



MINUTES OF MEETING
Southern NCC TMT Meeting
August 9, 2005
 Delaware City Fire Hall



Meeting Date: August 9, 2005
Location: Delaware City Fire Hall
Purpose: Southern NCC Transportation Management Team (TMT) Meeting

List of Meeting Attendees:

<u>Last Name</u>	<u>First Name</u>	<u>Agency</u>	<u>Email</u>
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Gillespie	Glenn	DEMA	glenn.gillespie@state.de.us
Haines	Dwain	Townsend Fire Co.	
Malloy	Vincent	Delaware City Fire Co.	
Marsh	Chris	DelDOT	
Shoemaker	Keith	Station 26	
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Handouts provided during the meeting:

- Meeting Minutes from July 12, 2005
- Southern NCC TMT Action Item List
- Statewide TMT Action Item List
- “Disaster on the Horizon” News Journal article
- Communications Working Group – Proposed Group of Members
- Reference Location Signs Report
- SR-1 Detour Routes in Southern New Castle

Meeting schedules, minutes, and other relevant documents can be found on the TMT website:
<http://www.deldot.net/static/projects/tmt/>

I. Opening Remarks

Gene Donaldson (DelDOT) opened the meeting with a brief welcome and introductions from the meeting attendees. Gene asked if there were any comments on the June meeting minutes. No comments were made.

II. Establish a TMT Communications Working Group

Gene Donaldson distributed a list of potential members for the Communications Working Group and asked for input. Anyone interested in being involved in the working group can contact Jen at (610) 701-7000 or jduval@ekmail.com. The first meeting is anticipated for October 2005.



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III. Intermediate Reference Location Sign Report

Jennifer Duval (EK) provided an overview of the “Intermediate Reference Location Signs” report. The report provides an overview of the benefits of RLS, examples of other states’ RLS, sign costs, and recommendations for Delaware. The report can be viewed on the TMT website:

http://www.deldot.net/static/projects/tmt/pdfs/ref_loc_signs_rpt.pdf

Gene encouraged the group to read the report and bring any comments to the next meeting. Gene would like to include letters of support in the appendix of the final report, and asked that anyone interested in writing one bring it to the next meeting.

IV. STATEWIDE ACTION ITEM LIST

Improve DelDOT’s After-Hours Response

Gene Donaldson reported that Edwards and Kelcey is assisting DelDOT with developing options for dealing with this issue, based on the July 7th meeting with DelDOT district engineers.

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.

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 due out at the end of summer. This will be distributed at a future meeting.

V. SOUTH NEW CASTLE COUNTY ACTION ITEM LIST

Detour Routes: SR-1 between Exit 119 and Exit 152

Mike Domboski (EK) provided an overview of the new detour routes map format, using the Kent County (Exit 114 to Exit 119) map. He emphasized that these are draft and encouraged the group to provide comments. The group liked the new format, including the addition of a secondary detour route.

Gene Donaldson told the group that his goal is to have more detailed diagrams for each of the control points that will indicate where to place responders and equipment. He would also like to show traffic signals that are controlled by the TMC. As DelDOT adds more signals to the system, Glenn Gillespie (DEMA) recommended prioritizing the signals along detour routes.



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Glenn Gillespie questioned whether the detour routes would be able to handle the volumes typically experienced on SR-1. Gene told the group that DelDOT collects traffic count information and he would ultimately like to have real time traffic data on a web-based application.

Incident on SR-1 between Exit 114 and Exit 119 (Kent County)

No comments.

Incident on SR-1 between Exit 119 and Exit 136 (DE 299)

Frank Gant (Station 4/24) questioned the idea of using DE 9 as a secondary detour route because of potential bottlenecks. No alternative secondary detour routes were suggested.

Incident on SR-1 between Exit 136 (DE 299) and Exit 142 (DE 896)

Dwain Haines (Townsend Fire) requested that road names be added between each of the stop signs because the name changes. Mike Domboski (EK) responded that EK is in the process of doing this.

Incident on SR-1 between Exit 142 (DE 896) and Exit 152

Jennifer Duval reported that the previous detour (for an incident occurring between Exit 142 and 148), has been revised to include incidents occurring between Exit 142 and Exit 152. This was done in response to the group's request to cut traffic off north of the canal, instead of at Exit 148. The group agreed with this approach.

Develop SOP for Use of Access Gates on SR-1

The draft SOP will be distributed at the September meeting for review.

Construct Additional Crossovers on SR-1

Jen Duval presented a map with the GPS (global positioning system) locations of the emergency median crossovers and emergency access gates on SR-1 based on fieldwork and GPS locations. The following locations were suggested for additional crossovers:

High Priority:

- Just south of Blackbird Creek
- South of Appoquinimink Creek
- Between Route 72 and Tybouts Corner (north of canal)

Medium Priority:

- Around the weigh station between the Harris Road crossover and New Discovery crossover

To save money, the group suggested building emergency crossovers with rubber mats and/or stones instead of asphalt. Gene responded that crossovers are usually built to serve many purposes, not just emergencies. DelDOT does not maintain stone.



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Additional Comments

Glen Gillespie raised the issue of how to handle an incident at a power plant. Gene responded that DelDOT is working with DEMA on revising the emergency response plan.

Gene Donaldson reported that he is working with Lewis Briggs on special standard operating procedures (SOP) for incidents such as plane crashes or boating incidents. In the case of these events, the department of transportation should respond.

Pat Barcus (Townsend Fire) mentioned that he heard rumors that DelDOT is going to sell SR-1. Gene responded that there is a task force looking at options for privatizing some roads.

Dwain Haines (Townsend Fire) reported that there is high congestion at Churchman's Crossing, where SR-1 and I-95 merge. Gene Donaldson responded that there is going to be another I-95 interchange project in the future.

Vincent Malloy (Delaware City Fire) reported congestion on southbound SR-1 at Tybouts Corner, where all traffic is funneled into one lane. He added that there is a wide right shoulder at this location that could perhaps be converted into another travel lane.

VI. Next Meeting

The September meeting is scheduled for Tuesday September 20, 2005 at 7:00pm at the Townsend 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.