



MINUTES OF MEETING
Northern NCC TMT Meeting
September 6, 2005
 Delaware Fire School, New Castle Facility



Meeting Date: September 6, 2005
Location: Delaware Fire School, New Castle Facility
Purpose: Northern NCC Transportation Management Team (TMT) Meeting

List of Committee Members and Meeting Attendees:

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Handouts provided during the meeting:

- NNCC TMT Meeting Minutes 8/1/05
- NNCC TMT Action Item List
- Statewide TMT Action Item List
- Delaware Detour Routes
 - I-95 Northbound: Exit 3 to Exit 4
 - I-95 Southbound: Exit 3 to Exit 4
 - I-95 Northbound: Exit 4 to Exit 5
 - I-95 Southbound: Exit 4 to Exit 5

I. Opening Remarks

Gene Donaldson (DelDOT TMC) opened the meeting. Gene noted that the minutes from the previous meeting are available and asked if anyone had comments. No comments were given.

Gene distributed several copies of ‘Spanish Language Aid for Incident Response’ Booklets. These booklets were produced by Maryland State Highway’s CHART program. The booklet is designed to help incident responders communicate better with Spanish speaking people that need help on our nations roadways. Gene reported that the other TMT groups in Delaware are supportive of the concept and that the estimated cost of producing the booklets is \$3.50 to \$3.80 each.

Gene asked the group to try and have any comments or letters of support for the intermediate reference location signs to him by the end of this month.



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Gene stated that the focus of the meeting would be the detour route maps. Gene stated that he would quickly review the statewide and the northern new castle county action item lists so more time could be spent on reviewing the detour route maps.

Statewide Action Items

Improving DelDOT After-Hours Response

Gene reported that Edwards and Kelcey is assisting DelDOT with developing options for dealing with this issue.

Establishing TMT Communications Working Group

Gene mentioned that the first Communications Working Group meeting is scheduled for October 25th at the Dover Administration Building in the Farmington-Felton room. Anyone interested in being involved in the working group can contact Mike Domboski at (610) 701-7000 or mdomboski@ekmail.com.

Conduct Transportation Management Training

Gene is currently working with Maryland State Highway and the CHART group to gather additional materials for inter-agency transportation management training. The timeframe for this training is spring of next year.

Presentation on the DelDOT Process for Roadway Projects

This item is placed on hold for a few months due to capital budgeting issues.

Develop Recommendations for "Quick Clearance" Policy

There is an executive summary for the I-95 Corridor Coalition Quick Clearance Report scheduled for release by mid September. Once available, this will be distributed to all TMT groups for review.

Northern New Castle Action Items

Gene stated that there is nothing new to report on the Northern New Castle Action Items. The focus of the remainder of the meeting will be on detour routes, which is the major action item for the group.

Develop TMT Plans for I-95 Corridor

I-95 Northbound between Exit 3 and Exit 4

The proposed detour begins at I-95 exit 3 and follows DE273 to US13/US40 to DE141 back to I-95 exit 5. The group started the discussion at exit 3 stating that the right lane on 273 will need be blocked to reduce the congestion caused from merging. The group mentioned that this effort requires an arrow board and cones. The group decided that a better route is to have the traffic continue on US13/US40 to I-295 and take I-295 to I-95. The group suggested taking trucks off of I-95 at exit 1. Trucks using exit 1 will take DE896 to US40, which will take the trucks up to I-295. The group asked about using VMS signs in Maryland. Gene stated that the TMC can contact Maryland when required to have them post messages on their VMS.



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I-95 Southbound from Exit 4 to Exit 3

The proposed detour begins I-95 exit 4 and follows Churchmans Road to DE4 to DE273 back to I-95 exit 3. One alternative suggested is to bring the vehicles off I-95 exit 4B and to put them back onto I-95 using the Churchmans Road on ramp since there is significant distance between the two ramps. The group stated that the concept of incidents between off ramp and the on ramp at an exit requires further study. The group stated that if Churchmans Rd on ramp to I-95 South will need to be blocked. The group suggested talking with Delaware Park about blocking Delaware Park Blvd. The group stated that the VMS on I-95 should recommend using US13 as an option.

I-95 Northbound from Exit 4 to Exit 5

The proposed detour begins at I-95 exit 4 and follows DE1 to DE273 to US13/US40 to DE141 to I-95 exit 5. The group stated the detour shouldn't use DE273 because the left turn movement from DE1 onto DE273 would not work well. The group decided the detour should be DE1 to US13 to I-295 to I-95. The group stated that portable VMS should be placed on DE1 at the bottom of the I-95 off ramp, before the DE273 off ramp and before the split of US13 north and US13 south to notify motorists to take US13. The group mentioned that the on ramp to I-95 from DE1 will need to be blocked.

I-95 Southbound between Exit 5 and Exit 4

The proposed detour begins at I-95 exit 5 and follows DE141 to DE4 back to I-95 exit 4. The group decided the proposed detour is not the best option and that the secondary detour of DE141 to US13/US40 to DE273 to I-95 exit 3 is the better option. The group still wants to consider keeping the traffic on US13 to DE1 or DE896 as an option and will discuss this at the next meeting.

II. Next Meeting

The next N. NCC TMT meeting is scheduled for October 3rd at 7:00pm at the DE Fire School in New Castle.

Any questions or concerns can be directed to Gene 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. Regis Wagner and Mike Domboski can be reached at rwagner@ekmail.com / (610) 701-7000 and mdomboski@ekmail.com / (610) 701-7000, respectively.