

DISTRICT 9 SAFETY REVIEW TEAM MEETING

Tuesday, January 16, 2007
1:00 p.m.

Attendees:

Jim Setty, Acting District Deputy Director
Todd Long, Planning Administrator
Vaughn Wilson, Highway Management Administrator
Tom Barnitz, Production Administrator
Greg Baird, Traffic Studies Engineer
Richard Chaffin, Traffic Management Analyst (DSRT Chairperson)
Patricia Wetzel, Transportation Engineer
Steve Jenkins, County Manager (Pike County)

AGENDA:

Pike County, State Route 32 & 220/Germany Road

This location was previously studied as part of the District Safety Annual Work Plan. An issue came up during design and it was determined that the DSRT should be involved with the decision to determine if an improvement suggested by Roadway Engineering in Central Office should be implemented.

The improvement suggested was to install Yield signs in the median and to stripe the median with Yield / Stop lines and a double yellow centerline. The team was presented with a diagram of the improvement. The team pointed out that the illustration was for a traditional median with turn lanes but the intersection we are working with has offset turn lanes. It was determined the improvement would not work well with the offset turn lanes because the recommended location for the Yield / Stop line would greatly restrict storage in the median. Also the angle of motorists using the left turn lane in the median would be such that the centerline would not function properly and it could cause confusion. It was pointed out that the team actually discussed this suggested improvement at the time when it was studied and it was determined we would delineate the median area with dotted lines to define the storage area instead. Steve advised that the dotted lines were installed with permanent pavement marking material and they are still in good condition. After discussion the team decided to leave the intersection as it currently is.

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