



**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**Eastern Sussex County TMT Meeting**  
**July 13, 2005**  
**Lewes Fire Company**



**Date:** August 3, 2005  
**Meeting Date:** July 13, 2005  
**Location:** Lewes Fire Company  
**Purpose:** Eastern Sussex County Transportation Management Team (TMT) Meeting

**List of Committee Members and Meeting Attendees:**

First Name	Last Name	Agency	Email
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**Handouts provided during the meeting:**

- Eastern Sussex County TMT Meeting Minutes from June 8th meeting
- Eastern Sussex County TMT Action Item List
- Statewide TMT Action Item List

**I. Opening Remarks**

Mike Domboski (Edwards and Kelcey) welcomed the group and the attendees introduced themselves. Mike asked if there were any issues or questions regarding the June 8th meeting minutes. There were none.

**II. Open Discussion on Action Item List**

***Improve DeIDOT's After-Hour Response***

Mike stated that the DeIDOT District Engineers met on July 7<sup>th</sup> to discuss after-hour response. A list of options is being developed.

***Establish TMT Communications Working Group***

Mike gave a brief over view of the Communications Working Group and asked for anyone interested in participating to contact him ([mdomboski@ekmail.com](mailto:mdomboski@ekmail.com)).



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***Conduct Transportation Management Training***

Mike stated that the TMC was currently reviewing similar training courses offered to Maryland DOT to determine which would be appropriate to offer in Delaware.

***DelDOT Process for Roadway Projects***

Mike stated that the TMC is still planning on holding joint meetings this fall similar to the Hurricane and Tsunami meetings held in May. Mike mentioned that this would be affected by the recently released budgets and the meetings may be delayed further.

***Recommendations for "Quick Clearance" Policy***

Mike stated that an executive summary is due out in August regarding the I-95 Corridor Coalition report on Quick Clearance and "Move It" programs.

***Develop TMT plans for E/W Routes and SR1***

***SR-1 at Lewes***

The group mentioned that the section of SR1 from Lewes to Dewey Beach was congested over the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday weekend. Craig Stephens (DE Fire School) mentioned that vehicles were getting stuck in intersections, which caused more delays..

***DE12 at Lewes signal***

The group mentioned that the timing of the light at this intersection does not seem to work well with traffic flow.

***SR-1 and DE12A***

Craig Stephens mentioned that since the last TMT meeting the timing of the traffic signal at this intersection has been appropriately changed.

***DE9 connector onto DE23***

The group mentioned that vehicles leaving the shopping center at this intersection stop when they do not have to. The idea of a constant flashing green arrow was mentioned to let the vehicles know they don't need to stop.

***DE9 east of SR1***

The group mentioned that the light on DE9 at the entrance to the shopping center with the Food Lion and across from the Arby's does not function well. The light appears to change to let vehicles out of the shopping center any time a vehicle stops at the intersection. This causes backups on DE9.

***DE12/DE9 at Happy Harry's***

The group mentioned that the stop signs at this intersection might need to be realigned. The group asked if this intersection was going to be signalized. Joe Wright (DelDOT) mentioned it is in the works.



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*Speed Limit on DE26 in Dagsboro*

Garland Saville (Millville Volunteer Fire Co.) mentioned that the speed limit on DE26 in Dagsboro is currently 25 mph, which restricts traffic flow. He stated that he knows the speed limit use to be 35 mph and asked if it is possible to raise the speed limit back to 35 mph. Jim Clacher (DeIDOT) stated that the Borough had the speed limit reduced and that it was unlikely to raise it back to 35 mph.

*SR1 at DE16*

The group inquired about this intersection being incorporated in the possible Milford bypass

*DE9 and DE30*

The group stated that this intersection has traffic flow issues. Joe Wright mentioned that this intersection has the possibility of being incorporated in the possible Milford bypass.

*SR1 and DE88*

The group stated that this intersection is a problem because it is currently controlled by a stop sign. SR1 backs up northbound in the turn lane and vehicles make unsafe turns onto SR1 from DE88 because of the long wait.

*SR1 and DE54*

The group stated that this area has traffic flow problems because of volume on the weekends and flooding.

*DE26 between Central Ave and West Ave*

The group mentioned that this area and the signals there cause backups on DE26, which causes accidents.

*DE9 and 265*

The group asked if there is a signal agreement for this intersection. Jim Clacher stated that there is an agreement but that does not dictate when the signal will actually be installed.

*DE17 and Road 353*

The group mentioned that this intersection has a high amount of accidents. The intersection is currently controlled by a stop sign. A traffic signal is proposed.

Jim Clacher mentioned that a proposed signal must meet the warrants to be installed, which are established in the MUTCD. He stated that when a contractor enters a signal agreement with DeIDOT that the money is put into an escrow until the proposed signal meets the warrants.

*DE9 and DE5*

Roger Willey (Delaware State Police) asked if this intersection is going to be expanded. Roger stated that there are a high number of blind passes at this intersection. DeIDOT stated that there are no current plans to expand the intersection but that with proposed developments for the area that it would be monitored.

**III. Miscellaneous Items**

The group mentioned the need for a meeting that would cover DeIDOT's design studies.



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Walt Reynolds stated that his main concern was taking care of the immediate scene and he is not concerned with traffic moment. Walt stated he will let DeIDOT handle traffic management.

Mike stated that in the next meeting the group would begin producing detour routes for SR1. The group mentioned that they know detours and that an evacuation plan is more important for the group to work on.

Roger stated that for minor property damage accidents vehicles should be moved off the road and no need to mark wheels. Roger stated that for any personal injury accident that the vehicle is not to be moved. Roger mentioned that the vehicle owner can request a specific tow company if it is located within a reasonable distance.

**IV. Next Meeting**

**The next Eastern Sussex County TMT meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wed., August 10th at 7:00pm at the Lewes Fire Hall.**

Please visit the TMT website at [www.deldot.net/static/projects/tmt/](http://www.deldot.net/static/projects/tmt/)

Any questions or concerns can be directed to Gene at [gene.donaldson@state.de.us](mailto:gene.donaldson@state.de.us) or (302) 659-2404. Additionally, Edwards and Kelcey is providing consulting support and helping assist DeIDOT in coordinating the efforts. Regis Wagner and Mike Domboski can be reached at [rwagner@ekmail.com](mailto:rwagner@ekmail.com) / (610) 701-7000 and [mdomboski@ekmail.com](mailto:mdomboski@ekmail.com) / (610) 701-7000, respectively.