

**Meeting Date:** 5/2/07

**Meeting Time:** 1:30 pm

**Location:** SMART SunGuide BC TMC  
2300 W. Commercial Blvd.  
Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33309

### **Call Meeting to Order**

Robert Murphy of DMJM Harris, called the meeting to order.

- Agenda
- Previous meeting minutes from Broward
- I-595 Reversible Lanes Project handouts
- PIA incidents
- Example of Red Tag
- Broward EOC Mobile Command Unit Specs

### **OSHA Follow Up Update – Bob Murphy**

Bob and Guy met with Doug Prince and Vergie Bain to discuss coming up with a program for work zone safety for the Road Rangers. This presentation will be taught at the two day joint training that the TMC in Broward has every year. The training will include TMC Operators from Broward and Palm Beach and Road Rangers from Broward and Palm Beach. It was also discussed on developing an alliance with OSHA for work zone safety.

### **I-595 Reversible Lanes Project Presentation – Phil Schwab and Joe Borello (FDOT)**

This presentation is to inform everyone about the upcoming reversible lanes that will be made to I-595. There will be 3 additional lanes added. A direct connection to the Turnpike will be added. The lanes may be variable tolling so they can be managed. Some issues were brought up at the first meeting we had with FDOT and some Police / EMS agencies.

### **Agency Concerns**

Captain John Roberts - FHP:

- Room for drainage and runoff control
- Are commercial vehicles and/or Hazardous Materials (HAZMAT) vehicles allowed? – There has not been a decision or restriction made for certain vehicles to access highway.
- There will need to be pre-staged equipment and manpower to be able to respond to incidents, and in that case money will be requested from agencies to pay for the equipment, salaries, vehicles, etc.
- Will there be lighting on the elevated barriers for safety reasons?
- Captain Roberts noted that he has room available in the Troop L HQ on SR 84 that could be used as a shared TMC for I-595 operations and response.

T. Gartner – FDOT/MCCO:

- Will there be landing capabilities for Trauma Hawks and other helicopters? Will the barriers be in the way (width room for them to land)?



Tom Dickson – SIRV:

- Davie Fire Rescue and Police Department will have no access to I-595 at all. Their access will be cut off completely.
- There will be jurisdiction issues on how other NON-jurisdiction agencies will respond if Davie FR and PD can't respond to incidents. Non-jurisdictions will want to know how to get paid if they respond.

Guy Francese – FDOT TIM Project Manager:

- Road Rangers will need to be added to the upper levels of I-595. Have alternate Road Rangers roaming in a loop on I-595 or stage trucks at the entrance and exit of I-595 ramps to then be dispatched to incidents.

Bob Murphy – TMC Operations Consultant Project Manager:

- Will there be potential full closures at night for the flyovers during the construction phases?
- Will there be punch outs on the sound walls for Fire Rescue agencies to access hydrants for water?
- The arterial roadways being affected. We will have to deal with diversions from the highway to arterials and will have to deal with signal timing and notifications.

### **Fire Hydrant Access Plan – Gregg Letts**

Gregg has developed draft proposals to send out. DOT is taking the lead on creating maps for Broward and Palm Beach interstates. Gregg predicts that this task should be completed in 8-10 weeks. He will locate the fire hydrant signs. Gregg will research and determine the length of a fire hose that is needed to reach behind the sound wall. Some current concerns are that the punch outs on the sound walls are not big enough for a hose to fit through.

### **FHP Tow MOU Update – Guy Francese**

This tow MOU is to allow any responding agency to determine if a tow truck is needed and call for a tow truck before FHP arrives on scene. This will allow for quicker response and clearance times.

### **TIM MOU Update – Guy Francese**

There is a letter being drafted up that will be sent to each agency and it states that the agency will determine a representative and alternate to attend the meetings if they would still like to participate in the TIM meetings. This letter also asks what each agency would like to gain for participating.

### **PIA Incident Review – Rick Schulze & Tom Dickson**

**Incident #1:** This incident occurred on April 2, 2007 at 1430 at I-595 WB beyond Nob Hill Road. This was a rollover tractor trailer that also resulted in two tow trucks rolling over while trying to upright the tractor trailer. The traffic backed up and was halted for several hours. Some motorists were stuck in the queue and did not get out for quite some time. This prompted Bob Murphy to ask John Kleindeler to ask about signal timing in a case like this. John stated that the only thing that Broward County Traffic Engineering can do at this point is equip the SIRV truck with some pickles to manually change the intersection lights to be timed with the congestion to alleviate most back around the intersection lights.

**Incident #2:** This incident occurred on April 12, 2007 at 1519 on I-95 NB @ Atlantic Blvd. This was a tractor trailer filled with rubber tires that overturned from colliding with a passenger vehicle and spilled its load and ignited into flames. The victim was pulled from the tractor trailer by a BSO deputy and was sent to the hospital. The road was shut down for several hours and the queue was turned around and led out fairly quickly. No one was stuck in the queue for several hours. One major issue is the environmental agency took 3 hours to arrive to clean up the HAZMAT spill situation that occurred. Water access was also a major issue. Pompano Beach Fire Rescue had to keep shuttling water trucks back and fourth for the fire fighters to keep putting the fire out.

### **Commendation Awards – Guy Francese**

One award was presented to Broward Sheriffs' Office – Oakland Park Division for giving up all their men to assist in traffic control at the I-95 and Atlantic Blvd incident.

Second award was given to Road Ranger George Valles for being the first to arrive on scene and attempting to put out the fire with his onboard fire extinguisher. He showed courage and assisted in every way possible.

The third award was given to Westway Towing for clearing an incident scene in 15 minutes and practiced safety in the work place.

### **Red Tagging of Abandoned Vehicles – Guy Francese**

Red tagging of abandoned vehicles is a statewide initiative to remove vehicles that have been left by motorists so that we can keep the roadways safer and clear for the traveling motorists. Some concerns were brought up about the Road Rangers tagging the vehicles. One concern was what if there is a sleeping motorist and the Road Ranger keeps driving on? What if that person was ill, or deceased? Guy stated that the Road Rangers would be trained on how to tell if a vehicle is suspicious and if they should call FHP. Guy will set up training for the District Four Road Rangers.

### **TIM Strategic Business Plan – Guy Francese**

The strategic business plan has been finalized and adopted by the Department. It is a list of action items and recommendations for 2007.

#### **Action Items:**

- Get number of signalized intersections from off ramps on each highway in Broward County.
- Chief Gregory Holness will supply an accident video for the next Broward TIM meeting.

**List of Attendees:**

Chung	Derrick	FDOT - D4 Maintenance
Connolly	Maria	FDOT - D4 Maintenance
Dickson	Tom	DMJM Harris
DiPetrillo	Donald	Davie Fire Department
Egeli	Ibrahim	FHP
Francese	Guy	FDOT - D4
Gartner	Capt. Terry	FDOT - Motor Carrier Compliance
Gilmartin	Olaf	Pembroke Pines Fire Rescue
Goldstein	Craig	West Way Towing
Holness	Gregory	BSO Fire Rescue
Ingles	Marcos	ICA - Maintenance
Jennings	Jim	Emerald Towing
Jones Jr.	Roger	FDOT - Operations
Letts	Gregg	DMJM Harris
Littlefield	Steve	DMJM Harris



Murphy	Bob	DMJM Harris
Rolon	Javier	ICA - Maintenance
Schulze	Rick	DMJM Harris
Sparks	John	Delcan Corporation
Stanley	Sarah	DMJM Harris
Steele	Mark	Hollywood Fire Rescue
Waters	Craig "Mud"	FDOT - D4 Maintenance
Werner	Catherine	FDOT - Florida's Turnpike Enterprise
Wysocky	Mark	FHP - Troop L

