



**Meeting Date:** February 1, 2011  
**Meeting Time:** 1:30 PM – 3:30 PM  
**Location:** Palm Beach Vista Center Room 1E-59  
2300 North Jog Road.  
West Palm Beach, FL 33411

**Attendees:** Listing Attached

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## **REVIEW ACTION ITEMS / PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**

### **Action Item #1:** Location Reference Markers

**Resolution:** Location Reference Markers (LRMs) will be used to assist dispatchers in finding stranded motorists. The signs will be installed every 2/10<sup>th</sup> of a mile and be installed on I-75 and I-95 in the median area of the interstates. Funds are available for this project starting July 2011.

### **Action Item #2:** SR 80 Mile Markers

**Resolution:** The SR 80 Mile Markers have been approved by Traffic Operations. There will be a delay in waiting for signs to come in. A contractor will install the signs from US 15/Belle Glade to west of State Road 7. The signs will be numbered west to east and the minimum height is 4', signs will be mounted to be 6' in median area.

## **AGENCY UPDATES / INTRODUCTIONS**

Introductions of each TIM member took place and no agency updates were given.

Officer Jeff Main from Palm Beach Gardens Police Department reported their new Emergency Operations Center is scheduled to be completed in May 2011 and is rated as a category 5 structure. They will house communications for Palm Beach Gardens, Jupiter, and Juno Beach.

## **UPDATES**

### **Upcoming Traffic Events – Mike McGee, AECOM**

#### **Cruizin for Crime Stoppers**

- Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office Motor Unit
- Sunday January 30, 2011
- Registration/Start from Southern Blvd and SR 7
- Escorted ride to Lake Okeechobee Outpost in Pahokee, then to Pineapple Grove in Delray Beach

### **Construction Update – Peter Dobens, QCA Inc.**

#### **I-95 HOV Expansion, from Donald Ross Road (exit 83) north to S.R. 706/ Indiantown Road (exit 87A/B)**

The \$43.5 million, 4.5-mile construction project will expand the existing six-lane interstate to 10 lanes, which includes one general-purpose lane and one high occupancy vehicle (HOV) lane in each direction and additional auxiliary lanes. The project includes widening existing bridges over Donald Ross Road and the C-18 Canal, ramp improvements, sound barrier and retaining wall construction, signalization enhancements, new signing, pavement markings, lighting, and landscaping, including irrigation. The work began Aug. 21, 2008, and is being performed by Posen Construction. Construction is expected to be completed spring 2012.

**Restrictions:** Two of three eastbound lanes and two of three westbound lanes of Donald Ross Road at I-95 will be closed 9 p.m. to 6 a.m., Sunday, Feb. 6, through Thursday, Feb. 10, for repaving and restriping.

One of two left turn lanes, from westbound Donald Ross Road onto southbound I-95, is closed. One of two westbound through lanes on Donald Ross Road underneath I-95 remains closed for overpass widening.

Two southbound lanes of I-95 from south of Indiantown Road to south of Donald Ross Road will be closed Sunday, Feb. 6, through Thursday, Feb. 10, for repaving and restriping. The first lane will be closed at 9 p.m. and the second lane at 11 p.m. The first lane will reopen by 5 a.m.; all lanes will reopen by 6 a.m. At least one lane will remain open at all times.

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The northbound outside lane of I-95 between Donald Ross Road and Indiantown Road will be closed 9 p.m. to 6 a.m., Sunday, Feb. 6, through Thursday, Feb. 10, for shoulder construction.

The eastbound outside lane of Indiantown Road will be closed at the I-95 northbound exit ramp 9 p.m. to 6 a.m., Monday, Feb. 7, through Thursday, Feb. 10, for ramp reconstruction.

One of two left turn lanes from the I-95 southbound exit to eastbound Donald Ross Road is closed for construction. The posted speed limit is 25 mph on all the Donald Ross Road entrance and exit ramps.

A truck restriction is in effect throughout the construction zone. Signs have been posted directing truck operators to use the northbound and southbound center lanes except when entering or exiting the highway.

### I-95 HOV Expansion, from south of PGA Boulevard (exit 79A/B) north to Donald Ross Road (exit 83)

The \$44 million, 4.3-mile construction project will expand the existing six-lane interstate to 10 lanes, which includes one general-purpose lane and one high occupancy vehicle (HOV) lane in each direction and additional auxiliary lanes. HOV lanes require two or more occupants. The project includes mainline ramp reconstruction and widening existing bridges over PGA Boulevard and Military Trail (exit 79C). Additional enhancements include improved drainage, sound barrier and

retaining wall construction, new signing, pavement markings, lighting, and landscaping. Construction began Aug. 20, 2008, and is being performed by Community Asphalt Corporation. This project is expected to be completed spring 2012.

Restrictions: The I-95 southbound exit ramp to Military Trail will undergo a continuous closure 5 a.m. Monday, Feb. 7, through 5 a.m., Monday, Feb. 21, for reconstruction. A detour will direct motorists to use the I-95 southbound exit to PGA Boulevard.

One northbound and one southbound lane of Military Trail underneath I-95 will be closed continuously, Monday, Feb. 7, through Sunday, Feb. 13, for bridge work. The closed lanes will be either the inside or outside lanes as required for bridge foundation construction.

The northbound and southbound center lanes of Military Trail underneath I-95 will be closed 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday, Feb. 7, through Friday, Feb. 11, and 7 p.m. to 6 a.m., Tuesday, Feb. 8, through Thursday, Feb. 10, for foundation work. The work will require periodic full closures in each direction. When work is being performed on the northbound lanes, northbound traffic will be switched to one lane on the southbound side. When work is being performed on the southbound lanes, southbound traffic will be moved to the one northbound lane. The contractor will keep at least one lane open in each direction at all times.

One eastbound and one westbound lane of PGA Boulevard underneath I-95 will be closed 24 hours a day, Monday, Feb. 7, through Sunday, Feb. 13, for bridge work. The closure will be inside lanes or outside lanes as needed. The eastbound and westbound center lanes will be closed 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, Feb. 7, through Friday, Feb. 11, for bridge work. At least one lane will remain open in each direction at all times.

### ITS Palm Beach Deployment / Construction – Scott Burrie, FDOT

Scott Burrie of FDOT Maintenance stated that the ITS devices are about 90% complete and the burn in period will last 120 days.

The repaving project is currently focused on I-95 SB lanes south of Linton Blvd to south of Boynton Beach Blvd. The NB lanes will begin after the SB lanes are complete.

### Road Ranger Update – Guy Francese, FDOT District Four Freeway Operations Manager

Guy stated that the new Palm Beach Road Ranger contract started on February 1, and midnight. The new contractor is Anchor Towing. The transition has been smooth with minor radio issues that have been worked out. There are five beats and are the same as the previous contract. There are two bases one located in Lantana and one in Riviera Beach. Five new wreckers and two new pick up trucks make up the Palm Beach Road Ranger Service Patrol Fleet.



**Rapid Incident Scene Clearance – Guy Francese, FDOT District Four Freeway Operations Manager**

The 2011 RISC inspections have been completed. A new RISC pilot program is being studied for possible implementation on US 27 starting July 2011. There are minor issues that may alter the RISC contract for US 27. Guy will be speaking with the current RISC vendors to see if there is interest in amending current contracts.

See Post Incident Analysis section for recent RISC activations.

**Severe Incident Response Vehicle (SIRV) Program (Palm Beach Pilot) – Tom Dickson, AECOM**

The current Palm Beach pilot program ended January 28, 2011. The permanent Palm Beach SIRV program is scheduled to begin July 2011. To send feedback about the Palm Beach SIRV program, contact Tom Dickson at (954) 691-5734 or [tom.dickson@smartsunguide.com](mailto:tom.dickson@smartsunguide.com).

Incident Data for January 2011:

A total of 20 incident responses with time savings of 95 minutes for overall incident duration, 183 minutes of opening lanes early, and 269 minutes saved for on scene responders (i.e. – tow, road rangers, law enforcement, and fire rescue)

**Treasure Coast TIM Team Update – Chuck McGinness, Treasure Coast TIM Coordinator**

The Treasure Coast TIM team had their January 20<sup>th</sup> meeting at the new Martin County Emergency Operations Center in Stuart.

Road Ranger assists for the month of January increased to 1,188. 49% of calls were in Martin County.

The ITS devices are in the burn in period and about 90% complete. There have been some technical issues, final acceptance has not occurred. The closed circuit televisions and dynamic message signs are currently in use.

**Southeast Florida Regional Transportation Operations Committee (SEFRTOC)/511 – Bob Murphy, AECOM**

Helena updated the team on the TMCs upgrade to the current 5.0 version of SunGuide software that is used to track incidents in the TMCs. This upgrade includes a regional device map so that all TMCs can view the ITS devices in the region. SEFRTOC has also worked to regionalize messaging through out the Southeast Florida area.

**PRESENTATIONS**

**FHP Crash Report Changes – Sgt. Kurt Hardley, FHP**

Sgt. Hardley reviewed some changes in the FHP crash report that have been added. Some examples are pedestrians are no longer referred to as pedestrians; they are referred to as non motorists. A box for FDOT has been added for anything involving FDOT roadways, infrastructure, etc. The Trooper on scene can check this box and a copy of the report will be sent to FDOT. There are slots for road blockage times the Trooper can record. Minor issues are still being worked out.

**Wildfire Season – Scott Peterich, Florida Division of Forestry**

Scott gave an overview of the Division of Forestry website that encompasses the resources necessary to determine the dryness of certain areas. Scott reviewed the Fire Danger Index and the Keetch-Byram Drought Index. Scott informed the team of the dangers that can spark wildfires and to watch closely for anything that may start fires. To check out the maps and for more wildfire information, visit the Florida Division of Forestry at <http://www.fl-dof.com/wildfire/information.html>. You may contact Davie dispatch at 954-475-4120.

**Mitigation of Accidental Discharges – Mike McGee, AECOM**

The original publication was created in 2004 and has been revised for 2011. The document has been reviewed and endorsed by the Florida Department of Transportation, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, and Florida Highway Patrol. To review the document, visit <http://www.smartsunguide.com/TIM.aspx>.

Spilled vehicle fluids are generally petroleum products:

- Crankcase oil
- Gasoline, Diesel fuel



- Transmission fluid
- Brake/Hydraulic fluid
- Other fluids (coolant, battery)
- Usually not hazardous wastes

The objectives of the guidelines are to:

- Provide specific procedural guidance for spilled vehicle fluid cleanup, and;
- Provide a reference for the disposal of spilled materials.
- Provide guidance to responders and assist them in meeting the primary TIM goal of the Open Road Policy (clear within 90 min)

Scope:

Guidelines apply to spilled motor vehicle fluids from private and commercial vehicles used for the operation of that vehicle. They do not apply to any hazardous material cargo spill. Hazardous materials (HAZMAT) are materials posing immediate life-threatening danger to people and property, as defined in the US DOT "North America Hazardous Materials Guidebook." Defensive Actions are those actions taken to contain the vehicle fluids, including containment, diking, or soil berming. Offensive Actions are those actions taken by trained responders to plug or otherwise stop vehicle fluid leaks.

Clearance Procedure:

For private vehicles and commercial motor vehicles, preferred clean up method is to soak up as much as possible using absorbent materials. Move absorbent materials out of travel lanes, store at roadside, preferably off the shoulder. DOT and other crash scene responders may apply absorbents and sweep off travel lanes regardless of the quantity. It is not necessary to await a licensed clean-up contractor.

The reportable quantity of 25 gallons does not automatically prevent or limit on scene actions to mitigate the spill. In fact prompt intervention is encouraged to limit the congestion impact and prevent the high probability of secondary incidents as a result of extended traffic blockage. It is very important that every effort be made to limit the amount of time the spilled fluids are in contact with asphalt pavement.

Quick Action Guide

- Identify spill as a vehicle fluid
- Stop leaking material at the source
- Contain and limit spill from spreading
- Apply available absorbents
- Sweep material off travel lanes
- Second application if necessary
- Gradually restore traffic flow
- Identify responsible party and mark location of material
- Assure proper notification made,
- State Watch Point 800/320-0519

**Post Incident Analysis Review – Mike McGee, AECOM**

**RISC #9: I-95 SB before Broward Blvd. December 8, 2010 5:56am Tractor Trailer Crash with Cargo Loss**

At 0556 hours, a red tractor trailer (box–empty) making a lane change struck a blue tractor trailer (flat bed-plywood). The crash resulted in the flat bed tractor trailer losing its load of plywood, which was ejected to the roadway. The load consisted of approximately 600 sheets of plywood. Fort Lauderdale Fire Rescue received the crash at 0556; FHP received the call at 0600. FDOT Maintenance was notified at 0615, arrived at 0700, and began moving the plywood toward the median barrier wall. First FHP Trooper arrived at 0619. Lt. Hingson arrived at 0626 and activated RISC at 0630. Broward RTMC notified J&J Towing at 0635, and responded to FHP at 0637. J&J was enroute at 0656 and arrived at 0722, 0730, and 0740, respectively. Wrecker 62 was the only wrecker certified for response. MOT truck was not reported as dispatched or arriving on scene. Notice to proceed was given at 0725 after arrival of the low boy at 0722. Travel lanes cleared at 1015.

**RISC #10: I-75 NB at US 27 December 21, 2010 2:48am Tractor Trailer Rollover with Cargo Spill**

On Tuesday, December 21, 2010 at 0249 hours, a tractor trailer (dump–refuge) was northbound (west) on Interstate 75 exiting onto the ramp to northbound US 27. The ramp curved to the right before merging into US 27. The tractor trailer was traveling too fast for the curve, began to rollover as it was exiting the ramp, and came to rest on its left side, blocking both northbound lanes of US 27. Exit ramp traffic from I-75 was directly affected by the rollover. The trailer ejected its load to the roadway, which consisted of construction refuge (sand, drywall). An FHP Supervisor was on scene almost

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immediately and activated RISC. RISC was initially activated. Because the crash occurred on US 27, RISC was cancelled and a class C rotation wrecker (EMS Towing) was called. FHP told EMS they would need two class C wreckers. EMS only had one. EMS was cancelled by FHP and RTMC was re-contacted to activate RISC. DBI Services was called to provide MOT and ramp closures. The northbound and southbound ramps from I-75 to US 27 were closed. Westway responded with required equipment and given notice to proceed shortly after arriving at 0422. The tractor trailer was righted and moved to the shoulder. A front end loader and skid steer were used to recover the construction debris. All lanes cleared at 0701.

## **Training Safety Tip: Tire Safety – Mike McGee**

### Maintenance of Traffic (MOT) Training Available to First Responders

FDOT Central Office has created a Maintenance of Traffic (MOT) training website for all incident responders. The training consists of eight modules and a quiz at the end. The website is <http://wbt.dot.state.fl.us/ois/MOTTIRCBT/index.htm>

### Emerald Towing Operator Struck while on Duty

On September 16, 2010 at 12:25am on I-95 NB, south of Palmetto Park Road in Boca Raton, Wrecker Operator Larry Lindsay was assisting a tractor trailer disabled on the side of the road. Larry was standing on the left side of wrecker on the traffic side. He was wearing an ANSI II shirt. A two vehicle crash occurred in the center lane and spun into the left side of the wrecker. Larry suffered twenty two fractures. Larry was present at the meeting and answered questions about the incident.

## **Open Discussion – All**

No items discussed

## **Action Items:**

None at this time

## **Attendees:**

Bryant	Jason	PB Vista Center
Burrie	Scott	FDOT District Four
Churchill	Sgt. John	Palm Beach County Sheriffs Office
Day	Timothy	Sisters Towing
Dickson	Tom	AECOM, Broward/PB SIRV Program
Dobens	Peter	QCA Inc
Francese	Guy	FDOT District Four
Hardley	Kurt	FHP Troop L
Irwin	Michael	TBE Group
Jennings	Jim	Emerald Towing
Lindsay	Larry	Emerald Towing
Main	Jeff	Palm Beach Gardens Police Department
McGee	Mike	Broward/Palm Beach TIM Coordinator
McGinness	Chuck	Treasure Coast TIM Coordinator
McGlynn	Nicole	AECOM
Miller	Lt. Sam	Jupiter Police Department
Murphy	Bob	TIM Project Consultant Manager
Peterich	Scott	Florida Division of Forestry
Picciano	Pete	Boynton Beach Police Department
Pompos	Tim	Town of Palm Beach Fire Rescue
Reed	Harold	PBC Traffic Engineering Division
Ridenour	Gregg	AECOM
Rundle	Andy	Palm Beach Gardens Police Department
Scott	Daryl	Boca Raton Fire Rescue
Thomas	Kenneth	Riviera Beach Police Department
White	Helena	Palm Beach Vista TMC

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