

**Meeting Date:** November 5, 2008

**Meeting Time:** 1:30 pm

**Location:** 7515 North Pine Island Rd.  
Tamarac, FL 33321

### **Call Meeting to Order**

Michael McGee of AECOM called the meeting to order. Introductions followed.

Handouts:

- Agenda
- Meeting minutes from September 3, 2008
- Situational Awareness
- Governor's Executive Order for Silver Alerts
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### **Review Action Items/Previous Meeting Minutes – Mike McGee**

- Color coding of incident levels on SMART SunGuide website – Mike explained that currently there is no color coding for incident levels. The color coding currently on the new SMART SunGuide website distinguishes the average speeds of interstate traffic.
- Road Rangers excluded from privatization of Alligator Alley – the request for proposal (RFP) on the Alligator Alley website states that there will be road rangers included in the project. For more information visit <http://www.alligator-alley.com/>.
- Boat ramps included in privatization of Alligator Alley – Maria Connelly of FDOT Maintenance stated that the boat ramps are included and currently they are maintained by DBI Services, asset management company for I-75.

### **Road Ranger Program Status – Guy Francese**

Guy reported that currently the Road Ranger Service Patrol is from 6am-7pm, Monday – Friday. There is a potential sponsor in place. They are currently in negotiations and the letter of intent has been signed. The final agreement is still in the works and has not been signed. The sponsorship money is being looked into to use for expansion of trucks and times.

Rodney Brimlow asked if there is a way to record calls handled by FHP or BSO that normally would have been handled by a Road Ranger. FHP stated that currently they do not track; they could print a history report. Dee McTague from SunGuide Broward TMC stated that the TMC can track and working with FHP the requested list could be produced.

### **I-75 Median Crossovers – Mike McGee**

Mike stated that the guardrails that have been installed on I-75, fire rescue agencies have the inability to respond to calls in a timely manner. Mike stated that we will continue to work with Gilbert Soles and Sunrise Fire Department to get this issue underway.

At the last Broward TIM meeting, Gilbert Soles from FDOT requested letters from agencies to request median breaks in the guardrails that were installed on I-75. The guardrails block the median crossover and prevent emergency personnel from using the crossover to respond to accidents that occur on the opposite side of the interstate.

### **RISC Update – Guy Francese**

Currently Guy has received three responses to the RISC advertisement. Guy has completed the inspections of the proposed contractors. The contractors are similar to the FHP rotation list. The TMC will keep the official timestamp for

RISC activations; FHP will make the initial request for RISC. Guy is waiting to finalize everything with the contract to get started.



**Vehicle Staging and Emergency Lighting Study – Mike McGee**

Mike explained to the TIM team that there are actions items in the TIM Strategic Business plan that need to be completed each year. Mike requested from the fire and police agencies their policies describing the appropriate way to stage vehicles and the use of their emergency lights. Mike stated this task is still a work in progress and he is still gathering information.

**Fire Hydrant Access Plans – Gregg Letts**

Gregg explained that the purpose of the study was that severe incidents along D4 freeways spurred much conversation by the Broward and Palm Beach TIM Teams as to the availability and whereabouts of water (fire hydrants) to service the freeways when the Fire Departments' "on-truck" supplies are depleted at a scene; especially in locations where existing sound walls exist along the freeway.

The tasks for the study were:

- Retrieve current water distribution maps indicating locations of existing fire hydrants.
- Identify closest possible fire hydrant access locations that are located within 1000' of the centerline of the expressway
- Correlate the identified hydrants to its D4 freeway mile post (to the nearest 0.01 mile)
- Correlate the identified hydrants to their actual address, if possible; otherwise, its minor and major roadway crossing (closest local surface streets)
- Correlate the identified hydrants that fall behind an existing sound wall to the closest access hole in the sound wall, if possible.
  - Create and populate an MS Excel spreadsheet; sort all data by County and Roadway in mile post order.

The possible future tasks could include:

- Design standardized hydrant location signs and sign installation procedures for District 4
- Place blue Raised Pavement Markers (RPMs) for each point along the shoulder perpendicular to the fence and/or sound wall access hole to indicate the location of a hydrant (as per MUTCD 2003 Edition, Rev. 2, Section 3B.11)
- Populate a GIS map with the information from the spreadsheets

Bruce Ward of Oakland Park Fire Rescue asked about getting mile markers painted on shoulders or walls.

**Toys in the Sun Run – Mike McGee**

This event will take place on December 14, 2008 starting at 8am. The highway is scheduled to be shut down from 9:30 – 9:45am. Terry Hanstein from BSO stated that there will be extra officers on I-95 to prevent the vehicles from turning around and driving the wrong way on the highway or ramps. There will be an officer at the Broward TMC. It was recommended that with I-595 being under construction next year at this time, Wings of Gold should start communications and coordination with the project contractor for I-595.

**I-75 Vision – Will Suero**

Will Suero presented information on the vision of I-75. It includes three districts Florida's Turnpike, District 4, and District 6. This project is a plan that started back in 2000 and it looked at the next 20 years of traffic volume through 2020. The proposed plan includes reversible lanes and transit lanes for buses. There are 14 alternatives to the plans. Of the 14 only 6 options are being considered. There is a possibility of managed tolls with fluctuating prices in the future. The existing general use lanes of I-75 would be free to travel. Guardrails will be used instead of barrier walls. For more information visit <http://www.i-75vision.com/>.

**I-595/I-75 Ramp Construction – Barbara Kelleher & Maria Connelly**

Currently there are two projects going on. Barbara explained that the bridge inspection project started at I-595 westbound ramp to I-75 southbound and that includes inspection of the retention cables. They are making sure there is not rust in the conduits that hold the bridge together. The second part of this project is the bridge inspection of Sawgrass Expressway southbound to eastbound I-595. One lane on each project will be closed



during this project. This is projected to be completed by May 2009 but an early completion date of March 2009 is targeted.

Dee McTague stated that we should have Broward SMART SunGuide TMC cameras for I-75 online by Friday 11/7/08. Some concern for the taper length was expressed for tractor trailer drivers. Maria expressed that they will look into the taper length.

#### **MOT Training for First Responders – Guy Francese**

Guy informed the team on a presentation that was conducted at Transpo 2008 this year that was meant for first responders. This training covered topics on maintenance of traffic (MOT) and vehicle staging when responding to an incident scene on the highway.

#### **New MA/COM Radios for Road Rangers and SIRV – Guy Francese**

Guy reported that the Palm Beach Road Rangers will be using the MA/COM radio system that FHP uses. Currently the background checks are being conducted to get all drivers cleared to use the radios. Broward Road Rangers will be using the current radio system for now.

#### **Silver Alerts – Mike McGee**

The Governor signed the bill to activate the Silver Alerts on October 8, 2008. This alert is statewide not just regional. The Silver Alerts are for elderly people with cognitive disabilities that are reported missing. The criteria to issue a Silver Alert are the vehicle description and tag number. To date there have been 15 Silver Alerts. Each agency is advised to take this information back to their agencies and educate them about Silver Alerts.

#### **Post Incident Analysis Debriefing – Tom Dickson**

Incident #: 545375 occurred on September 8, 2008 at approximately 11:49pm. A tractor trailer rolled over on I-75 southbound at Mile Marker 31 which resulted in a fatality. The lane closure lasted about 7 hours; once off-loading of the equipment being transported was completed the tractor trailer was up righted and towed away clearing the scene and lanes.

Some issues were the time it took before off-loading of equipment could be done. Outcome that resulted was teamwork in off-loading equipment when the time came. All agencies including FHP, DBI, and Superior Towing worked well together to clear the lanes and open the road as quickly as possible.

#### **Training Safety Tip: Situational Awareness – Mike McGee**

Due to time constraints, Mike informed the team to take the handout back to their agency to use for their benefit.

#### **Action Items:**

- Follow up conversation on report from FHP and TMC on calls handled by troopers and other officers that would normally be handled by Road Rangers.
- Bruce Ward of Oakland Park Fire Rescue asked about painting mile marker locations on the shoulder.

**List of Attendees:**

Akers	David	Wilton Manors Police Department
Bolton	Chester	Pompano Beach Fire Rescue
Brimlow	Rodney	Broward Sheriffs Office
Brennan	Michael	Hollywood Police Department
Budzinski	J	Tamarac Fire Rescue
Chung	Derrick	FDOT Maintenance
Connolly	Maria	FDOT Maintenance
Cowart	Mike	DBI Services
Davis	Paul	PDVN
Dawson	Tommie	BC MPO
Dickson	Tom	DMJM Harris – SIRV Operator
DiMeglio	Thomas	Davie Police Department
Francese	Guy	FDOT District 4
Gartner	Terry	FDOT MCCO
Gavic	Glenn	Fort Lauderdale Police Department
Gazzano	John	Pembroke Pines Police Department
Goldstein	Craig	West Way Towing
Hanstein	Terry	BSO
Jennings Jr	Jim	Emerald Towing
Johnston	Hugh	American Compliance Technologies
Jones	Roger	FDOT Maintenance D4 Broward
Laguna	Daniel	Davie Police Department
Letts	Gregg	AECOM
Lopez	Gloria	FDOT
Loscalzo	Sean	Superior Towing
McGee	Michael	AECOM
McGlynn	Nicole	AECOM
Nolte	Brian	Davie Fire Rescue
Roberts	John	FHP Troop L
Steinkamp	Tim	Driscoll's Towing
Summers	Rob	Cliffberry Inc.
Ward	Bruce	Oakland Park Fire Rescue
Wysocky	Mark	FHP