

SR26 - Mainline and Detour Routes

Construction Working Group Meeting No. 4 – October 1, 2013

Date: October 1, 2013
Time: 10:00 AM
Location: Millville Town Hall - Millville
RE: SR26 – Working Group Meeting #4

Present:

Tom Banez – DelDOT, Project Manager
Brad Saborio – DelDOT, Engineer
Dan Quillen - Verizon
Gerald Nagyiski – DelDOT, Traffic Safety
Bill Conway – Century Engineering
Jill Frey – Century Engineering
Hon. Ron Gray – State Representative - 38th District
Jack Gordon - Vice Mayor, Bethany Beach
Sam Bostick – AECOM Inspector
Steven Brodbeck – Beazer Homes
Kathy Jankowski – Town of South Bethany
Debbie Botchie - Manager, Town of Millville
Bill Whitaker – Delmarva Power
Eric Evans – Town of Millville
Jim Smith – Delmarva Power
Kami Banks - Bethany-President, Bethany/Fenwick Chamber of Commerce
Scott Thomas - Southern Delaware Tourism
Keith Marvel – Delaware State Police
Tina Shockley – DelDOT Legislative Liaison
Robert Gordon – Millville Town Council
Shirley Price – Realtor
Joe Wright – Sussex County Engineering
Susan Lyons – Publisher, Coastal Point
Laura Walters – Reporter, Coastal Point
Bruce Kay – AECOM
H. Kent - Town of Millville

Meeting was called to order at 10:00 am by Jill Frey of Century Engineering who noted that this was the fourth such meeting to communicate information to the community regarding the SR 26 Mainline and Detour Routes Projects. At this point everyone introduced themselves to the group.

Jill reviewed the Working Group Agenda (attached) and provided an update on the SR 26 Detour Routes project noting that that project would be wrapped up before SR 26 Mainline began this fall. She then gave an update of the SR 26 Mainline project, including the current utility relocations that are ongoing, with 75-80% of the work to be complete when the construction project begins. Jill also noted that the SR 26 Mainline Project bids were received on September 24, 2013. DelDOT is analyzing the bids before it officially awards the project to a contractor. It is anticipated that the project will begin before the end of the year.



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Next, Jill noted that AECOM was selected as the project inspection team, and she introduced Sam Bostick and Ken Cimino, and noted that they both have extensive DeIDOT and private construction inspection experience.

Jill advised the working group about the public outreach activities that are underway for the project including an upcoming Public Information Meeting to be held on October 15 from 4 – 7 p.m. at the South Coastal Regional Library. She indicated that this would be a meeting for the public to get reacquainted with various aspects of the project, but that it is not an opportunity to submit comments regarding the project plans.

At this point, Jill went over the PowerPoint presentation that is planned to occur every 30 minutes at the workshop on October 15. Presentation (in edited form based on group feedback) is attached.

At this point in the meeting, there was a great deal of input from the public on additions or edits to the presentation that the general public might find helpful. The following items were suggested/asked:

- Include a slide on business concerns/how project will impact businesses
- Would there be a Public Relations person onsite at the construction field office? We not plan to staff it with a Public relations person, but construction staff will be there. We would suggest contacting DeIDOT Public Relations Office at 1-800-652-5600 with any concerns.
- Include a slide showing the final project rendering, so the public can see the end result.
- A question was raised about whether variable message boards would be used on this project. Yes, they will be used to alert motorists on US 113 and SR 1 that construction is underway, but they will also note that SR 26 businesses are open.
- Include a slide on how we'll use the detour routes during the construction of the mainline project
- Question raised as to how will DeIDOT communicate project information to the public. DeIDOT will utilize its traffic cameras, website, blog, press releases, radio WTMC 1380-AM to relay project updates

Jill further indicated that a Route 26 Information Brochure was made available to local businesses and realtors. She had a few on hand, and more will be available at local businesses and at the public information meeting.

Also, it was indicated that the project will begin fall 2013 and impact three summers, ending in summer 2016. This was cut back from previous estimates of the project's duration. Lastly, Jill welcomed everyone to attend the upcoming workshop on October 15, 2013 from 4-7pm at the South Coastal Regional Library.

NEXT MEETING:
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