

Joint Broward Miami-Dade Traffic Incident Management Team

TIM Meeting Minutes March 2009



Meeting Date: March 4, 2009

Meeting Time: 1:30 PM – 3:30 PM

Location: FHP Troop L Headquarters
14190 SR 84
Davie, FL 33325

Attendees: Listing Attached

Call Meeting to Order

Mike McGee of AECOM called the meeting to order. Introductions immediately followed. Reviewed meeting minutes from previous Joint Broward/Miami-Dade TIM and Broward TIM meetings.

Distributed Documents:

- Agenda
- July 2008 Joint Broward/Miami-Dade TIM meeting minutes
- January 2009 Broward TIM meeting minutes
- Post Incident Analysis (PIA) lessons learned handout

Review Action Items/Previous Meeting Minutes – Mike McGee

Action Item #1: Broward FHWA TIM Self Assessment results

Discussion: The results from the FHWA Self Assessment that was conducted at the January 2009 Broward TIM team meeting has been recorded. The score for the year of 2008 is 89.6%.

Action Item #2: The MUTCD 6I-05 - Use of emergency and Vehicle Lighting.

Discussion: The MUTCD 6I-05 handout on the use of emergency and vehicle lighting was reviewed.

Action Item #3: Ten Cones of Highway Safety video to BSO and Kauff's Towing

Discussion: BSO and Kauff's Towing requested a copy of the Ten Cones of Highway Safety video. This item is still outstanding and will be addressed at the end of the meeting.

Steve Corbin, District Four ITS Program Manager, presented an award from the 2008 FDOT District Four Outstanding Services Awards that were held in January 2009. The Public Partnering Award was given to Sgt. Rodney Brimlow of Broward Sheriff's Office.

Broward Update

I-595 Express Lanes – Paul Lampley

Paul gave a brief overview of the upcoming I-595 Express Lanes project that will begin in May of 2009. Paul stated that a more in depth presentation will be given at the May Broward TIM team meeting. The contract will be executed by the end of this week. This contract will create approximately 35,000 jobs for South Florida. The construction phase will be approximately five years. The active construction should begin in May of 2009. All construction for the full 10 ½ miles will be started by August 2009. The company that won the bid is ACS and it is a management firm based out of Spain. Local agencies will be used for the actual work. Items included in the contract are the Florida Open Roads Policy, Level 1, 2, and 3 incidents. The companies will meet with Davie Fire and Police as well as FHP to address concerns.



Construction Report – Mike McGee

- **I-95/I-595 INTERCHANGE NEAR FORT LAUDERDALE AIRPORT**
TRAFFIC IMPACT: I-595 will have two EASTBOUND lanes closed east of I-95 Sunday night, March 1, through Wednesday night, March 4, from 8 p.m. to 5 a.m. The I-95 NORTHBOUND connector ramp to I-595 EASTBOUND will have one lane closed Monday night, March 2, through Wednesday night, March 4, from 8 p.m. to 5 a.m.

DESCRIPTION: Improvements will include replacing guardrails and repaving six of the ramps. Completion will be in August.
- **I-595/I-75/SAWGRASS EXPRESSWAY INTERCHANGE**
TRAFFIC IMPACT: The connector ramp from the Sawgrass Expressway SOUTHBOUND to I-595 EASTBOUND has one lane closed AT ALL TIMES until mid-April. The connector ramp from I-595 WESTBOUND to I-75 SOUTHBOUND now has both lanes open permanently.

DESCRIPTION: Major renovations are being made to these ramps, which are bridges. Completion will be in May.
- **I-75/ALLIGATOR ALLEY WEST OF U.S. 27 IN THE EVERGLADES**
TRAFFIC IMPACT: I-75/Alligator Alley will have a lane closed IN EACH DIRECTION for two miles at a time from the toll plaza just west of U.S. 27 to 16 miles westward weekdays between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m.

DESCRIPTION: I-75 will be repaved, and inside shoulders will be added in each direction. Completion will be mid-2010.

Road Ranger Program – Guy Francese

A Press Release was distributed December 18, 2008 announcing State Farm as the new Road Ranger sponsor. Three additional vehicles were added, two in Broward County and one in Palm Beach County. State Farm's sponsorship includes wrapping all of the Road Ranger vehicles that patrol the interstates in Broward and Palm Beach, which is crisp and highly visible to motorists.

SIRV Program – Guy Francese

Currently there are two trucks on patrol for peak rush hours which are 6 a.m. to 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. One SIRV truck is stationed at the FHP Headquarters which has easy access to the interstate. The second floor of the FHP Headquarters has a satellite TMC with freeway Closed Circuit Televisions (CCTV) and access to view incidents.

Rapid Incident Scene Clearance (RISC) – Guy Francese

Guy reported that there will be a RISC Kick off meeting March, 13, 2009. Charlie Creel, Statewide TIM Specialist will be attending the meeting to do training on RISC. This kick off meeting will include discussion of the vendors, coverage areas, start date, and procedures for RISC incidents.

I-75 Median Crossovers – Mike McGee

Guard rails have been installed from the 595 interchange down to the Miami/Dade County line to prevent crossover crashes. Mike discussed the issue of the ability of incident responders to make U-turns on the interchange. We currently do not meet guidelines from the FHWA for making allowances for emergency U-turns. Mike stated that letters have been received and will be sent to Gilbert Soles, FDOT District Four Safety Program Manager.



Fire Hydrant Study – Gregg Letts

Gregg Letts reported that Phase I is complete. Two examples of one sign design were received and will be reviewed. The signs will be posted on the sound walls. Gregg stated that input from the Fire Departments is very important on the sign design as well as sign location. Installation of blue raised pavement markers on the shoulder and on the sound walls was presented.

Joe Gambino of Hollywood Fire Rescue asked if the signs could be installed perpendicular. Gregg stated that all comments and questions will be considered and noted.

The next step is to submit plans to Tallahassee to create statewide standards. A proposal for Phase II to include Treasure Coast will be done.

Treasure Coast TIM Team – Mike McGee

A new contract has been awarded to DMJM Harris/AECOM for Traffic Incident Management, to include the Treasure Coast TIM Team. There will be a Treasure Coast TIM Coordinator who would facilitate meetings and RISC activation. The position may be stationed in Fort Pierce at the Treasure Coast TIM Support Office.

The Treasure Coast Transportation Management Support Office is nearing completion. Ocean Gate General Contractors (OGGC) mobilized on site on July 21, 2008, activities by OGGC for this month included the installation of an LPG generator tank, rough-in electrical, plumbing, HVAC duct work, door frames, interior drywall system, and 85% of the membrane roof system is on the main building. OGGC is scheduled to complete electrical, HVAC, plumbing, painting, doors & windows. The installation of Ramp "A", structural steel for walkway canopy, handrails and stucco on the main building is also scheduled to be completed.

Miami-Dade Update

I-95 Express Update – Charlie Robbins

Status:

Incident Management Workshop

- Follow-up Agency Meetings
 - MDT
 - FHP
 - City of Miami PD/Fire Rescue
- 95 Express Incident Management Plan
 - Additional Road Rangers & FHP
 - IRV
 - MOT Training
 - Quick Clearance Policies
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 - Road Rangers cross double white lines and delineators for incidents
 - Any Travel Lanes Blocked Closes Facility
 - Quickly/safely relocated to designated area (Golden Glades P/R or Right Shoulder)
 - Abandoned Vehicles are marked by Road Rangers with grease pen
 - FHP Trooper sweeps the 95 EL for abandoned vehicles at beginning of shifts
- Need to have continuing education for FHP Troopers
- Quick clearance procedures worked well
- Agency outreach / training helped developed buy in on new TIM approach
- Agency coordination helped provide input into EL Operator procedures

A Look Ahead...

- Phase 1B Opening in 2010
 - I-95 Southbound from GGI to I-395
 - Extend Northbound south to I-395

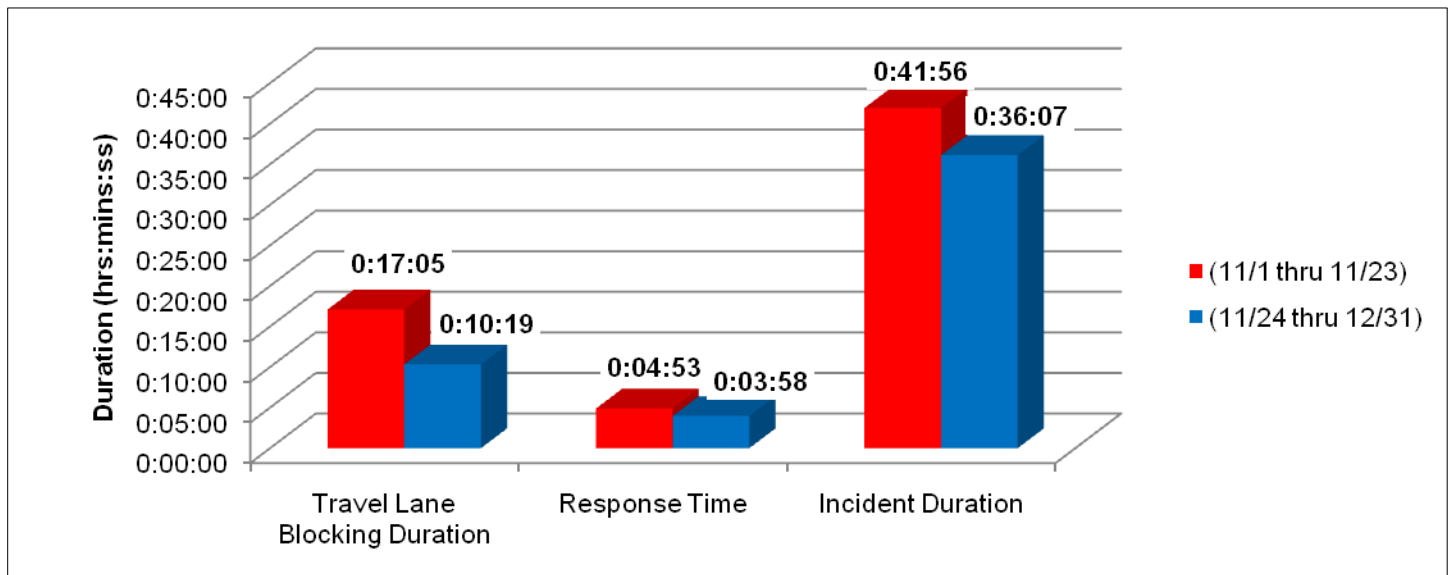


- Phase 2
 - I-95 Northbound/Southbound from GGI to Broward Boulevard
 - Increased Agency Coordination

Incident Response Vehicle (IRV) Update – Charlie Robbins

Status:

- Started on November 24, 2008
 - Operations from Noon to 8pm Monday – Friday
 - Modeled after FDOT D4 SIRV
 - Shared FDOT D4 SIRV resources to facilitate rapid start-up of pilot project
 - Early Benefits justified continuing IRV Program



Lessons Learned:

- Improved agency coordination
 - Previous FHP experience of IRV assisted with agency coordination
 - Agency outreach prior to start-up
 - IRV Staff conducts training
 - On-scene education by IRV
- Staging works for IRV and flat-bed tow
- Additional FHP resources

A Look Ahead...

- Expand program in late 2009
 - Expand hours to 6am to 10 pm
 - Cover I-95 Express Lanes Northbound and Southbound
 - Expand staff to 1 Supervisor and 2 IRV Operators
 - Expand fleet to 2 vehicles
- Include IRV/Flatbed tow truck on new, major construction projects

Ramp Signaling – Charlie Robbins

Status:

- Started on February 4, 2009
- 8 Ramps I-95 Northbound; NW 62nd ST to NE 2nd Avenue
- Operate typically from 3pm to 7pm Monday thru Friday
- Operating at maximum rate

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- Speed increased 5-8 mph
- Throughput increased 21-51 mph

Charlie showed a snapshot video of traffic conditions before and after ramp signaling was started.

Lessons Learned:

- Expect issues to arise after testing and have staff/resources in the field
 - Need field observations (Students/CCTV)
 - FHP enforcement
 - ITS Maintenance crews
- Expect motorists to adapt to Ramp Signals
- Need to turn on Ramp Signals before it is too late
- ELW proved to be a valuable tool

A Look Ahead...

- Analyze data to adjust metering rates
- Incorporate operational experience into SOGs
- Start selective enforcement
- Conduct post implementation study
- Turn on 95 Southbound ramps shortly after Express Lanes open in December 2009

Road Ranger Program – Charlie Robbins

Status:

- Reduced service due to Budget Cuts
 - 12 hours of service on SR 826/I-75 on weekends
 - Reduced fleet size
 - Increased response times
 - Fewer shoulder events; same lane blocking
- 95 Express funding help maintain levels on I-95
- Piggybacked on FDOT D1 Road Ranger Contract
- Advertised new District-wide Road Ranger Contract

Lessons Learned:

- Identified need for 24/7 operations
- Less than 4% of events require tows
- Need for modifying scope of services and contract terms (fuel adjustments)
- Need piggyback option as back up
- Understand project controls for Road Ranger services under Construction Projects

A Look Ahead...

- Start new district-wide contract in July 09
- Restore 24/7 coverage
- Separate out unit pricing
 - Add staged flat-bed tow trucks focused on incident management
 - Patrolling pick-up focus on motorist assistance
 - Allow for separate hourly rates for Road Ranger Operators for additional FDOT training

FDOT District VI TIM – Charlie Robbins

Status:

- Provided forum to help facilitate 95 Express coordination
- Ended bi-monthly meetings in November 2008
- New format started in 2009
 - Semi-Annual Meetings
 - One-on-one agency outreach
 - More Post Incident Analysis

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- PIAs Conducted
 - October 1, 2008 PIA with Miami Beach PD and City Miami Fire Beach
 - October 24, 2008 PIA with FHP
 - December 19, 2008 PIA for Road Ranger MOT
 - December 23, 2008 PIA for Asset Management Response Limits
 - January 23, 2009 PIA for Fatality Event within the Lower Keys

Lessons Learned:

- New Meeting Format has been more productive
 - Identified specific training needs/opportunities
 - Improved agency communication/cooperation
 - Better Understanding of responding agency procedures for events
 - Review Current Policies
 - DMS policy within Monroe County
 - Implement New Policies
 - Notification Procedures for Monroe County
 - Improved on-scene coordination
 - Movement of Responders in Groups During Event Relocation

A Look Ahead...

- Continue with New Format
 - Agency Outreach
 - Inform First Responders of TMC Assets
 - New Deployments
 - Training
 - Annual Monroe County TIM Meeting
 - Quarterly Newsletters to TIM Partners
- Develop Procedures for New Format

Miami-Dade Expressway Authority – Jerry Cosme

Status:

- Dec 2008 implemented SunGuide 4.1.1 onto MDX servers
- Road Ranger program remains a 24x7 operation providing all services
- Expanded RISC program to include disabled heavy vehicles that block travel lanes.

Lessons Learned:

- Implementation of improve version of SunGuide 4.1.1 increased operations quality
- A 24x7 Road Ranger program continues to provide a positive relations with the motoring public
- RISC program expansion provides services that have immediate impact on traffic

Future Plans:

- Increased CCTV coverage
 - SR 924 – 7 CCTV—estimated completion July 2009
 - SR 112 – 7 CCTV—estimated completion Dec 2009
 - SR 878 – 4 CCTV—estimated completion Dec 2009
 - SR 874 – 9 CCTV—estimated completion Dec 2009
- Increased inter-agency coordination through PIA
- Road Ranger of the Month Awards

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Southeast Florida Regional Transportation Operations Committee (SEFRTOC) – Bob Murphy/Steve Corbin

SEFRTOC includes District IV TMC, Palm Beach ITMS, Miami-Dade Expressway (MDX), Miami-Dade District VI TMC, and Florida's Turnpike TMC. This group meets on a monthly basis to discuss regional activities going on. Some recent topics of discussion include information dissemination to the motoring public and working together on the new software that will be used by 511.

STIX - One topic from the most recent meeting was the Southern Traffic Incident eXchange Program (STIX); part of the I-95 Corridor Coalition communication plan. This group was formed in the Spring of 2008 and involves TMCs from North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida. STIX deals with communicating information on major incidents that occur on the main interstate routes.

511 Update – Steve Corbin

Steve reported that Florida is the leader in information dissemination and has improved communication abilities. FHP CADD data has been integrated to facilitate information to partnering agencies as well as the public. Southeast Florida has been using 511 providers for eight years. By the end of March the TMCs will directly disseminate travel information. The information disseminated by 511 is automatic and accurate. Steve reported that currently the TMC is working with BSO to integrate their CADD data for information dissemination.

Training Safety Tip: MOT Tapers (Hollywood Fire Rescue/FHP) - Mike McGee

Cleo March brought up an incident he witnessed regarding a traffic crash on the Turnpike where a fire truck was blocking two lanes and there was a fire fighter standing in front of the fire truck. Cleo felt the fire fighter's safety was in danger should someone hit the fire truck from behind. There was also discussion on how fire apparatus are used at incidents on the freeways to block traffic and to also be used as a barrier to be struck if necessary.

Assistant Chief Joe Gambino of Hollywood Fire Rescue presented photos of traffic crashes. Hollywood Fire Rescue had their fire apparatus hit from behind and damaged from motorists not paying attention. Assistant Chief Gambino stated that their Standard Operating Policy (SOP) has been revised to reflect two engines are to respond to every incident on the interstate.

Lt. Hingson also presented some photos of FHP troop cars damaged from motorists not paying attention and running into the back of the cars.

Mike explained the proper use of cones for a taper at an emergency scene. He showed a map that depicts a crash scene and examples of how to set up cones properly to protect a scene. MOT tapers are set up depending on the number of cones available and the speed of the interstate.

For more information on the MUTCD and traffic control standards go to:

<http://mutcd.fhwa.dot.gov/HTM/2003/part6/part6i.htm>

Action Items:

- Set up a meeting with Department of Environmental Protection agency for notifications of events from TMC. A follow up meeting was scheduled. **(Complete, March 24, 2009)**
- Ten Cones of Highway Safety video to BSO. **(Pending)**

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Meeting Attendees:

Ackers	David	Wilton Manors Police Department
Adkins	Allen	BSO Motor
Adkins	Al	BSO Traffic Ops
Baeringer	John	HCR
Balcaitis	Stan	HNTB
Brimlow	Rodney	BSO
Bundy	Erich	Kauff's Towing
Campbell	Donnie	BCT
Cariola	John	BCT
Casale	Anthony	HTS Towing
Chung	Derrick	FDOT D4 Maintenance
Collins	Craig	BCT
Corbin	Steve	FDOT D4
Corbo	Ray	Anchor Towing
Cosme	Jerry	MDX
Cowart	Mike	DBI
Curran	Steve	Sunrise Police Department
Davis	Paul	PDVN
Dawson	Tommie	MPO
DeFago	Alicia	QCA – PIO - DOT
Dickson	Tom	SIRV Broward
DiLiello	Al	Pembroke Pines fire Rescue
Dobens	Peter	QCA – PIO - DOT
Fimbel	Richard	DBI
Francese	Guy	FDOT D4
Gambino	Joe	Hollywood Fire Rescue
Gannon	Ana	FDEP
Gartner	Terry	FDOT MCCO
Gazzano	John	Pembroke Pines Police Department
Gonzales	Alicia	MRG (I-595 Project)
Hingson	Earl	FHP
Holcombe	Brett	Westway Towing
Ingles	Marcos	ICA
Janson	Mike	Sunrise Fire Rescue
Jennings Jr.	Jim	Emerald Towing
Jones Jr.	Roger	FDOT – D4 Maintenance
Kleynhans	Gerald	DBI
Kunz	Fred	Miramar Fire Rescue
Lamplley	Paul	FDOT D4
Letts	Gregg	AECOM
Lopez	Gloria	FDOT – D4
Lopez	Hugo	ICA
Loscalzo	Sean	A Superior Towing
Margoles	Glenn	BC Emergency Management
Marsh	Cleo	FDOT
Martin	Ron	Davie Police Department
McGee	Mike	AECOM
McGlynn	Nicole	AECOM
McKissack	Mac	Florida's Turnpike
Millard	Mike	SRS - 511

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Mirones	Alex	AECOM
Mitchell	Jimi	FDOT D6
Murphy	Bob	AECOM
Nelson	Robert	BCT
Newman	James	HNTB
Nolte	Brian	Davie Fire Department
North	Fred	BSO Fire Rescue
O'Connell	Tom	Sunrise Fire Rescue
Pagano	Mike	Miramar Fire Rescue
Palmer	Robert	Miramar Fire Rescue
Perez	Ed	TCG
Quitoni	John	Deerfield Beach Fire Rescue
Ramos	Alexis	Sunshine Towing/Road Rangers
Ramos	Maggie	Sunshine Towing/Road Rangers
Robbins	Charles	SunGuide TMC D6
Rodriguez	Javier	FDOT D6 – ITS Operations Engineer
Rodriguez	Javier	FDOT D6
Rolon	Javier	ICA
Salzman	Mari	Florida's Turnpike
Savits	Monica	Anchor Towing
Scott	Jeff	BCT
Sexton	Melanie	TCG
Sievers	Richard	BSO – Fire Rescue and Emergency Services
Snyder	Joe	SunGuide D6 TMC
Soles	Gilbert	FDOT D4
Solinger	Donald	Fort Lauderdale Police Department
Steinkamp	Tim	Driscoll's Towing
Summers	Robb	Cliff Berry Inc.
Torrez	Alicia	SunGuide TMC D6
Tutt	Harold	BCT
Waters	Craig "Mud"	FDOT – D4 Maintenance
Werner	Catherine	Florida's Turnpike
Wysocky	Mark	FHP – Troop L