

Broward County Traffic Incident Management Team

TIM Meeting Minutes January 2010



Meeting Date: January 6, 2010

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
- November 2009 meeting minutes
- Road Ranger Survey
- 2009 Broward TIM Team Review
- International Association of Fire Chiefs: Benefits of TIM Committees
- TIME 4 Safety Module Two Worksheet
- FDOT Construction Report

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

- Keith Bradley from Department of Homeland Security offered to head up a team to work on the I-75 median crossover openings.
UPDATE: An FHWA representative will be coming down to District Four to discuss the issue with Gilbert Soles, FDOT District Four Safety Coordinator. We will be updated at the next Broward TIM Meeting.

Updates

FLL Airport Runway Expansion – John O'Hara, Broward County Aviation Department

John gave a brief update of the benefits for Broward County Aviation Department to join the Traffic Incident Management (TIM) team meetings. This opportunity gives a better understanding of incident management on many different levels when handling an incident that may involve multiple agencies. John also gave a timeline of when construction will begin on the airport runway expansion project. By the end of 2010, construction will have started on Perimeter Rd. It may be pushed back until mid to late 2011 and into 2012. Ana Gannon of Florida Department of Environmental Protection requested notifications from Broward County Aviation Department on airport drills and practice exercises.

Road Ranger Program – Guy Francese, FDOT District Four Freeway Operations Manager & Bob Murphy, AECOM

Bob gave a brief history of the successful Silver Alert program that has been active for just over a year. There have been 136 Silver Alerts within the first year, statewide, with an average of 11 per month. Florida is one of 18 states with the Silver Alert program and about 15% are resolved by motorists.

On December 22, 2009, TMC Operator Robert Meisinger located a Disabled Vehicle (DAV) on the shoulder of I-75 southbound at Mile Marker 30 at around 4:00 pm. Road Ranger Richard Roberts was dispatched, arrived, and gave the motorist fuel. The vehicle left heading southbound on I-75. Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) issued a Silver Alert from Brooksville, FL, with Michigan tags. TMC Operator Meisinger entered the information and recognized the tag, and alerted Road Ranger Richard Roberts. Road Ranger Richard Roberts began to patrol southbound I-75. The Silver Alert message was posted on the South Florida Dynamic Message Signs (DMS). At around 5:00 pm, TMC Operator Robert Meisinger located the DAV on camera on I-75 southbound at Miramar Parkway as Road Ranger Richard Roberts pulled up to the vehicle. Road Ranger Richard Roberts confirmed that the DAV was the missing motorist. Florida Highway Patrol (FHP) was dispatched to scene. Guy Francese awarded TMC Operator Robert Meisinger and Road Ranger Richard Roberts with certificates for their dedication to motorist assistance and the successful and safe recovery of the lost motorist.

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Guy updated the team on the Treasure Coast Road Ranger Service Patrol contract. Anchor Towing was awarded the contract on November 30, 2009. Currently, the start date for the program has been delayed. There will be eight beats and nine road rangers on the new Treasure Coast contract.

Guy also stated that a Road Ranger Program survey has been handed out and would like as much feedback as possible for the program.

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

RISC inspections for 2010 have been completed.

All RISC contractors will be receiving a copy of all final post incident analyses that are conducted. There have not been any more RISC calls since September 4, 2009.

There will be a meeting with RISC contractors for District Four and District Six regarding the I-95 Express Lanes that will be in Broward County. Broward County and Miami Dade County Transit agencies will be utilizing the I-95 Express lanes and will be attending the meeting. There will be an update at the next Broward TIM meeting.

I-595 Express – Catherine Werner, Roy Jorgensen Services

Catherine gave an overview of the call volume since the start of the I-595 Express project. There have been two RISC activations for I-595 Express since July 31, 2009.

Incidents for the 4th Quarter - 2009

Time Period	Disabled Vehicles	Abandoned Vehicle	Crashes	Debris	Road Work	Misc. ¹	Total Incidents
October	863	110	102	58	16	212	1,361
November	815	78	96	57	13	118	1,177
December	877	94	82	54	6	182	1,295
To Date	2555	282	280	169	35	512	3833

Miscellaneous¹: Interagency, Police Activity, Vehicle Alert, Other, Emergency Vehicle, Vehicle Fire, Pedestrian, Off Ramp Backups

Catherine reviewed a fatality crash that occurred on January 4, 2010. The crash was on I-595 westbound at Nob Hill Rd. A lesson learned from this incident was communication between agencies turned out well. The arrival of the medical examiners office was delayed and this issue is being sorted out.

Gilbert Soles, FDOT District Four Safety Coordinator, asked if any of the ramp signals were changed to alleviate some of the congestion. Catherine stated that should this situation occur again in the future, they will meet with Broward County Traffic Engineering Division to create a procedure on changing signals to assist in alleviating congestion.

I-595 Construction – Maggie Kirkpatrick, I-595 Express PIO

Maggie updated the team on the current activity for I-595 Express LLC. Noise walls have been installed. Currently the greenway is being worked on. A lot of outreach to local businesses and agencies are being conducted to inform them of the I-595 construction that is underway. A pre-construction meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 20, 2010 at the FDOT District Four Auditorium located at 3400 West Commercial Blvd. There will be an open community meeting on Thursday, January 28, 2010 at the Signature Grand Hotel in Davie, FL. It will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

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I-95 Express – Mike McGee, AECOM

Mike spoke to Jeff Weidner of FDOT District Four regarding funding for I-95 Express. Surplus federal incentive money from a Martin County bridge project will be used for Phase II of the I-95 Express Project.

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

Bob gave a brief description of SEFRTOC. SEFRTOC is working on a protocol for VIP and dignitary motorcades to make the process more streamlined.

Preparations are underway for the Super Bowl and Pro Bowl games. TMC Operations will be present at the stadium to monitor traffic.

The last SEFRTOC meeting was held at the new Florida's Turnpike Enterprise TMC located at Mile Post 65.

I-95 Corridor Coalition – Mike McGee, AECOM

Mike informed the group of a training session on incident management that will be hosted by the I-95 Corridor Coalition and will be held on February 23, 2010 from 8:30am – 2pm at the Palm Beach SMART SunGuide Vista Center located at 2300 N. Jog Rd. West Palm Beach, FL 33411 in rooms 1W47 and 1W50. An email will be sent out to the team with registration and contact information.

FDOT Construction Update – Mike McGee, AECOM

I-95 in SOUTH FORT LAUDERDALE

TRAFFIC IMPACT: The I-95 construction zone from south of Davie Boulevard to north of Broward Boulevard in south Fort Lauderdale will have all lanes open through January 9.

DESCRIPTION: Improvements in this two-mile-long section of I-95 will consist of repaving all lanes along with connector ramps from I-95 south to I-595, I-595 east to I-95 north and all ramps at the Davie and Broward Boulevard interchanges. A noise barrier wall is being built in the northeast quadrant. (Average Daily Traffic – 302,000)

COST COMPLETION: The construction contract is \$4.8 million. The management contract is \$ 694,000. Completion will be summer 2010.

I-595 BETWEEN I-95 AND FEDERAL HIGHWAY (U.S. 1)

TRAFFIC IMPACT: I-595 will have two lanes closed between I-95 and U.S. 1 on the north side of the Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International airport overnight from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. eastbound Monday night, Jan. 4, through Wednesday night, Jan. 6, and westbound Thursday night, Jan. 7.

DESCRIPTION: Repairs will be made to the I-595 viaduct. (Average Daily Traffic – 114,000)

I-595/I-75/SAWGRASS EXPRESSWAY INTERCHANGE

TRAFFIC IMPACT: In this interchange, the connector ramp from I-75 northbound to I-595 eastbound will have one lane closed overnight from 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. Monday night, Jan.4, through Thursday night, Jan. 7.

DESCRIPTION: Major renovations will be made to 10 connector ramps (bridges) in the I-595/I-75/Sawgrass Expressway Interchange in the Davie-Weston area. Also in the interchange, a separate repair project continues on the connector ramp from I-595 westbound to I-75 southbound.

COST/COMPLETION: The construction contract for the 10 connector ramps is \$2.4 million. The construction management contract is \$631,000. Completion is summer 2010.

I-75/ALLIGATOR ALLEY WEST OF U.S. 27 IN THE EVERGLADES

TRAFFIC IMPACT: I-75/Alligator Alley will have one lane closed in each direction between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. weekdays from Monday, Jan. 4, to the end of March 2010.

DESCRIPTION: I-75 will be repaved and inside shoulders will be widened in both directions.

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COST/COMPLETION: The construction contract is \$19 million. Construction management costs are \$2.1 million. Completion will be mid-2010.

Tom O'Connell of Sunrise Fire Rescue asked if ramp labeling would be possible to help identify ramps easier. Currently, the ramp labels are at the beginning of each ramp and are not beyond the entry point. Gilbert Soles of FDOT District Four Safety stated that he would look into this topic and report back to the team at the next meeting.

Presentations

Transportation System Management & Operations (TSM&O) – Melissa Ackert, FDOT District Four Traffic Operations & Raimond Sosa, HNTB

Melissa Ackert of FDOT District Four Traffic Operations gave a brief description of the TSM&O project. Currently a Road Ranger patrols Oakland Park Blvd from University Dr. to US 1. The Road Ranger's main responsibility is to clear travel lanes blocked by accidents or disabled vehicles. A study was conducted on the program by Raimond Sosa of HNTB. The study discussed some key points in analysis of the program, reduction in incident delay and fuel consumption. Some recommendations given were reviewed by the TSM&O team. The TSM&O project is for one year.

Tommie Dawson of Broward County Metropolitan Planning Organization asked three questions:

- How is the program funded? Guy stated that Road Rangers from his current contract are used during peak hours for this program.
- What trucks are being used? The same trucks that are currently being used on the Road Ranger contract.
- Were municipal agencies notified of this program when it was started? Melissa stated that there were meetings set up with agencies affected by this program and currently there are monthly meetings held with these same agencies.

Time 4 Safety Module Two: TIM Basics – Mike McGee, AECOM

Mike reiterated the TIM initiative that FDOT Central Office is conducting for 2010. Module two of the TIME 4 Safety video was shown to the Broward TIM team.

Post Incident Analysis – Richard Schulze, FDOT District Four Broward SIRV Program

This incident occurred on November 16, 2009 on I-95 southbound before Pembroke Rd. at approximately 5:19 p.m. This incident involved a Cadillac Escalade that was traveling at a high rate of speed and swerved into another vehicle and then into a third vehicle. This caused the third vehicle to erupt into flames and resulted in one fatality. There was an exceptional quick response from Hollywood Police Department and excellent coordination between Hollywood Fire and Police. FDOT Maintenance was dispatched to provide long term Maintenance of Traffic (MOT). Lane closure on this incident was approximately five hours and eleven minutes.

Training Safety Tip: Maintenance of Traffic Photos – Mike McGee, AECOM

Mike showed some photos of improper maintenance of traffic (MOT). He asked the TIM team to participate in a discussion of what is wrong with the MOT. Mike also informed the team of the Road Ranger's procedures they are to follow regarding MOT when on the scene of an incident.

Open Discussion

Portable Dynamic Message Signs (DMS) Battery Theft – Captain Terry Gartner, FDOT Motor Carrier Compliance Office and Tom Brady of Bob's Barricades, stated that there have been numerous battery thefts from the trailers of portable DMS signs since August. The area with the most theft has been Miami-Dade County and southern Broward County. There have been approximately 100 batteries stolen which has resulted in about \$100,000 lost. The process of taking a battery out of a trailer takes about an hour or longer so it is noticeable. Any vehicle that is at a portable DMS sign should be marked with Bob's Barricades logos and employees wearing safety vests and hard hats. No repair or service work is done on site; the signs are taken to the shops to be worked on.

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If there is any sign of theft contact the following numbers to report theft Miami-Dade (305) 654-0076, South Broward with I-595 being the dividing line (888) 404-5551, and North Broward at (954) 525-6736.

Gilbert Soles, FDOT District Four Safety Coordinator, asked law enforcement is they are familiar with the new crash reporting system that will be coming out in 2011. Gilbert is asking for feedback from law enforcement on the usefulness of the form. Anyone who does not have the form can contact Gilbert at gilbert.soles@dot.state.fl.us.

Ed McKissack, Florida's Turnpike Incident Management Coordinator, informed the team on closures that will occur the weekend of January 9-10. The closure will be from Stuart to Ft. Pierce. The TIM Management team will send out an email regarding the closure details to all TIM team members.

Mike McGee reported that Lauderhill Police Department was seeking any assistance in the traffic management sector for a DUI checkpoint they will be conducting on February 12, 2010. For more information contact Mike McGee at michael.mcgee@smartsunguide.com.

Action Items

- Ana Gannon of Florida Department of Environmental Protection to request notifications from Broward County Aviation Department on airport drills and practice exercises.
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Meeting Attendees

Ackert	Melissa	FDOT D4 Traffic Operations
Black	Jon	Pembroke Pines Police Department
Bolton	Chester	Pompano Beach Fire Rescue
Brady	Tom	Bob's Barricades
Brennan	Michael	Hollywood Police Department
Collins	Craig	Broward County Transit
Curran	Steve	Sunrise Police Department
Davis	Paul	Paul Davis Video News
Dawson	Tommie	Broward County MPO
Di Liello	Al	Pembroke Pines Fire Rescue
Francese	Guy	FDOT - D4
Gambino	Joe	Hollywood Fire Rescue
Gannon	Ana	Florida Department of Environmental Protection
Gartner	Terry	Motor Carrier Compliance Office
Gavic	Glenn	Fort Lauderdale Police Department
Haddad	Laila	I-595 Express
Jennings	Jim	Emerald Towing
Jones Jr.	Roger	FDOT - D4 Maintenance
Kelleher	Barbara	FDOT - D4 PIO
Kirkpatrick	Maggie	I-595 Express LLC.
Kleynhans	Gerald	DBI Services Corporation
LaTorre	Larry	Hollywood Fire Department
Martin	Ron	Davie Police Department
McGee	Michael	AECOM
McGinness	Chuck	AECOM
McGlynn	Nicole	AECOM
McKissack	Ed	Florida's Turnpike
Murphy	Bob	AECOM
O'Connell	Thomas	Sunrise Fire Rescue
O'Hara	John	Broward County Aviation Department
Pessoa	Donovan	FDOT - D4
Schulze	Richard	AECOM
Scott	Jeff	Broward County Transit
Sexton	Melanie	The Corradino Group
Soles	Gilbert	FDOT D4 Safety
Sosa	Raymond	HNTB
Summers	Rob	Cliff Berry Inc.
Werner	Catherine	Roy Jorgensen Associates, Inc. (I-595 Express)
Williams	Xavier	SMART SunGuide Broward Regional TMC
Wysocky	Mark	FHP-Troop L