



Construction Advisory Group

Route 141 – Kirkwood Highway to Faulkland Road

MEETING MINUTES – March 10, 2008

Date: March 10, 2008
Time: 5:00 PM
Location: DuPont Chestnut Run Plaza, Bldg. 700
Wilmington, Delaware 19805

Present:

Ms. Patricia M. Blevins – State Senator
Mr. Larry Mitchell – State Representative
Ms. Christine Roberts– NCC
Mr. Wayne Ashbee – Woodland Heights Civic Org.
Mr. Robert Bristow – DuPont Co.
Mr. Al Conner – Berca
Mr. Eryl Roth – DSCYF/DMSS
Mr. Michael Alfree – DSCYF/DMSS
Ms. Charlotte O’Sullivan – Willow Run
Mr. Tom Brooks – DelDOT
Mr. Harry Cooper – DelDOT
Mr. Mark Buckalew - DelDOT
Mr. Robert King - DelDOT
Ms. Misty Seemans - DelDOT
Mr. Dave DuPlessis – JMT
Mr. Brad Herb - JMT

Meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m.

Bob King informed group that:

- The specific site link – www.de141.deldot.gov – has been provided to the group.
- Future meetings will be held at this location courtesy of the DuPont Corp.
- Stressed the importance of ensuring that sign-in sheet information is accurate. This as not only for the sending of the meeting minutes, but also for notification of any lane restrictions, road closures, or other activity that might impact traffic and businesses.
- Stressed the importance of following the agenda for organizational purposes.

Tom Brooks updated the group on the project’s progress:

- Followed up on open items from previous meetings:
 1. More research needs to be done about sidewalks along Rt-141, adjacent to Ferris School.
 2. Another review will be performed to consider re-grading Gilpin Drive.



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3. A landscaping committee will be formed in spring 2009.

General discussion was as follows:

- Senator Patricia M. Blevins asked about a resident's concern regarding fencing. Tom said the cost is being estimated. Dave DuPlessis and Harry Cooper said revisions are being made and will be added to the contract. Bob asked about how the new fence would be connected to existing fencing. Harry said he would need an agreement or easement to connect them. Harry also asked about maintenance.

Mark Buckalew updated the group on the project's progress during construction:

- The project is reasonably on schedule.
- The following work is being done:
 1. Stream diversion and constructing excavation support for the new bridge over Little Mill Creek.
 2. Installing jacking beams for the bridge over Kirkwood Hwy. to replace the bearings. Mark said the work would be performed during off-peak hours because traffic would be impacted for 15 minutes at the most. He said the work would take place within the next two months.
 3. Excavating and placing stone for the new Rt-141 northbound lanes and Montgomery Road.
 4. Installing utilities along the east side and drainage along the west side of Faulkland Road.
 5. The next traffic switch will be a minor shift to the west possibly within the next two months. Four travel lanes will remain after the switch.
 6. Single lane closures will continue during off-peak hours.

General discussion was as follows:

- A resident asked about how long the stream would be diverted. Mark said it would be for the next two years. The northbound side is being worked on now and the southbound side later.
- Senator Blevins asked whether piping could handle more water, specifically along Wagoner Drive. Dave said it could handle more water and will be fixed a third of the way through the project. Mark said the stream diversion is progressing nicely and shouldn't cause any flooding problems. A Woodland Heights resident said there have been flooding problems in the area. Dave said he would research this. Mark and Harry said there are sandbags in the event of possible flooding. Mark and Harry indicated that in the event of heavy rains, the rising stream water would go through the diversion pipe and overflow the upstream sandbag dike of the stream diversion to prevent flooding.



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- A resident asked about the construction schedule. Mark said the contractor is usually working five eight-hour days. He said the only possible upcoming night work would be for the waterline on Faulkland Road.
- A resident asked about notices of utility work. Mark said there would be notices. But most of the work would be performed at night.

Tom asked the group to think about ideas for the proposed privacy fence. Due to graffiti concerns, he said the group should consider what type of fence and landscaping would be best suited for the area.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m. with the next meeting scheduled for Monday, May 12, 2008 – 5:00 p.m.

NEXT MEETING:

Monday, May 12th - 5:00PM

**DuPont Chestnut Run Plaza
Building 700
Cafeteria**

*Directions: Use Route 141 entrance, north of the Faulkland Road intersection
Travel on South Mall Road
Left on Third Street*

At stop sign, left on North Mall Road

Parking is available on all four sides of Building 700

The main entrance faces North Mall Road



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