

Broward County Traffic Incident Management Team

TIM Meeting Minutes November 2009



Meeting Date: November 4, 2009

Meeting Time: 1:30 PM – 3:30 PM

Location: SMART SunGuide TMC
2300 West Commercial Blvd. 2nd Fl.
Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33309

Attendees: Listing Attached

Call Meeting to Order

Mike McGee of AECOM called the meeting to order. Reviewed meeting minutes and action items from previous meeting.

Distributed Documents:

- Agenda
- September 2009 meeting minutes
- Biohazard Study Handout
- 2009 Toys in the Sun Run
- RISC Post Incident Analysis Final Report
- Construction Report

Review Action Items/Previous Meeting Minutes – Mike McGee, AECOM

- None at this time

Updates

Road Ranger Program – Guy Francese, FDOT D4 Freeway Operations Manger

Guy reported that there are four proposals that were submitted for the Treasure Coast Road Ranger Service Patrol Program. Guy stated it is expected to have an executed contract by December 2009. The contract is slated to start between January and February of 2010.

Guy reported about the Road Ranger that was deployed on Oakland Park Blvd from US 1 to University Dr. Guy is coordinating monthly meetings with the involved agencies to talk about the project and jurisdictional issues. Guy will also be making a presentation of this project at the next Community Traffic Safety Team (CTST) meeting.

Guy stated that in the future all new FDOT contracts will be for three years. All Road Ranger Service Patrol is back to 24/7 operations.

Central Office is putting together a survey for all agencies to make recommended improvements of the Road Ranger Service Patrol.

Rapid Incident Scene Clearance (RISC) Update – Guy Francese, FDOT D4 Freeway Operations Manager

The first RISC activation occurred on September 4, 2009. The incident that occurred was on I-95 northbound and southbound at Hillsboro Blvd. in Broward County. See post incident analysis on page five.

The RISC vendors and representatives of various agencies met on October 20, 2009, for a Traffic Incident Management team photo. One photo focused on incident responders, the other focused on the RISC contractors.

I-595 Express – Catherine Werner, Roy Jorgensen Services

Since the start of the project there have been two RISC activations. No new items at this time.

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I-75 Vision – Will Suero, HDR Engineering

Will gave a brief update on the vision for I-75. The project limits are I-595 south to the Broward/Miami-Dade county line. The I-75 vision was created to alleviate future traffic growth and to open up alternatives for the anticipated growth. Will showed four poster boards showing new roadways that are projected to be built. There has been a public notice workshop that had approximately 100 members in attendance including consultants, and media. The PD&E study that is being conducted still needs to get approval and will be completed by 2011. Currently the alternative routes are not funded. For more information, visit www.I-75vision.com.

Southeast Florida Regional Transportation Operations Committee (SEFRTOC) – Bob Murphy, AECOM

Bob updated the team on the issues SEFRTOC is currently discussing. In October, Florida 511 reached its one millionth call for traveler information.

Bob gave a brief update on the new Palm Beach SMART SunGuide Vista Center that is located at 2300 N. Jog Rd., in West Palm Beach. The traffic management center is 24/7 and dispatches the Palm Beach Road Ranger Service Patrol.

SEFRTOC also discussed the Super Bowl and Pro Bowl games that are coming to the area in 2010. The Pro Bowl falls one week before the Super Bowl and all five TMCs will coordinate for traffic congestion and accidents.

The Silver Alert program, which alerts motorists to look for lost elderly people, has been in operation for one year. Silver alerts are issued when there is information on the make, model, and year of the vehicle of the person missing. There have been several successes in recovering missing elderly people due to the Silver Alert program.

District 1 and 5 TIM Team Updates – Chuck McGinness, AECOM, Treasure Coast TIM Coordinator

Chuck updated the team on his recent visits to the District 1 and District 5 TIM team meetings.

District 1:

- **SWIFT SunGuide Center:** Carlos Bonilla, FDOT District One Traffic Operations, reported that he finally has received the keys to the building from the contractor. There are still punch list items to complete and FDOT has not approved final acceptance of the building. There will be a 14-day operational testing of the ITS devices along I-75. No date yet on when the center will officially begin operations.
- **Road Rangers:** Don Olson, FDOT District One ITS TIM Project Manager, reported that he intends to increase service during the upcoming holidays, beginning with the Wednesday before Thanksgiving. All available trucks will be on the road and nighttime hours will be extended until midnight (currently 7 p.m. in Manatee, Sarasota and Charlotte counties and 10 p.m. in Collier County; Road Rangers in the iROX construction in Lee County operate 24/7). Don said the Road Rangers first priority is incident response and to provide support for law enforcement and other first responders at crash scenes. The words "Incident Responder" are being painted on the trucks. Also, there was a complaint about Road Rangers not responding to a call for service. The Road Ranger representative explained that it was outside its zone, just south of the interchange where the trucks turn around. Don stated in no uncertain terms that the Road Rangers operate under a countywide contract and they will respond to any call for service from FHP dispatch. If needed, Don said he could pull the Road Rangers off I-75 and send them to U.S. 27.
- **RISC:** Don said he is hoping to start the program before the holidays, possibly Nov. 21. Only one towing contractor, Prompt Towing, has signed up.
- **Towing issues:** Ted "Arland" Smith Delcan Corporation gave a presentation on Florida's Turnpike Towing and Roadside Repair Service Program. Don Olson asked if there was any interest in starting a similar program on I-75. A couple of the towing company representatives said they thought it was a good idea. Don said he's been getting complaints about a towing company whose employees are not wearing safety vests when responding to incidents on I-75. Don asked FHP representatives if they could remove this company from their rotation list. FHP said they did not have the authority to do so.

District 5:

- One of the team members, a retired FHP trooper who is an auxiliary trooper, raised the issue about the median guardrails along I-95. He said there's a 14-mile stretch in southern Brevard where fire rescue cannot make U-turns. There are three small median breaks in this section.

Construction Update – Mike McGee, AECOM

I-95 in Fort Lauderdale will be under construction from north of S.R. 84 to north of Broward Boulevard for the next nine months beginning Sunday, Oct. 18.

This two-mile-long project will include repaving all lanes of I-95, along with the entrance and exit ramps at the Davie Boulevard and Broward Boulevard Interchanges. The I-95 southbound connector to I-595 also will be repaved. At the Broward Boulevard entrance ramp to I-95 north, the existing barrier wall and sound wall will be removed and replaced.

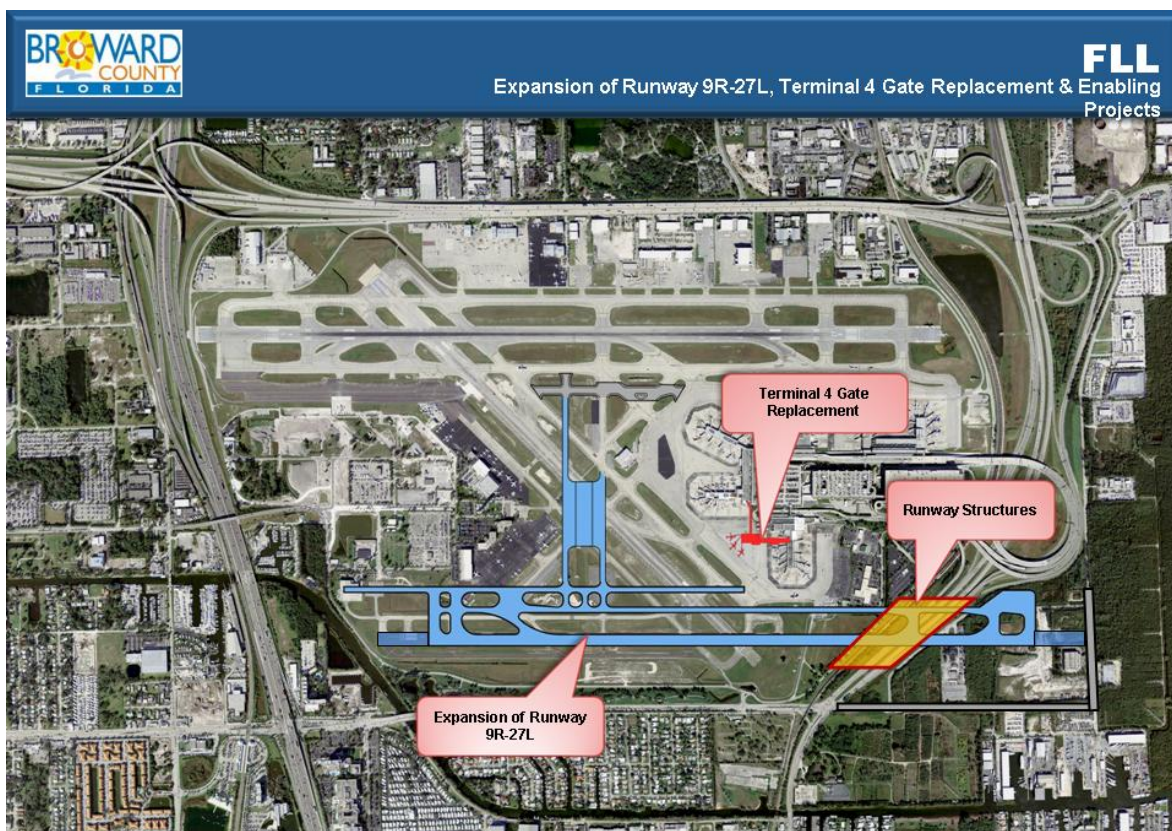
All I-95 lane closures and ramp closures will be restricted to overnight hours of 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. The Broward Boulevard ramp to I-95 north will have one lane closed overnight Sunday night, Oct. 18, and Monday night, Oct. 19. Overnight ramp closures will begin in November, starting with the ramps at the Davie Boulevard Interchange.

All work is expected to be completed during the summer of 2010. The construction contract is \$4.8 million.

Presentations

Fort Lauderdale International Airport Runway Expansion – Andrew Murray, TYLIN International

Andrew described the project to the team. The project's physical construction is slated to start December 2010. All project work is expected to be completed by July 24, 2011. There will be approximately 8,000 ft of runway, when completed. There are a few issues that are being worked, one is Maintenance of Traffic and the other issue is fire suppression and HVAC/CCTV in FDOT plans. For the runway expansion, tunnels will be built over US 1. Once all spans of the project have been completed, there will be two construction options, option one - Install deck on spans and have live traffic flowing underneath. Option two - keep the detoured traffic and build spans as simple spans and when beams are erected, restore normal traffic flowing underneath. For more information contact, Birgit Olkuch, (954) 777-4689 or birgit.olkuch@dot.state.fl.us.



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Biohazard Materials Study – Mike McGee, AECOM

Sgt. Wysocky, Florida Highway Patrol Troop L brought this issue up earlier this year after a motorcycle crash occurred on I-95 southbound at Commercial Blvd. in Fort Lauderdale. This crash resulted in the delay of cleaning up biohazard from the fatal accident. Mike McGee conducted a study, asking agencies to send their policies on hazmat/biohazard cleanup procedures. The results are presented below.

Chief Joe Gambino of Hollywood Fire Rescue stated that from a TIM perspective a policy should be created and agreed upon to be handed out to all fire agencies with jurisdiction on I-95.

Results:

Agency	Policy #	HAZMAT	Bio-HAZMAT	Wash Down
Boca Raton Fire Rescue	NA			
BC Medical examiners Office	NA			
BSO Fire Rescue	NA			
BC Regional HAZMAT Teams	600.19		X	
Davie Fire Rescue	NA			
Florida Department of Environmental Protection	BWRP*	X	X	X
Florida Department of Health	NA			X**
Indian River Sheriff's Office	NA			
PBC Fire Rescue	ECM-BW***		X	
PBC Medical Examiners Office	NA			
PBC Sheriff's Office	NA			
PB Gardens Fire rescue	NA			
Pompano Beach Fire Rescue	2.3.10		X	
Riviera Beach Fire Rescue	NA	X		X
West Palm Beach Fire Rescue	NA			
West Palm Beach Police Department	III.31-33	X		
Wilton Manors Police Department	NA			

*Biomedical Waste Response Plan

**No written policy, discretionary use

***Exposure Control Manual - Biomedical Waste Disposal

Toys in the Sun Run – Mike McGee, AECOM

Sunday, December 6, 2009, more than 30,000 motorcyclists and double that amount of people are expected to take part in the "22nd Annual South Florida President's Council (SFPC) Christmas Toys in the Sun Run" presented by The Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino, in conjunction with the Seminole Tribe of Florida.

Motorcyclists will lineup at 7:00 a.m. and starting at 10:00 a.m., the World's Largest Motorcycle parade will leave Pompano Harness Track, escorted by over 250 police officers in cars and on motorcycles from the tri-county area. Traffic will be diverted from I-95 South of Atlantic to I-595 & West to 136th Avenue for the duration of the run, which will last approximately 3 hours. The run ends at Markham Park in Sunrise. Florida Highway Patrol will not be involved in the toy run. FHP will make sure that motorists stay off the fence area of I-595 to prevent any incidents that could occur.

Tennessee Highway Safety Conference – Mike McGee, AECOM

Mike attended the Tennessee Highway Safety and Incident Management Conference in Nashville, TN on October 27-29, 2009. There are four major cities that have TIM teams, and they are Memphis, Nashville, Chattanooga, and Knoxville. In these major cities there are a total of 70 HELP trucks that patrol, give service to motorists, and provide incident management. The hours of operation are 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. Metro Nashville has created a service patrol that is operated by the Public Works Department. They patrol the cities main arteries during rush hours then resume their public works duties. This maintains a minimal cost due to existing trucks, equipment, and personnel.

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Post Incident Analysis – Tom Dickson, FDOT District Four Broward SIRV Program

The first District Four RISC activation was an incident that occurred on I-95 northbound and southbound at Hillsboro Blvd. in Broward County on September 4, 2009. There was a tractor trailer, a milk truck, and a pickup truck involved. The tractor trailer ended up crashing through the median wall onto the other side of the interstate. There were 12 of the 15 agencies involved in the incident that attended the PIA on September 9, 2009. The notification, communication, and response procedures were coordinated well.

Some lessons learned from the Post Incident Analysis:

- **UNRESOLVED REMEDIATION OF DRAINAGE RETENTION.**
The representative from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection discussed problems obtaining mandatory reports that had to be submitted in this case. The remediation of a dry retention area that was contaminated by fuel run off is still an unresolved issue that needs to be forwarded to FDOT Maintenance (An FDOT Maintenance official was present at PIA and notified).
- **RESPONDER DIRECTIONS THROUGH TRAFFIC**
As a result of a RISC activation following an event, highway and ramp closures will make it difficult for all emergency responders to arrive on scene. Information on road conditions can be forwarded from responders already on scene to the TMC, coupled with observations of TMC personnel that can be made available to incident responders who are enroute, as to the best route to take.
- **STAGING AREA INFORMATION**
When incidents result in unstable scene conditions such as fire, explosions, gas release, etc, it may become necessary to stage emergency responders at a designated staging area. Consensus among the attendees is that it would be proper for FHP to make the decision, to assign a staging location. Fire/Rescue agencies may need to offer their opinion based on type of incident, apparatus assigned, and ease of arrival.
- **WEATHER RELATED ISSUES**
There was a delay to obtain a state certified hazardous material contractor, after the first hazardous material contractor on scene stopped work for non-payment. As a result, heavy rains and severe weather, including lightning, affected the area. The heavy rain resulted in the diesel fuel being dispersed and carried farther by rain runoff. This expanded the area of fuel contamination that needed to be recovered.
- **OWNER'S REQUEST WRECKER**
The tanker truck carrying milk had a towing contract with Emerald Towing. Lt. Hingson authorized the owner's request for Emerald to respond. A question was raised whether that procedure is correct, or if the RISC responder should have been responsible for all clearance on this event. Motorists always have to be afforded the right to make an owner's request for towing, before a contractual towing agency is contacted.

Open Discussion

I-75 Median Crossovers – Gilbert Soles, FDOT Safety Program

Gilbert updated the team on the status of FHWA approving the removal of guardrails on I-75 median areas. Gilbert stated the FHWA will not approve the removal and he is working on trying to get a representative from FDOT Central Office to come to the area to do a ride along and see the issues that prevent emergency first responders from gaining access to incidents. Gilbert stated that he is working hard on this issue and will continue to battle for the openings to be cleared.

Action Items

- Keith Bradley from Department of Homeland Security offered to head up a team to work on the I-75 median crossover openings.

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Meeting Attendees:

Ackert	Melissa	FDOT D4 Traffic Operations
Bolton	Chester	Pompano Beach Fire Rescue
Bradley	Keith	US Department of Homeland Security
Brennan	Michael	Hollywood Police Department
Castro	Simon	JCS
Connolly	Maria	FDOT D4 Maintenance
Curran	Steve	Sunrise Police Department
Currier	Steven	Pembroke Pines Police Department
Davis	Paul	Paul Davis Video News
Devlin	Bernard	Cliff Berry Inc.
Di Liello	Al	Pembroke Pines Fire Rescue
Dickson	Tom	AECOM
Francese	Guy	FDOT - D4
Gambino	Joe	Hollywood Fire Rescue
Gannon	Ana	Florida Department of Environmental Protection
Gavic	Glenn	Fort Lauderdale Police Department
Haddad	Laila	I-595 Express
Hingson	Lt. Earl	FHP-Troop L
Jennings	Jim	Emerald Towing
Jones Jr.	Roger	FDOT - D4 Maintenance
Kirkpatrick	Maggie	I-595 Express LLC.
Kleynhans	Gerald	DBI Services Corporation
Lexa	John	Dania Beach Fire Department
Martin	Ron	Davie Police Department
McGee	Michael	AECOM
McGinness	Chuck	AECOM
McGlynn	Nicole	AECOM
McInnis	Scott	Sal's Towing
McKissack	Ed	Florida's Turnpike
McVoy	Gary	Hallandale Beach Police Department
Murray	Andy	PMO
Murphy	Bob	AECOM
Myrie	Ken	FDOT - MCCO
O'Connell	Thomas	Sunrise Fire Rescue
Olkuch	Birgit	FDOT D4
Sexton	Melanie	The Corradino Group
Soles	Gilbert	FDOT D4 Safety
Threet	Stephen	FDEP
Uebrig	Sebastian	Fort Lauderdale Police Department
Washburn	Mike	Florida's Turnpike
Waters	Craig "Mud"	FDOT - D4 Maintenance
Werner	Catherine	Roy Jorgensen Associates, Inc. (I-595 Express)
Wysocky	Mark	FHP-Troop L