

# Palm Beach County Traffic Incident Management Team

## TIM Meeting Minutes April 2008



**Meeting Date:** April 1, 2008

**Meeting Time:** 1:30 PM

**Location:** FHP Lake Worth Regional Communications Center  
Turnpike MM 94 Lake Worth, FL 33416

**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
- FHWA Self Assessment
- RISC Workshop Notes

### **District IV Incident Management Demo Video**

The Incident Management Demonstration video that was created from Intertraffic 2007 back in October that portrayed the rollover was played to the TIM team.

The website to view the rollover demo is [www.workzonesafety.com](http://www.workzonesafety.com) if anyone would like a copy of the video; please contact Bob Murphy at (954) 847-2795.

### **Palm Beach County EOC Presentation – Jeffrey Goldberg**

Jeff Goldberg gave a presentation on what the Palm Beach County EOC is and its function. In his presentation, he described the different jobs that the center performs from hazardous issues to environmental and transportation issues. See presentation to follow as attachment.

### **FHWA TIM Self Assessment**

The FHWA TIM Self Assessment has been postponed until the next TIM meeting on June 3, 2008 due to time constraints.

### **TIM Memorandum of Understanding – Mike McGee**

Earlier this year a TIM Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was sent out to all participating agencies in the TIM team as well as any agency that has jurisdiction on I-95. The response from Palm Beach County is at 77%. We have received about 14 MOU's back.

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

#### **Project 2: 12<sup>th</sup> Ave. S to 10<sup>th</sup> Ave. N Expected Completion date: April 2008**

- The project is currently in Phase 4 construction. Phase 4 consists of shifting SB and NB traffic onto the newly constructed permanent lanes to allow for median construction.
- Widening and sidewalk improvements continue on Lake Worth Rd. under I-95.
- Parking lot improvements for Tri-Rail and Lake Worth High School under the Viaduct Bridge on Lake Worth Rd. should be completed in April 2008. However, Tri-Rail has a separate contract for parking lot improvements that should be completed in June 2008.

#### **Project 3: 10<sup>th</sup> Ave. N to SR 80 Expected Completion date: April 2008**

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- The project is currently in Phase 5. Phase 5 consists of completing construction of the median, and placing final friction course and permanent markings.
- Permanent lighting installation and barrier wall construction continues throughout the project.
- A closure for marine traffic on the C-51 canal continues.

### **Project 5: SR 80 to N of Palm Beach Lakes Blvd. Expected Completion date: August 2009**

- NB & SB I-95 traffic is currently in Phase 2A configuration, placing SB traffic into the temporary median north of Congress Ave. and shifting the NB & SB traffic south of Congress to the outside lanes to allow for construction of the permanent median.
- On Australian Avenue, SB traffic has been placed onto the newly constructed SB Bridge and NB traffic onto the median while the NB portion of the Bridge is reconstructed.
- On Congress Avenue, traffic has been placed on the NB portion of the bridge while the southern portion is completed. Traffic has also been reduced to one (1) lane in each direction until bridge construction is completed in Fall 2008.
- Palm Beach Lakes Blvd. and Australian Ave. have intermittent lane closures to allow for Bridge work.

### **Project 6: N of Palm Beach Lakes Blvd. to N of Blue Heron Blvd. Expected Completion date: May 2008**

- Mainline traffic has been switched to Phase 5 configuration from north of Palm Beach Lakes Blvd. to the 45th St. Bridge, placing SB traffic into the newly constructed outside lanes.
- North of 45th St. to Blue Heron Blvd., traffic remains in Phase 3 construction. Phase 3 consists of shifting traffic to the newly constructed median to allow for the reconstruction of the NB and SB outside lanes of I-95.
- Blue Heron Blvd. and 45th Street continue to undergo EB & WB intermittent lane closures for Bridge work.

### **Statewide TIM / RISC Workshop – Guy Francese & Mike McGee**

Mike reviewed the notes that were compiled from a RISC Workshop that was held on March 25-26 in Orlando regarding the statewide RISC program. The following items were discussed at the workshop.

- July 1 is still the target date for executed contracts.
- This will be an open contract that will allow towing contractors to apply for RISC certification and rotation list placement at any time during the three year open contract period.
- RISC contracts will be submitted for geographic portions of interstate highway system (Example: 10 mile segments). Companies will be able to select specific segments for RISC call out.
- Add a second wrecker (40 ton wrecker or rotating crane) to the contract.
- Notification for RISC activation will be changed from FHP to TMC, where TMCs exist.
- Response flat rate Service Payment of \$600 will be paid for arriving within 60 minutes with required equipment if NTP is not given. The contractor will be paid a flat rate Emergency Response and Mobilization payment of \$2,500 when NTP is given. The contractor will be paid a flat rate Additional Trucks and Heavy Equipment Emergency Response and Mobilization payment of \$600 if the additional support equipment is not authorized to be used, the bonus will not be recoverable from responsible parties. If the support equipment is authorized to be used, the bonus will be raised to \$1000 and will be recoverable from the responsible parties.

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- A time suspension clause will be added to the contract for HAZMAT or extended clean-up if the contractor must wait until cleanup is complete before clearing the scene.
- The RISC contractor may be required to take digital pictures of the scene, including the traffic queue, and submit photos to FDOT for documentation to responsible party.
- FHP will do certification inspections with FDOT representative. They will affix decal to inspected equipment. Only that equipment may be used for recovery.
- A Class "R" Wrecker certification is still envisioned for legislative approval.
- PIAs will be held ASAP, but no longer than 7-10 days after an incident.
- Questions were raised whether RISC contractors should be called out immediately for HAZMAT situations and stage on scene or should there be a delay contacting them until cleanup is near completion.
- If a responsible party calls their own wrecker, they will have 20 minutes to make recovery or will have to stand aside for RISC contractor.
- FHP will review rates to standardize towing fees. Counties have set the rates. Some counties throughout state have no rates in place.

### **Southeast Florida Regional Transportation Operations Committee (SEFRTOC) – Bob Murphy**

Bob updated the team on some topics that were discussed in the last meeting. SEFRTOC is a group of the five TMC's that meet monthly and discuss any issues that are regional.

The SEFRTOC group has also addressed the issue of the recent Road Ranger incident that involved a seriously injured Road Ranger that is out of work for at least the next 6 months. This issue has brought up awareness for the safety of any highway worker.

Bob stated that the SEFRTOC committee grades the accuracy of the information that is disseminated to the motoring public by 511 and had 98% accuracy grade. There will be a new statewide system that will be deployed. The biggest obstacle with 511 is it is underused by the motoring public.

In the last 6 months or so several police officers have been shot and there have been requests for us to put signs up with the information of the suspects. There were no policies in place for this type of incident. SEFRTOC is coordinating an effort to come up with a policy for TMC's to use should this occur again in the future. It was also discussed about the Fog/Smoke warning signs that have been requested in the past. This is being addressed regionally to have a unified message to deploy in such cases.

SEFRTOC is updating the SOG annually with accurate contact information of all members.

The SMART SunGuide Broward TMC is undergoing some software upgrades that will integrate agency information.

### **Florida Tollway & Operations Conference (FTOC) Sponsorship – Bob Murphy**

June 15-19 there is a conference that FDOT and the Turnpike will be hosting that will have over 300 people in attendance as well as a Rollover Demo. If you are interested in becoming a sponsor please see Bob Murphy or contact him at (954) 847-2795.

### **Post Incident Analysis (PIA) – Helena White**

1.) On March 4, 2008 at approximately 9:30am a crane had overturned on the right shoulder of I-95 Southbound at Indiantown Road. Scott Ryder, Project Administrator for CT3S gave a presentation of the incident from start to finish.

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Scott stated that the cause of this incident was from human error in operating the boom correctly. The recovery efforts started at 10:00pm and ended at 3:30am. See presentation attached.

2.) On March 16, 2008 a crash occurred on I-95 Northbound at Congress Avenue. The vehicle involved was travelling southbound in the northbound lanes and caused a crash. The lanes were closed for 373 minutes.

### **Other Issues:**

#### **Fire Hydrant Access Plan – Mike McGee**

Mike updated the team on this ongoing task. Mike is working on getting the water plans for the Broward and Palm Beach Counties. Once that is complete Mike will continue to work on getting the plans complete to distribute.

One agency concern is the vegetation issue. The overgrown vegetation makes the signs unreadable and defeats the purpose of being posted. Mike stated that is an issue for FDOT Maintenance.

#### **Mile Markers / Location Reference Markers (LRM) – Boca Raton Fire Rescue Thomas Margetta**

Thomas Margetta of Boca Raton Fire Rescue brought this issue up to the TIM team to try and get this issue as a task. Thomas also had examples from Wisconsin to show the team what the signs look like. Guy stated that he has sent an email to the Safety department of FDOT to revive this issue. It would become a TIM issue to design the sign. Guy will keep the team informed about this issue.

Currently, Miami-Dade County has location reference markers and seem to be very informative.

#### **ITS Devices for Palm Beach County – Scott Burrie, FDOT Palm Beach County**

Scott Burrie of DOT announced that while the construction in Palm Beach County is almost complete, a new phase of construction will begin when the ITS devices get installed for I-95. Right now the devices are being planned and in about 2 years the installation will begin.

### **Action Items:**

- There was a vegetation concern for the fire hydrant access signs. Contact FDOT Maintenance about this issue and see what the protocol is for clearing vegetation on the side of the highway.
- Get a law enforcement representative to give feedback on the use of location reference markers from motorist calls. How often are they used by the travelling public?

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<i>Last Name</i>	<i>First Name</i>	<i>Agency</i>
Arena	Mike	PBC Fire Rescue
Brochard	Gordon	Sisters Towing
Brown	Lt. Earl	FHP
Burrie	Scott	FDOT – West Palm Beach
Churchill	John	PBSO
DeFago	Alicia	PIO PBC Construction
De La Cruz	Ariadis	Palm Beach Road Ranger Supervisor
Dovey	Bob	Commissioner Kanjian's Office
Francese	Guy	FDOT
Frith	Lt. Tim	FHP
Jennings	Jim	Emerald Towing
Kauff	Richard	Kauff's Towing
Keister	Ronald	Boynton Beach Fire Rescue
Landgraf	Greg	TBE Group
Lathou	Marceia	MPO St. Lucie Urban Area
Littlefield	Steve	DMJM Harris SIRV Broward County
Loar	Deryl	FHP
Main	Jeffrey	Palm Beach Gardens Police Department
McGee	Mike	SunGuide Broward TMC
McGinness	Chuck	Palm Beach County Post
McKissack	Ed	Florida's Turnpike
McTague	Dee	SMART SunGuide TMC
Needham	David	Broward TMC
O'Neil	Mike	Boca Raton Fire Department
Picciano	Pete	Boynton Beach Police Department
Ross	Patrick	West Palm Beach Police Department
Ruslander	Harold	Palm Beach Medical Examiners Office
Sandanasamy	Vinod	PBC MPO
Scott	Daryl	Boca Raton Fire Department
Stewart	James	Indian River County Sheriffs Office
Storey	Jason	FHP
Weisbergerber	Dan	PBC Traffic Engineering
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