



MINUTES OF MEETING
Central Sussex TMT Meeting
July 20, 2005
Ellendale Fire Hall



Meeting Date: July 20, 2005
Location: Ellendale Fire Hall
Purpose: Central Sussex Transportation Management Team (TMT) Meeting

List of Meeting Attendees:

<u>Last Name</u>	<u>First Name</u>	<u>Agency</u>	<u>Email Address</u>
Bare	Fred	Gumboro Fire Company	
Clausen	Ralph	Georgetown Fire Company	
DeFord	Frank	Sussex Co. Fire Police Assoc. (Pres.)	
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Madara	Ken	Station 88	
Marsh	Chris	DeIDOT/TMC	chris.marsh@state.de.us
Moore, Jr.	Rowland	Ellendale Fire Company	
Sexton	Tim	DPH	Timothy.sexton@state.de.us
Toulson	Richard	DeIDOT and SCVRA	
Wadkins	William	Wadkins Towing	
Wagner	Regis	Edwards and Kelcey	Rwagner@ekmail.com
Weishaupt	Jonathan	DeIDOT/TMC	jonathan.weishaupt@state.de.us

Handouts provided during the meeting:

- Central Sussex TMT Action Item List
- Statewide TMT Action Item List
- June 15, 2005 Meeting Minutes
- “Disaster on the Horizon” News Journal article

I. Opening Remarks

Gene Donaldson opened the meeting with a brief welcome and introductions from the meeting attendees. Gene told the group that if they ever call the TMC and are not satisfied the response they get, they should ask to speak to a supervisor. They can also call Gene on his cell phone (302) 222-5907. Gene requested that if anyone has problems when they call the TMC, they should report these problems immediately to Gene so he can address them.

In light of DeIDOT’s capital budget issues, Gene assured the group that his top priorities in traffic are traffic signals, training, and the TMT program. Continuation of the TMT meetings is critical for the state.

Gene asked if there were any comments on the June meeting minutes. No comments were made.



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II. Open Discussion on the Statewide Action Items List

STATEWIDE: Improve DelDOT's After-Hours Response

Gene Donaldson reported that the DelDOT district and maintenance engineers met on July 7th to begin discussing options to deal with DelDOT's after-hours response. A list of options is being developed for internal DelDOT review.

STATEWIDE: Establish a TMT Communications Working Group

Gene Donaldson reported that DelDOT is currently working on identifying key points of contacts for the working group. DelDOT is also reviewing a draft of flowcharts for inter-agency communication procedures. Anyone interested in being involved in the working group can contact Jen Duval at (610) 701-7000 or jduval@ekmail.com. The first meeting of the Working Group is targeted for October 2005.

STATEWIDE: Presentation on the DelDOT Process for Roadway Projects (e.g., US 113 Study)

Gene Donaldson reported that this item is currently on hold due to capital budget issues.

STATEWIDE: Conduct Traffic Control Training

Gene Donaldson is currently working with MD State Highway and the CHART group to gather additional materials for inter-agency transportation management training.

STATEWIDE: Develop Recommendations for a "Quick Clearance" Policy

Gene Donaldson reported that an executive summary is due out at the end of summer from the I-95 Corridor Coalition group. Once available, this will be distributed to all TMT groups for review.

III. Open Discussion on the Central Sussex County Action Items List

Gene reviewed the signal timing/traffic study requests from the action item list with the group to gain further clarification on the problems.

S 206 and SRI: Bill Wadkins stated that this intersection has high volumes and high accidents. The stop sign was moved back, resulting in a longer stopping lane. Consequently, more distance and time is required to cross the highway, and motorists cutting across often misjudge.



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US 113 and Truck Route 9 (Bedford Street): Ralph Clausen suggested that the timing loops might not be working at this intersection. Motorists sometimes wait for 10-15 minutes at the side streets without signals.

US 9 and S 319 (Airport Road): Andrew Hamilton suggested moving the signal heads at this intersection. Gene told the group that there is a planned project to realign this intersection.

US 113 and DE 24: At the June meeting, John Hall suggested replacing the CCTV camera and checking the signal timings at this intersection. Gene reported that this camera is now on the system.

S 42 and DE 16: Rowland Moore identified this as a high accident area, with motorists blowing through the stop sign. Rich Toulson suggested installing rumble strips as a potential solution.

US 113 and S 87 (Arrow Safety Road): The group agreed that most accidents occur when motorists try to cross the highway, but can't beat the traffic.

US 113 and S114: The group reported that this intersection has alignment problems (southbound).

US 9 and S 329: Ralph Clausen suggested that DelDOT conduct an accident study at this intersection. Gene reported that a signal is in the process of being installed.

US 113 and S 338: The group discussed that the problem with this intersection is that motorists traveling southbound use the crossover to access the Food Lion shopping center, however they fail to stop at the stop sign.

The Deadly Mile - DE 30 between S 297 (Mount Joy Road) and S 48 (Zoar Road): 90% of the accidents that occur here are fatalities. Issues include a lack of rumble strips and sunlight. Additionally, motorists traveling westbound on S 297 coming out onto S 48 fail to stop.

Bridge near River View Community on S 331 (Iron Branch Road): The group reported that motorists speed around the sharp curve at this location, often hitting the guardrail.

DE 20 and S 431 (Paradise Road): Motorists do not obey the stop sign at this location. Additionally, this intersection experiences weather issues.

IV. Direction of Group: Evacuation Map/Detour Routes

Gene asked the group if they would like to work on detour routes for Central Sussex County or if they prefer to work on evacuation routes. The group agreed that the detour routes are "cut and dry" and expressed a desire to work on evacuation routes instead. Gene suggested the group work off of the existing evacuation routes for Sussex County, but provide more details such as control points.



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V. Next Meeting

The August meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 17, 2005 at 7:00pm at the Ellendale Fire Hall.

Any questions or concerns can be directed to Gene Donaldson at gene.donaldson@state.de.us or (302) 659-2404. Additionally, Edwards and Kelcey is providing consulting support and helping assist DelDOT in coordinating the efforts. Jen Duval can be reached at jduval@ekmail.com / (610) 701-7000.

TMT Website:

<http://www.deldot.net/static/projects/tmt/>