



**Construction Information Meeting for Section 1
South of Boyd's Corner Road to South of SR 1
February 17, 2016**

Attendees:

Tim Cleary	Charles Dixon
Wayne Serfass	Chris Costello, DelDOT
Robert and Sandra Derdenter	Tom Clements, GEC
Linda Kiesel	Susan Maldonado, DelDOT
Megan Maule	Dan Myers, Tutor Perini
Brad Barrie	Joe Hockersmith, Tutor Perini
Tom King	Bob King, DelDOT
M. Matthews	Mark DeSantis, GEC
Jay Hampel	Carol and Trevor Babodal
Kevin Gephart, Colonial School District	Ed Nocket
Greg Tulowitzky, Appoquinimink School District	Chris and John Ward
Mark and Reba Businsky	Tannet Polce, Delaware State Senate
Deb Carroll	Al Grimminger
Bob Thompson	Linda Jennings, MOT Charter
Shante Reynolds, St. Georges Tech	Harold Davis
Ron and Karen Wood	Mario Corea
Glen Tush, Town of Middletown	Gerald Nagyiski, DelDOT
Linda Russell	Robert Latham
Pat Ehrler	Andrew McMullen
Ken Cimino, DelDOT	

The meeting commenced at 10:05AM with Ken Cimino from DelDOT welcoming all in attendance on behalf of the Delaware Department of Transportation and the US 301 Mainline Project Team.

Ken Cimino then introduced himself and asked each of the US 301 Project Team members to introduce their selves and also give a brief description of what they do.

Ken Cimino from DelDOT next addressed the group by detailing what the intent of the Construction Information Meeting was and what type of format it would take. Ken explained that these meetings will be held bi-monthly to update the community on what construction activities have taken place since the project was awarded and what construction activities are

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anticipated to take place between now and the next meeting. These meetings are also being held for the public to ask questions and get answers regarding the construction of the new US 301 Mainline Project.

Ken Cimino continued by noting that the meetings were not being held to revisit issues that came up during the planning and design phases of the project. In an effort to keep the meeting on point, Ken advised the group that if anyone in attendance had questions regarding the planning or design phase of the project that DeIDOT Design Staff would answer those questions after the meeting was adjourned.

Diane Gunn, DeIDOT Lead Designer for the US 301 Mainline Project told the group that only the contracts in Section 1 would be discussed today. These contracts are in the area of the St. George's High School, Airmont and Mt. Hope Communities. A separate meeting would occur on the following Wednesday at the same time to discuss Section 2 & 3 contracts. Diane gave a brief overview of the four Section 1 Contracts. Contract 1A was awarded to Tutor Perini, who has representatives in attendance today. Contract 1C was awarded to RE Pierson. Contract 1B had bid proposals opened on February 16, 2016 with the apparent low bidder being Tutor Perini and Contract 1D is currently advertised with a proposed bid opening in March of 2016.

Ken Cimino next asked Joe Hockersmith and Dan Meyers from Tutor Perini to update the group on progress since they were given a notice to proceed.

Joe Hockersmith, Project Executive for Tutor Perini began by telling the group that Tutor Perini has mobilized assets to the project, set up the field offices for both DeIDOT and Tutor Perini staff and commenced with the installation of Erosion and Sediment Controls. Joe also indicated that efforts to commence other construction activities have been hampered by poor weather.

Dan Meyers, Project Manager for Tutor Perini advised the group of the construction activities that are anticipated to take place prior to the April 20, 2016 meeting. Construction crews will continue to install Erosion and Sediment Controls on the south end of the project near Boyds Corner and begin to strip topsoil in the areas of the new alignment between Boyds Corner and Jamison Corner Road. It is also anticipated that construction of the Boyds Corner Road Bridge and the Jamison Corner Road Bridge will begin.

Dan Meyers went on to explain that Tutor Perini has proposed an alternate sequence of construction that would need to be approved by DeIDOT and FHWA.

This proposed sequence of construction will lessen the amount of time that Hyetts Corner Road will need to be closed. If this alternative sequence of construction is approved by DeIDOT and FHWA, Jamison Corner Road will be closed in March and reopen in mid-December after the new bridge is constructed. Once the Jamison Corner Road bridge is constructed and opened at the end of 2016, Hyetts Corner Road would be closed for the construction of the two new bridges on Hyetts Corner Road over Scott Run and over the new US 301

Dan Meyers went on to explain in detail that the proposal that Tutor Perini put together includes closing Jamison Corner Road between Boyds Corner Road and Hyetts Corner Road. This closure would take place from March 2016 until late December 2016 for the construction of the Jamison Corner Road Bridge over the new US 301. The exact closure point on Jamison Corner is not known yet but no homes or businesses would be cut off. The dairy farm (Emmerson Farm) will be the furthest you could travel on Jamison Corner Road coming from Boyds Corner Road.

Traveling from the Hyetts Corner roundabout there is only one residence located just to the south of the circle. That would most likely be the furthest you could travel heading towards Boyds Corner Road. The detour for this closure would be Route 896 to US 13 to Hyetts Corner Road.

This revised sequence of construction would eliminate the need for the temporary run around road at Jamison Corner Road. Once the new Jamison Corner Road Bridge is constructed, Jamison Corner Road can be reopened to traffic.

Another component of this revised sequence of construction would be the construction of a temporary haul road adjacent to Hyetts Corner Road for a short distance across from the St. Georges Technical High School. This temporary haul road will be separated from Hyetts Corner Road traffic by Temporary Concrete Barrier. This option will require a flagging operation to allow for the haul trucks to cross Hyetts Corner Road and back onto the US 301 alignments. School buses will receive priority treatment during these flagging operations and delays should be minimal.

Ken Cimino from DeIDOT updated the group on the Departments Community/Public Outreach efforts since the beginning of the New Year. The DeIDOT Project Team has had meetings with the Appoquinimink School District, the Colonial School District, St. Georges Technical High School and residents from the surrounding communities. The discussions with the School Districts centered on the transportation of students to and from school during construction, especially while detours are implemented.

The Department has also held meetings with the local Fire Departments in an effort to keep them updated on the status of the project regarding road closures and daily lane closures. Ken will be scheduling a meeting with all of the local Fire Departments in the next week to discuss Tutor Perini's proposed alternative sequence of construction and any potential impacts that it may have on calls for service.

Ken Cimino advised the group that they could receive weekly project updates directly from him by completing the email address portion of the sign in sheet. Ken also advised the group that his business cards were on the table next to the sign in sheets and that they could email or telephone him at any time should they have questions or concerns regarding the project.

Ken Cimino opened the floor for discussion.

A resident in attendance asked the DeIDOT Project Team if they had included the Port Penn Volunteer Fire Company. The Fire Chief at Port Penn is Frank Shoemaker.

Ken Cimino replied that he thought Port Penn was part of their Emergency Services Group but he would check and make sure that Port Penn is included.

Someone in attendance inquired if prints of the construction sections were available on line. Diane Gunn replied that all of the prints were on the DeIDOT web page and could be accessed at:
<http://www.deldot.gov/information/projects/us301/us301Archive/pages/dec2015/construction-plans.shtml>.

A question was raised by someone in attendance regarding the labor force for the project and if the contractor was using local labor.

Representatives from Tutor Perini responded that the company is using Local Union Labor from the various trades involved in the project.

It was suggested that the web address be added to the agenda.

Ken Cimino responded that that was a great idea and he will add the web address link to the footer of the document.

Shanta Reynolds, Principal from St. Georges Technical High School asked the Project Team when we thought we would know if Tutor Perini's proposed alternative sequence of construction would be accepted.

Tom Clements with the GEC, who is tasked with reviewing the proposed alternative sequence of construction, indicated he hoped to have the review completed within 30 days from the time he received it.

Gregg Tulowitzky, Superintendent of Transportation with the Appoquinimink School District asked what the impact of the proposed alternative sequence of construction would be on the Cedar Lane/Jamison Corner Road realignment project and the temporary traffic signal that is planned for the intersection.

The Project Team responded that the temporary signal would be constructed and activated when the Jamison Corner Road interchange was completed. The permanent signal would most likely come later when the Cedar Lane/Jamison Corner Rd signal project was finished.

Someone in attendance asked about closures on Boyds Corner Road.

The Project Team responded that the only planned closures of Boyds Corner Road were for steel beam placement on the new bridge structure. These closures would most likely be intermittent, during the night time prior to AM rush hour.

Someone in attendance asked about the closure of the left turn lane from Port Penn Road to US 13 southbound.

The Project Team responded that the closure was only at night for a short period of time.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45AM

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 20, 2016 at 10:00AM at the Middletown Town Hall.

These notes represent the author's understanding of the meeting. If there are any revisions or corrections, please notify the author in writing within 10 business days of receiving these notes.