

# Palm Beach County Traffic Incident Management Team

TIM Meeting Minutes December 2007 - Draft



**Meeting Date:** December 4, 2007

**Meeting Time:** 1:30 PM

**Location:** Palm Beach County Traffic Engineering Building Vista Center  
2300 Jog Road 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
West Palm Beach, Florida 33412

**Attendees:** Listing Attached

## **Call Meeting to Order**

Bob Murphy of DMJM Harris called the meeting to order. Introductions immediately followed.

## **Distributed Documents:**

- Agenda
- Post Incident Analysis Handout
- Previous Meeting Minutes – October 10, 2007

## **Incident Management Demonstration at Intertraffic Conference – Bob Murphy**

Bob went over the Incident Management demo that occurred at the Intertraffic Conference on October 10, 2007. He showed a brochure that was made and named the agencies that participated in the event. There was a video clip from NBC 6 News that was shown to the group.

## **US 27 Mile Markers Update – Guy Francese**

Guy explained how this task came about when Mike Arena from Palm Beach Fire Department made a formal request to have the mile markers installed starting at the Broward/Palm Beach county line and have them placed through out Palm Beach County.

Guy updated the group that DOT Traffic Operations will have the signs installed and use Palm Beach Maintenance to help expedite the task. Palm Beach Maintenance instead contacted DBI Services to have them install and maintain the signs after installation.

## **I-95 Construction Update – Meredith Rapp**

- **Project 2: S of 6<sup>th</sup> Ave. to 10<sup>th</sup> Ave. North**
  - Median construction and paving operations continue. After completed, contractor will begin punch list items, and work under the Viaduct Bridge (Lake Worth Rd.), which includes paving and re-striping the Lake Worth High School and Tri-Rail parking lot.
  - Anticipated completion date: April 2008
- **Project 3: 10<sup>th</sup> Ave. North to SR 80 (Southern Blvd.)**
  - Median construction continues. Northbound and Southbound paving operations completed.
  - Anticipated completion date: April 2008



- **Project 5: SR 80 to N of Palm Beach Lakes Blvd.**
  - Australian Ave. and Congress Ave. Bridge construction continues, as well as HOV and median widening. Congress Ave. Bridge has been reduced to one lane in each direction until the end of 2008.
  - Anticipated completion date: August 2009
  
- **Project 6: S of 45<sup>th</sup> St. to N of Blue Heron Blvd.**
  - Median construction continues. Bridge construction almost completed.
  - Anticipated completion date: June 2008

Three (3) projects should be completed by this summer (2008), leaving only one (1) under the I-95 Mobility 2000 Contract until August 2009. However, I-95 widening & construction is expected to begin this summer from PGA Blvd. to Indiantown Rd. under a different contract, CEI, and contractors.

#### **Post Incident Analysis Debriefing – Helena White**

On Tuesday, October 23, 2007 at 3:11 PM, a tractor trailer carrying cement rolled over in a construction zone on I-95 NB before 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue North. This closed all 3 lanes of the highway down from about 3pm to 7pm. There were a total of 5 vehicles involved and there were some serious injuries that resulted in the need for a Trauma Hawk.

There was a second lane closure by FHP that relieved the traffic queue between Lantana Road and 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue North.

Astaldi Construction was present at the time of the incident and was there facilitating clean up efforts. Kauffs Towing removed the tractor trailer.

The total lane closure was 4 hours which is the entire rush hour period.

#### **Jupiter Gunman Incident – September 17, 2007 – Mike McGee**

Mike explained the incident was a man that ran into the woods between I-95 and the Turnpike with a gun that was running from the cops. This in turn shut down I-95 and the Turnpike for several hours. This caused a long delay and also caused the police agencies to reroute traffic on the interstates which backed up the ramps and intersections.

A major mishap in this incident was communication. There needs to be a communication policy should this happen again and it will help prepare agencies involved figure out what needs to be done.

Palm Beach County Traffic Engineering Division has given their Control Room number to call for assistance in Signal Timing to help alleviate ramp congestions. The number is 561-681-HELP (4357).

#### **Incident Response Manual Update – Mike McGee**



Mike updated the group on the Incident Response Manual that was created for the TIM team. Last revisions were made in April of 2004. Mike is reviewing the manual and is updating it. There are going to be some formatting changes as well as additions made to the document.

### **FHWA TIM Self Assessment – Mike McGee**

Mike stated that the self assessment will have some minor changes and that the process of how we evaluate ourselves will be less bothersome than prior years. This year the TIM Management team will do the assessment and will seek the attention of the group for the assessment of the Operational Phase which is Section 4.2.

### **Wildfire Season Update – Division of Forestry**

The Scott Peterich of the Division of Forestry explained that this year is going to be significantly worse season than last year for wildfires and drought from lack of rain. Palm Beach County is in the 400's on the Drought Index with the western part of the County in the 500's which means those areas are likely to have more fires. Wildfire season runs roughly from December to April/May.

### **Southeast Florida Regional Transportation Operations Committee Update – Bob Murphy**

Bob reviewed the recent SEFRTOC agenda. The group meets monthly and in the last meeting they received a request from law enforcement for TMC's to use their signs for vehicles being sought for shootings, such as the deputies that have been shot and killed in the recent months.

Post Incident Analysis were talked about and certain criteria for the meetings that are necessary for the PIAs.

Communication was also discussed and the need to make sure that all agencies involved in incidents are properly notified.

### **Move Over Signs – Guy Francese**

Guy updated the group on the progress of this task. Currently there is one sign on Alligator Alley installed. There are two signs posted at rest stops around Mile Marker 35. Guy will be meeting with Carmen Pullins of the Community Traffic Safety Team from DOT to create bumper stickers depicting the Move over Law.

### **RISC Workshop – Bob Murphy / Mike McGee**

Mike is creating an agenda for this meeting which will talk about the pros and cons of RISC and draft up a scope of services for the contract that is expected to start in July. Guy Francese will be working on a draft scope to have on hand.

### **Other Issues:**

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- Freeway and Tollway Operations Conference, if interested please visit [www.2008ftoc.com](http://www.2008ftoc.com) This is a conference that will be hosted by DOT and be located in Ft. Lauderdale, FL in June of 2008.

| <i>Last Name</i> | <i>First Name</i> | <i>Agency</i>                        |
|------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Arena            | Mike              | PBC Fire Rescue                      |
| Brochard         | Gordon            | Sisters Towing                       |
| Churchill        | John              | PBSO                                 |
| DeFago           | Alicia            | PIO PBC Construction                 |
| Dickson          | Tom               | SIRV                                 |
| Dovey            | Bob               | Commissioner Kanjian's Office        |
| Francese         | Guy               | FDOT                                 |
| Gartner          | Terry             | FDOT – Motor Carrier Compliance      |
| Hernandez        | Gilberto          | Sunshine Towing/Road Rangers         |
| Hoyt             | Steve             | Boca Raton                           |
| Jennings         | Jim               | Emerald Towing                       |
| Kauff            | Richard           | Kauff's Towing                       |
| Keister          | Ronald            | Boynton Beach Fire Rescue            |
| Littlefield      | Steve             | DMJM Harris SIRV Broward County      |
| Lukens           | Stephen           | Sisters Towing                       |
| Main             | Jeffrey           | Palm Beach Gardens Police Department |
| McGee            | Mike              | SunGuide Broward TMC                 |
| McGinness        | Chuck             | Palm Beach County Post               |
| McKissack        | Ed                | Florida's Turnpike                   |
| Minor            | Donald            | Palm Beach Gardens Fire Rescue       |
| Murphy           | Robert            | DMJM Harris                          |
| Needham          | David             | Broward TMC                          |
| Olson            | Mark              | Palm Beach Gardens Fire Rescue       |
| Peterich         | Scott             | Division of Forestry                 |
| Purser           | Lt. Robert        | FHP                                  |
| Rapp             | Meredith          | I-95 Construction                    |
| Rogers           | Steve             | Palm Beach Gardens Fire Rescue       |
| Russell          | Geoff             | Kauff's Towing                       |
| Sandanasamy      | Vinod             | PBC MPO                              |
| Scheidt          | Mike              | Kauff's Towing                       |
| Spencer          | Jay               | Palm Beach Gardens Police Department |
| Toth             | Kevin             | PB ITMS                              |
| Wasil            | Chris             | Division of Forestry                 |
| Weisbergerber    | Dan               | PBC Traffic Engineering              |
| Werner           | Catherine         | Florida's Turnpike                   |
| White            | Helena            | PB ITMS                              |