

Working Group Meeting No. 3
Notes of Meeting
May 20, 2013

MEETING MINUTES

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PROJECT: SR 26, Atlantic Avenue from Clarksville to Assawoman Canal
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ATTENDEES:

Geoff Sundstrom	DeIDOT, Public Relations
Bob King	DeIDOT, Public Relations
Brad Saborio	DeIDOT, South Construction
Tom Banez	DeIDOT, South Design
Adam Weiser	DeIDOT, Safety
Gerald Nagyiski	DeIDOT, Safety
Gerald Hocker	State Senator
Ron Gray	State Representative
Kathy Jankowski	South Bethany Beach
Mike Izzo	Sussex County Engineering
Tracy Condon	Delaware State Police
Charles McMullen	Town of Ocean View
Eric Evans	Town of Millville
Scott Thomas	Southern Delaware Tourism
Susan Lyons	Coastal Point
Laura Walter	Coastal Point
Kami Banks	Banks Wine and Spirits
Steve Brodbeck	Beazer Homes
George Zang	Verizon
Dave Ostroski	Verizon
Don Quillen	Infotech/Verizon
Bill Whitaker	Delmarva Power
Jim Smith	Delmarva Power
Glen Bisogno	Mediacom
Bill Conway	Century Engineering
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The meeting began at 10:00 a.m. with a brief introduction by Tom Banez, DeIDOT Project Manager. Mr. Banez noted that the goal of the Department for this project is to maximize the work while minimizing the time the project is in construction.

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 path forward for the Design Team leading up to construction as well as what to expect when construction begins.

The SR 26 Detour Routes project has been under construction since 2010. After experiencing initial delays, the project has been making steady progress. In an effort to accelerate the construction on these

roadways, DeIDOT changed the construction method to a Full Depth Reclamation method. Work began on Windmill Road on Monday May 13, 2013. DeIDOT anticipates all paving on the Detour Routes project to be completed by the end of June. Once the paving is completed, grading, ditching and entrance work will continue through the summer. DeIDOT anticipates this project being completed in advance of the SR 26 Mainline project.

Utility Relocations are well under way on the Mainline project. One hundred ten (110) out of the 250 poles have been relocated or replaced to date. The companies are working on transferring lines to the new poles and will be removing the old poles once the transfers are completed. Work will continue (with lane closures on SR 26 until June 30, 2013). The utility companies may continue to work (without lane closures) during the summer months.

The next step in the project is to advertise the SR 26 Mainline project so that contractors can bid to complete the construction. DeIDOT is working to finalize the plans, which includes incorporating the water relocations, sewer relocations and the proposed new sewer work into the plans. By incorporating this work into the plans DeIDOT is striving to maximize the work that will be completed by the contractor which should minimize the time that the road is under construction.

DeIDOT is also in the process of selecting a consultant inspection team for the project. This team will be responsible for the general construction inspection, specialty inspection, project quantity management as well as some public relations for the project. The inspection team will have at least one member responsible for meeting with property owners and community groups that request information about the project. This team member will also be attending any community or working group meetings associated with the project.

After a pre-bid meeting (where all the project details are discussed with the interested contractors) is held, bids will be received and DeIDOT will award the contract. A pre-construction meeting will be held with the selected contractor. At this meeting, the contractor may wish to revise the project schedule and phasing of the proposed construction. Any changes will be reviewed, discussed and must be approved by DeIDOT.

As the above work is occurring, DeIDOT will continue working on the project public outreach. This outreach includes ads in local publications, an informational brochure which will be available at local municipalities, retailers, businesses, hotels, outreach to the local chamber of commerce and emergency responders, as well as an open public information meeting. These are all outlets for DeIDOT to distribute accurate project information to the public. The public outreach will continue during the construction of the project.

DeIDOT anticipates all of the above work will be completed in advance of the start of construction in October 2013. When construction begins, work will occur in multiple sections of the contract simultaneously. After the remainder of the project is cleared, utility relocations will start back up in sections 3 and 4, roadway construction will begin in the early action areas of Clarksville and Cedar Drive and the sewer force main relocations will begin in the Town of Ocean View.

After the presentation, the working group members had several questions regarding the project. Members offered concerns regarding the intersection of Whites Neck Road and SR 26 where the new Dollar General has opened. There have been several accidents at this location and the group was inquiring when a signal would be installed at this location. DeIDOT Safety section will look into this intersection and determine an

appropriate solution for this location. At this time, there is not a signal proposed at this intersection. *{Authors Note: After the meeting, the project team reviewed this location and observed several large shrubs on the south west corner of the intersection. It was determined that these shrubs are within the State's right of way and DelDOT has arranged for these shrubs to be removed.}*

The group questioned whether there were plans to expand the water line out to the western project limits. Since the water company, Tidewater, is a private company the State cannot require the expansion of the line under this project. Tidewater does have plans to "fill in the gaps" in their water main between Denton Mills and the Millville Volunteer Fire Company. This work will be constructed by Tidewater while the SR 26 project is being constructed. At this time, Tidewater does not have plans to extend the water main west of Denton Mills.

There was also a question regarding the traffic signing and light at the Lord Baltimore Elementary School. Previously there was an overhead flashing light which warned motorists when school was in session and therefore when the slower speed limit was in effect. These lights were removed as part of the utility relocation work on SR 26. DelDOT replaced these lights with appropriate school zone signing. Residents and the Town of Ocean View are concerned about the time when the school speed limits are in effect as well as how to enforce the reduced speed limit. DelDOT safety will review this location again and report back to the group at the next meeting.

It was also discuss that Old School Lane, adjacent to Lord Baltimore Elementary school, will not be part of a signed detour for the project. DelDOT discussed that there will be suggested alternative routes signed during the project, but the majority of these roads will be roads that have been improved under the Detour Routes project.

The 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 prior to the start of construction in the fall. 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