minquas Fire Company, Newport, Delaware
Purpose: Northern New Castle County TMT Meeting

List of Meeting Attendees:

Last Name	First Name	Agency	Email
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Young	Philip	Minquas of Newport Fire Company	

Handouts provided during the meeting:

- July 19, 2010 Northern New Castle County TMT Meeting Minutes
- SR 141 Newport Viaduct Rehabilitation Project Sheet

I. Summary

Dwayne Day (DelDOT) began the meeting with brief introductions followed by a review of the agenda. The July 19, 2010 Northern New Castle County TMT meeting minutes were distributed and there were no comments specific to changes in the minutes. Dwayne turned the meeting over to Bruce Littleton (Orth-Rodgers & Associates, Inc.) and Holly Rybinski (AECOM). Bruce mentioned that at the previous meeting there were questions raised about use of the 12th Street I-495 Interchange for detours due to the railroad underpass near the prison. The underpass was field checked and had a height restriction posting of 14' 5". As the legal vehicle height is 13' 6", use of the detour is possible, as over height and other permitted vehicles must stay on route. Glenn Gillespie (DEMA) questioned if the roadway is vulnerable to flooding. Danny Hall (DSP) said that there is flooding under the bridge. Wayne Hamilton (DelDOT Safety) added that there is flooding on Governor Printz Boulevard. The meeting was turned over to Holly to discuss the SR 141 construction project.

II. Status of SR 141 – Newport Viaduct Reconstruction Design Project



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Holly Rybinski gave a presentation on the status of the SR 141 Newport Viaduct Rehabilitation Project to update the members of the changes made to the design of the project based on input that DelDOT and the consultant have received in the public meetings held for this project. Below are highlights of the discussion following the presentation:

- Philip Young (Minquas Fire) explained that the area between SR 141 and I 95 is a transient area: prone to through traffic from New Jersey, etc. A possible media source to disseminate information to the public might be Comcast Channel 28. Another possible source would be to get the Philadelphia TV News channels to do a presentation on the project in the spring just before the beginning of the project. Another source would be the News Journal.
- The flyers that have been prepared can be distributed by the Fire Company and should be distributed to all the fire companies that would be affected by the project. As Holly had sufficient flyers with her, they were left so that they could be distributed at the next Fire Chief's meeting
- Philip Young asked what the size of the travel lanes will be during construction. Holly indicated that travel lanes will be approximately 11 feet but no less than 10 feet. A question was raised about overwidth vehicles coming through the project when the lane widths are restricted. It was noted that oversized vehicles will be rerouted as appropriate, as part of the normal DelDOT permitting process as the Hauling Permit Office is informed of lane width restrictions.
- There is a specification in the contract requiring the contractor to provide a Class 1 tow truck on-site during the morning and evening peak hours (M-F 6AM-9AM and 4PM-7PM).
- The requested emergency crossover between the northbound and southbound lanes just south of the viaduct has been added to the contract as well as leaving access to the Airport Road crossover during construction. The possibility of leaving the Airport Road crossover in after the project is being reviewed. Similarly, the crossover at the News Journal is being reviewed as substantial negative public comment was received regarding closing the crossover.
- The Fire Company noted that there needs to be clear communications prior to ramps being closed so that the emergency responders are aware of the closures.
- Amtrak has strict requirements as to when work can be done over their tracks. This may have an impact on the progress of the contractor when he is working over the tracks.
- At the previous meeting, it was suggested that glare screens be placed on top of the temporary median barrier that separates opposing flow of traffic. That has been added to the plans.
- It was mentioned that there are a number of TMC Cameras that cover the project area so that the TMC will be able to see and monitor any backups. Minquas Fire Company asked about the possibility of a direct feed from the TMC cameras that would be relevant to this project so that they would have access to the same images. This would require providing and installing a monitor at the station house and the communications link to DelDOT's network as well as the ability to select which camera(s) to be viewed.

III. Open Discussion

- Jim Watson thanked the agencies that helped to develop the Slow Down & Move Over Public Safety Announcement Video. The video can be viewed on Delaware City Fire Company's website



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www.DCFC15.com under the Audio/Video section. Jim added that they are looking to incorporate 'Move Over' into the DMV guidebooks. They would like to work on one for quick clearance next.

- A topic for the next meeting could be a presentation on the I-95/SR1 interchange project. Consideration should be given to doing a combined meeting with the New Castle South TMT, or at a minimum, invite them to attend as this project impacts many of the fire companies doing runs to Christiana Hospital.
- Another topic for the next meeting could be the interactive DelDOT traffic mapping.
- A request was made to revisit the installation of emergency crossovers on the Delaware's limited access highways as this still remains an unresolved issue.
- Jim Watson mentioned that he has been encouraging the Fire Police to attend TMT meetings. Philip Young suggested that DelDOT could attend a Fire Police meeting.

The next New Castle County North TMT is scheduled for November 15th at 7:00 PM at the Christiana Fire House.

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 or Bruce Littleton can be reached at blittleton@orth-rodgers.com or (610) 407-9700.

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