

**Working Group Meeting No. 2**  
**Notes of Meeting**  
**January 28, 2013****MEETING MINUTES**

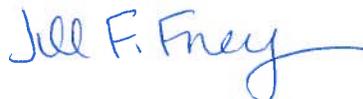
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PROJECT: SR 26, Atlantic Avenue from Clarksville to Assawoman Canal  
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ATTENDEES:	Shailen Bhatt	DelDOT, Secretary of Transportation
	Natalie Barnhart	DelDOT, Chief Engineer
	Geoff Sundstrom	DelDOT, Public Relations
	Tina Shockley	DelDOT, Public Relations
	Bob King	DelDOT, Public Relations
	Brad Saborio	DelDOT, South Construction
	Tom Banez	DelDOT, South Design
	Gene Donaldson	DelDOT, Traffic
	Adam Weiser	DelDOT, Safety
	Gerald Nagyiski	DelDOT, Safety
	Shante Hastings	DelDOT, Performance Management
	Gerald Hocker	State Senator
	Ron Gray	State Representative
	Mike Izzo	Sussex County Engineering
	Rob Mauch	Sussex County EMS
	Tracy Condon	Delaware State Police
	Charles McMullen	Town of Ocean View
	Bill Wichmann	Town of Ocean View
	Jack Gordon	Town of Bethany Beach
	Al Rae	Town of South Bethany Beach
	Helen Ball	Bethany-Fenwick Chamber of Commerce
	David Martin	Bethany-Fenwick Chamber of Commerce
	Scott Thomas	Southern Delaware Tourism
	Susan Lyons	Coastal Point
	Laura Walter	Coastal Point
	Jennie Banco	Capano Management
	Kami Banks	Banks Wine and Spirits
	Shirley Price	Realtor
	George Zang	Verizon
	Dave Ostroski	Verizon
	Don Quillen	Infotech/Verizon
	Bill Whitaker	Delmarva Power
	Jim Smith	Delmarva Power
	George Junkin	Resident
	James Gross	Resident
	Bill Conway	Century Engineering
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The meeting began at 10:00 a.m. with a brief introduction by the Secretary of Transportation, Shailen Bhatt. After welcoming all to the meeting, Secretary Bhatt discussed the importance of this project to DeIDOT and the State of Delaware. The importance of the communicating correct information to the public was also discussed.

A power point presentation was given. This presentation reviewed the project status of both the SR 26 Mainline and Detour Routes projects, the continuing utility relocations, a review of the results of the night work survey for the project, the proposed lane closure restrictions on SR 26 during construction and the public outreach plan for the project.

The SR 26 Detour Routes project has been under construction since 2010. After experiencing initial delays, the project has been making steady progress. Work on SR 17, Burbage Road, Windmill Road at SR 26 and Beaver Dam Road (between Parker House and Muddy Neck Roads) is completed. The public will encounter both road closures and lane restrictions on the Detour Routes as the work continues. DeIDOT is working with the contractor to expedite the construction schedule to ensure that no overlaps with the SR 26 Mainline construction occur.

Utility Relocations have started on the SR 26 Mainline project. Work is substantially completed in the two early action areas (Clarksville and Cedar Drive) and the companies are now working on pole relocations in the Ocean View area. Representatives from both Delmarva Power and Verizon were present at the meeting and DeIDOT noted that they have had excellent coordination with these companies on this project. Weekly field meetings and monthly office meetings are being held in order to continue this high level of coordination.

DeIDOT has advertised an advanced clearing contract for Sections 1 and 2 (Assawoman Canal to Railway Road) for this project. Bids are due February 1, 2013. This advance clearing contract will allow the trees and shrubs to be cleared so that the utility companies can continue with their relocations.

DeIDOT has been focusing on the notes and details in the construction plans which will help to manage traffic during construction; specifically the proposed lane closure restrictions. The contractor will be able to work at all times, but will be subject to specific restrictions as to when lanes can be closed on SR 26. Different restrictions will be in place during the peak season (May 16 – September 30) and off-peak seasons (October 1 – May 15). Holiday restrictions will be in place during both seasons.

Other information that has been added to the plans regarding managing traffic during construction including maintaining two lanes of traffic where possible, keeping access open to all businesses and residents and maintaining pedestrian and bicycle traffic during construction. The project will encourage through traffic to utilize the Alternate Routes (roads improved under the Detour Routes project) but “Businesses Open during Construction” signs have also been added to the contract.

DeIDOT will utilize message boards both outside of the project limits and within the project limits. Boards placed outside of the project limits will be placed on SR 1, US 113 and other key points to let the public know that work is occurring on SR 26. The boards placed within the project limits will inform the travelling public of impending lane and roadway closures. All of these message boards will be able to be monitored from the TMC in Smyrna. In addition to message boards, press releases, radio announcements and the

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new DeIDOT smartphone app will be utilized to distribute information to the public during the construction of SR 26.

Another way that DeIDOT will manage traffic during construction is the use traffic cameras and modifications to the signal timing along the project route. All signals within the project limits can be monitored and the timing can be adjusted at the TMC. In addition, DeIDOT can monitor traffic from the TMC by using the existing traffic cameras within the project limits.

DeIDOT is committed to reaching out to the public and distributing accurate information regarding this project to the public. DeIDOT will hold Public Informational Meetings both before construction and during construction. In addition, Working Group meetings will continue to be held during construction. Representatives from the project inspection staff and the contractor will be required to attend these meetings as well.

During construction, DeIDOT will employ a consultant inspection staff due to the size and scope of the project. The project resident will be a main point of contact for the public. The resident will be on-site during construction and available to meet with property owners and will also be at the public informational meetings.

These working group meetings will continue both before and during construction. The frequency of these meetings will depend the project status and progress. The next working group meeting will be scheduled this spring. The date, time and place for the next meeting will be determined and a notice will be sent out to all working group members.

These notes represent a general representation of the discussion. If there are any revisions, please notify the author in writing within seven days of receipt of these notes.

cc: Attendees