

Palm Beach County Traffic Incident Management Team

TIM Meeting Minutes June 2008



Meeting Date: June 3, 2008

Meeting Time: 1:30 PM

Location: Palm Beach County Vista Center
2300 N. Jog Rd.
West Palm Beach, FL 33411

Attendees: Listing Attached

Call Meeting to Order

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

Distributed Documents:

- Agenda
- April meeting minutes
- I-95 Construction Notices
- Post Incident Analysis Handout
- FHWA Self Assessment

Law Enforcement Officer (LEO) Alerts – Bob Murphy

Bob discussed the bill that the Governor signed stating that any information regarding a law enforcement officer involved incident could be used to display on the dynamic message signs (DMS) to assist in finding suspects involved in the incidents.

Road Ranger Program Status Update – Guy Francese

Guy informed the team that he was given 42% of the normal budget to implement Road Ranger Service Patrol. There is not a final decision on the 42% given to District IV. The plan that Guy is looking at right now is Monday – Friday 6am – 7pm. This is to have the peak rush hour time covered.

Treasure Coast TIM Team – Bob Murphy

Bob announced that the first ever Treasure Coast TIM team kick off meeting was held on May 22, 2008 at the St. Lucie County Sheriffs Office in Fort Pierce. There was representation from Law Enforcement, DOT Maintenance, Fire Rescue agencies, and County agencies.

Action items that were generated from the meeting:

- Next meeting date
- Construction projects
- Diverting traffic and what to do

The next step for the Treasure Coast TIM team would be to discuss the frequency of meetings and the locations that are available to us to use for meetings.

TIM Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Update – Bob Murphy

The MOU has been a great success so far and we only need two more agencies in Palm Beach County to complete our count. We currently overall in District IV have a high 90's percentage.

Crime Scene Procedures – Sgt. John Churchill, Palm Beach Sheriffs Office

Sgt. Churchill presented to the team an incident that occurred where a fatality hit and run happened at Southern Blvd on I-95. The scene was roped off with crime scene tape but due to the large area there was not enough tape so cones were used instead. An individual from an agency who was on scene had drove through the scene compromising some evidence that was on the ground.

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Sgt. Churchill reiterated the importance of stopping and asking for help on where to drive if you are uncertain. He stated that it is crime and you are able to be arrested and brought to jail. Below are excerpts of certain laws that pertain to obedience of traffic laws.

(2) **REQUIRED OBEDIENCE TO TRAFFIC LAWS.**--It is unlawful for any person to do any act forbidden, or to fail to perform any act required, in this chapter. **It is unlawful for the owner, or any other person employing or otherwise directing the driver of any vehicle, to require or knowingly permit the operation of such vehicle upon a highway in any manner contrary to law.** A violation of this subsection is a noncriminal traffic infraction, punishable as a moving violation as provided in chapter 318.

(3) **OBEDIENCE TO POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS.**--**It is unlawful and a misdemeanor of the second degree,** punishable as provided in s. [775.082](#) or s. [775.083](#), for any person willfully to fail or refuse to comply with any lawful order or direction of any law enforcement officer, traffic crash investigation officer as described in s. [316.640](#), traffic infraction enforcement officer as described in s. [316.640](#), or member of the fire department at the scene of a fire, rescue operation, or other emergency.

I-95 Construction Update – Meredith Rapp

- **Project 2: I-95 HOV Expansion, South of 6th Avenue South to 10th Avenue North** Completed!!! Final Accepted by the Department on May 2, 2008
- **Project 3: I-95 HOV Expansion, 10th Avenue North to South of Southern Boulevard. (SR80)** Should be completed by the end of this month, June 2008 Work completed, undergoing final inspections
- **Project 5: I-95 HOV Expansion, North of Southern Boulevard (SR80) to North of Palm Beach Lakes Boulevard** Australian Ave., Congress Ave., and Palm Beach Lakes Blvd. Bridge construction continues Expected Completion Date: August 2009
- **Project 6: I-95 HOV Expansion, North of Palm Beach Lakes Boulevard to North of Blue Heron Boulevard** Median and HOV Lane Construction Continues Expected Completion Date: September 2008

Other news:

- The Corradino Group hired Melanie Sexton as a new PIO for Ft. Lauderdale, beginning on the Hollywood Blvd. drainage and widening project starting Monday, June 16. Melanie will be attending the Ft. Lauderdale TIM Meetings.
- The Corradino Group was awarded the CEI contract for I-595 Express project in Broward; construction to begin winter 2009.

I-95 Expansion Projects – Alicia DeFago

This June, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), District 4 Palm Beach Operations, will begin the I-95 Expansion Projects between PGA Boulevard in Palm Beach Gardens and Indiantown Road in the Town of Jupiter. This work consists of three separate projects including:

- SR 9A / I-95 from PGA Boulevard to Donald Ross Road
- SR 9A / I-95 from Donald Ross Road to Indiantown Road
- SR 706 / Indiantown Road from the Florida Turnpike to Chasewood Plaza.

These projects are the last of several designed to ease congestion and improve mobility along the I-95 corridor in Palm Beach County. Work includes widening I-95 from six to 10 lanes; the addition of High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes in each direction; new drainage, lighting, signs, traffic signals and modifications to the existing I-95 on and off ramps.

The anticipated construction schedule for these projects is as follows: *(Please note that this schedule is tentative and might change because of bad weather or other unforeseen circumstances.)*

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Project One – Indiantown Road between the Florida Turnpike and Chasewood Plaza will begin on or around June 16 and last approximately seven months.

Project Two – I-95 from PGA Boulevard to Donald Ross Road will begin this summer and end in winter 2011

Project Three – I-95 from Donald Ross Road to Indiantown Road will begin this fall and end by spring 2012

In order to complete this work safely, it will be necessary to close travel lanes at various times and locations. A detailed Maintenance of Traffic (MOT) plan will be implemented to minimize impacts to motorists, residents and businesses.

Please use caution when traveling through the various work zones.

Electronic Message Boards will provide advanced notification of major lane closures, traffic shifts and ramp closures. Motorists are encouraged to visit the project Web site: www.95info.com for the latest lane closure information or call **511** before they drive to get current travel conditions.

For more Information, please contact Alicia De Fago, Public Information Officer, at 561-718-4709 or via email 95info@pbfdot.com. You may also visit the public information field office, located at 11641 Kew Gardens Avenue, Suite 101, in Palm Beach Gardens. The office is open Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Statewide TIM/RISC Update – Guy Francese

Guy discussed that the funding for the RISC contract will be available starting in July and he is working on getting the advertising out by July for vendors to bid on.

Post Incident Analysis (PIA) Debriefing – Helena White

May 1, 2008 at 6:58am Incident 509929 occurred on I-95 SB at Forest Hill Blvd. This incident involved one tanker truck carrying liquid oxygen and one small SUV. The SUV crashed into the tanker truck and got lodged underneath the tanker truck. At 7:13am all lanes were reported as being closed. At 8:58am ITMS Operators heard on the FHP radios that they are closing the eastbound and westbound lanes of Forest Hill Blvd. At 9:19am the on scene Road Rangers were able to free the SUV from under the tanker but could not remove the tanker from the roadway. At 9:47am ITMS Operator stated that it could be scene on camera the clean up process has begun. At 9:58am Motor Carrier Compliance was on scene to inspect the truck to see if it is drivable. It was declared unsafe to drive and Kauff's Towing was enroute to tow the vehicle away. After 3 hours and 9 minutes of clean up and clearing the lanes, all lanes were reported as open.

2008 Freeway Tollway & Operations Conference (FTOC) – Bob Murphy

On Monday, June 16, 2008, there will be a RISC demonstration showing at 3:30pm to 4:30pm. Agencies involved in the demonstration are FHP, Fire Rescue, and Turnpike Service Patrols. The FTOC conference has sessions going on for two full days. There are about 350 registrants and 7 different countries. There are tracks that will talk about Incident Management and I-95 Expressway Managed Lanes and many more.

Other Issues –

- Next TIM team meeting is scheduled for August 5, 2008.

Action Items –

- Follow up on issue of PIA incident where a Road Ranger was on scene providing MOT for 4 hours and DOT Maintenance said they are not responsible it is a construction area.

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Bryant	Jason	PB ITMS
Burrie	Scott	FDOT – West Palm Beach
Churchill	John	PBSO
DeFago	Alicia	PIO PBC Construction
Dickson	Tom	FDOt SIRV Broward County
Dovey	Bob	Commissioner Kanjian's Office
Feeny	James	Jupiter Police Department
Francese	Guy	FDOT District IV
Gartner	Terry	FDOT MCCO
Hernandez	Gilbert	PB Road Rangers
Jacobson	Richard	Delray Beach Police Department
Jennings	Jim	Emerald Towing
Kauff	Richard	Kauff's Towing
Kennedy	Pat	TBE Group
Landgraf	Greg	TBE Group
Loar	Deryl	FHP
Mead	Anthony	PB Medical Examiners' Office
McGinness	Chuck	Palm Beach County Post
McKissack	Ed	Florida's Turnpike
Miller	Sam	Jupiter Police Department
Mindick	Josh	Boca PD
Mirones	Alex	SMART SunGuide TMC Assistant Manager
Murphy	Bob	DMJM Harris
Needham	David	Broward TMC
Olsen	Mark	Palm Beach Gardens Fire Rescue
Ortiz Jr	Luis	PB ITMS
Purser	Rob	FHP – Palm Beach
Rapp	Meredith	The Corradino Group
Reed	Harold	PB Traffic Engineering
Ross	Patrick	West Palm Beach Police Department
Ruslander	Harold	Palm Beach Medical Examiners Office
Russell	Geoff	Kauff's Towing
Schiedt	Mike	Kauff's Towing
Scott	Daryl	Boca Raton Fire Department
Sexton	Melanie	The Corradino Group
Stewart	James	Indian River County Sheriffs Office
Toth	Kevin	PB ITMS
Wells	Mike	Palm Beach County Fire Rescue
Werner	Catherine	Florida's Turnpike
White	Helena	PB ITMS
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