



Meeting Date: August 2, 2011
Meeting Time: 1:30 PM – 3:30 PM
Location: Palm Beach Vista Center
2300 N. Jog Rd.
West Palm Beach, FL 33411

Attendees: Listing Attached

REVIEW ACTION ITEMS / PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Arterial DMS on Indiantown Rd/SR 706: Currently there is no funding to allow for the installation of a DMS at this location.

AGENCY UPDATES / INTRODUCTIONS

Mike McGee started introductions and the following agency updates were given. David Needham introduced himself as the new Palm Beach TMC Operations Supervisor. AECOM took over Operations of the TMC on August 1. The phone number is 954-847-2739.

Lt. Jeffrey Johnson of FHP announced that last month, FDOT Motor Carrier Compliance Officers merged with FHP and is now considered Troopers. They maintain the same function related to commercial motor vehicle enforcement.

TIM CONTRACT STATUS

The previous TIM contract was its own separate contract. It has now been combined under the Palm Beach ITS Operations five year contract. Some departures occurred with the new transition. Chuck McGinness who was the Treasure Coast TIM Coordinator is no longer on the contract as well as Bob Murphy who was the TIM Project Consultant Manager. As of this time there will be no cookies or water.

UPDATES

Palm Beach ITS Report – Stan Balcaitis, HNTB

From PGA Blvd to the south all the ITS is up and running. There is some additional testing being conducted. There are 60 days until final acceptance. PGA Blvd to the north will begin shortly after.

Palm Beach TMC Report – David Needham, AECOM

David stated that the main phone number to contact the TMC is 954-274-2739. All Road Ranger staffing remains the same. New hours of operation are Monday through Friday 6am to 6pm.

I-95 Construction Update – Peter Dobens, QCA Inc.

Palm Beach HOV construction is ahead of schedule and as a result, the second phase of Palm Beach ITS installation may start in the next 90 days, instead of the scheduled 400 days. For more information on construction, visit www.d4fdot.com

Road Ranger Program Update – Mike McGee, AECOM

Additional Road Ranger has been added 24/7 in Palm Beach since end of May.

- Total of 6

Road Ranger involved crash on I-95 on June 17, 2011

- Discuss during Post Incident Analysis

Rapid Incident Scene Clearance – Mike McGee, AECOM

RISC Activation #15 occurred on 06/22/11 on I-95 northbound at Commercial Blvd that involved an overturned tractor trailer. This incident will be discussed during the Post Incident Analysis section.



Severe Incident Response Vehicle Program Update – Mike McGee, AECOM

The current contract has been extended until December 31st, 2011. The new five year contract will begin January 1st, 2012 and will include Palm Beach and Broward counties. There will be additional Palm Beach SIRV Operators added to the new contract. There will be new SIRV trucks added to the fleet as well.

Upcoming Traffic Events – Mike McGee, AECOM

No upcoming traffic events were announced by the TIM team.

PRESENTATIONS

2011 FHWA TIM Self Assessment – Mike McGee, AECOM

- Has been redesigned to reduce subjectivity.
- Questions (34) were reorganized and recategorized; 30 last year.
- TIM Team scored tactical section in past.
- Some categories have non-scored supplemental questions to help FHWA gauge TIM practices.

Florida DOT 511 New iPhone Traffic App – Mike McGee, AECOM

- Now available for iPhone, iPad, and iPod Touch
- Free download from iTunes App Store
- Information on Florida interstates, toll roads, and major metro roadways
- Provides same travel information as 511 phone system and FL511.com
- Uses iPhones GPS tracking for traffic information within miles of your location
- Offers updates in three ways:
 - An audible recording of incidents
 - On-screen list of incidents
 - May view displaying incidents
- The system also updates road closures and toll suspensions during:
 - Hurricanes
 - Wildfires

Post Incident Analysis Review – Mike McGee, AECOM

June 17, 2011 I-95 NB South of Hallandale Beach Blvd – Road Ranger involved crash

Mike briefly explained to the TIM team that a Road Ranger vehicle was on the left shoulder on I-95 SB before Hallandale Beach Blvd, servicing a vehicle when a motorist lost control, swerved to the left and crashed into the right rear of the Road Ranger tow truck. The Road Ranger had proper maintenance of traffic (MOT) deployed. The Road Ranger also had the truck tires pointing toward the median wall. The motorist crashed through the cones and severely damaged the front of his car as well as the right rear panel and boom of the Road Ranger vehicle. The Road Ranger was not injured as a result of the crash.

RISC #15: June 22, 2011 4:45 a.m. I-95 NB at Commercial Blvd Tractor Trailer Crash

On Wednesday, June 22, 2011 at 0443 hours, a tractor trailer (containerized box) was northbound on Interstate 95, approaching Commercial Boulevard when the truck began swerving. The driver claimed that another vehicle cut him off, but it is believed the driver may have fallen asleep. The driver overcorrected and lost control of the truck, which hit the median barrier wall and overturned on its side blocking two inside lanes. The container did not fall off the trailer and there was no cargo spillage. There was a fuel spill (approximately 25 gallons) and some minor damage to the road asphalt and median barrier wall. FHP contacted TMC to activate RISC at 0451. TMC contacted Westway Towing at 0501 and three RISC-certified trucks were enroute at 0515. Wreckers 960 (60t) and 975 (75t) and MOT truck 955 all arrived in 32 minutes. Notice to proceed given at 0542. The tractor trailer was moved to the ramp at 0653, all lanes except the inside lane (diesel spill) reopened at 0705. SWS Environmental arrived at 0730 to remediate the spill. All lanes opened at 0724.

Training Safety Tip: Cone Placement – Advanced Warning – Mike McGee, AECOM

FDOT Design Standards for Design, Construction, Maintenance and Utility Operations on the State Highway System – January 2004 – Topic No. 625-010-003



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Index 600 page 7 “Dropoff Notes” in work zones Note 4 sections A & B. Warning device spacing shall be as follows:

On Taper

- Maximum spacing between cones or tubular markers shall be 25’.

On Alignments

- Maximum spacing between cones or tubular markers shall be 25’.

Open Discussion – All

- SIRV Operator Greg Ridenour indicated that when tractor trailers blow a tire and debris is scattered on the roadway; when a tire service comes out for the repair, they charge a tire disposal fee to the driver/company. Greg wanted to know if they were responsible for picking up and disposing of the tire debris. Discussion followed with a consensus that there is no statute/rule that requires them to pick up their own debris. FHP said they are responsible for the debris but, it probably is not enforceable.
- Capt Egeli from FHP Palm Beach reminded everyone about the copper theft from lighting along the interstate and asked people to look out for vehicles that don’t appear to be contractors.
- Chief Sean Obannon from Palm Beach County Fire Rescue reminded the TIM Team that if they encounter a small or large container of a substance that is determined to be hazardous material waste, they become responsible for the proper handling and disposal of that substance, which he states can become very expensive. He recommends calling the fire rescue hazmat team and they will respond.

Action Items:

- Vinod Sandanasamy from Palm Beach County MPO requested information/statistics on Palm Beach ITS. He was provided with the office number of the FDOT D4 Design and Deployment Manager, Jason Trujillo.
- Sgt. Thomas from Riviera Beach requested that Mike contact Lt. Smith from his agency to schedule TIM outreach.

Attendees:

Balcaitis	Stan	HNTB
Burrie	Scott	FDOT D4 Maintenance
Churchill	Sgt. John	PBSO
Cruz	Meredith	The Corradino Group
Dickson	Tom	AECOM, Broward/PB SIRV Program
Dobens	Peter	QCA Inc
Egeli	Captain Ibrahim	FHP
Francese	Guy	FDOT District Four
Gartner	Captain Terry	FHP
Irwin	Michael	Cardno TBE
Johnson	Lt. Jeffrey	Cardno TBE
Luna	Luis	Anchor Towing
Main	Jeff	Palm Beach Gardens Police Department
Mangan	Thomas	FDOT SIRV
McGee	Mike	Broward/Palm Beach TIM Coordinator
McGlynn	Nicole	AECOM
McKissack	Ed	Florida’s Turnpike
Miller	Lt. Sam	Jupiter Police Department
Obannon	Sean	Palm Beach County Fire Rescue
Pervenecki	David	PBSO
Picciano	Pete	Boynton Beach Police Department
Pompos	Tim	Town of Palm Beach Fire Rescue
Reilly	John	Boca Raton Traffic Engineering
Ridenour	Greg	FDOT SIRV
Ruslander	Harold	Palm Beach Medical Examiners Office
Sandanasamy	Vinod	Palm Beach MPO
Thomas	Kenneth	Riveria Beach Police Department
Washburn	Mike	Florida’s Turnpike
Wehrle	Captain Patrick	Palm Beach County Fire Rescue