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MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Title: Joint Regional TIM Meeting Miami-Dade/Broward County

DATE: September 2nd, 2009

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TIME: 1:30 PM – 3:00 PM

PLACE: Florida Department of Transportation
FDOT District Six Auditorium
Adam Leigh Cann Building
1001 NW 111 Avenue, Miami, FL 33172

Meeting Attendees:

1. Javier Rodriguez, FDOT District Six
2. Carlos Sarmiento, FDOT District Six
3. Jeannie Cann, FDOT District Six
4. Maria Salgado, FDOT District Six
5. Maria Connelly, FDOT District Four
6. Patrick Odom, FDOT Central Office
7. Kenneth Myrie, FDOT MCCO
8. Lillian Costa, FDOT
9. Joe Snyder, FDOT District Six, SunGuide TMC
10. Jimi Mitchell, FDOT District Six, SunGuide TMC
11. Alicia Torrez, FDOT District Six, SunGuide TMC
12. Bob Murphy, FDOT District Four, Smart SunGuide TMC
13. Mike Mcghee, FDOT District Four, Smart SunGuide TMC
14. Geateano Francese, FDOT District Four, Smart SunGuide TMC
15. Alex Mirones, FDOT District Four, Smart SunGuide TMC
16. Tom Dickson, FDOT District Four, Smart SunGuide TMC
17. Rick Johnson, MDX
18. Mike Smith, MDX
19. Greg Kirkpatrick, MDX
20. Mike Washburn, FTE
21. Ed McKissack, FTE
22. Juan Kouthy, I-595 Express
23. Maggie Kirkpatrick, I-595 Express
24. Andrew Doyle, ACS, I-595 Express
25. Laila Haddad, FDOT, I-595 Express
26. Melanie Sexton, The Corradino Group, I-595 Express
27. Chris Chappel, FHP Troop “K”
28. Pat Santagelo, FHP



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Meeting Attendees (continued):

29. Mark Wysocky, FHP
30. Luis Ramil, FHP
31. Jeff Locke, City of Miami Police Department
32. Milton MontesDeOca, City of Miami Police Department
33. Gary McVoy, Hallandale Beach Police Department
34. Craig Obrentz, Pembroke Pines Police Department
35. Samuel House, Fort Lauderdale Police Department
36. Greg Jansen, Davie Police Department
37. Jeff Strickland, Miami-Dade Fire Rescue
38. Tom O'Connell, Sunrise Fire Rescue
39. Jimi Ferrant, Davie Fire Rescue
40. Nick Fortis, Florida Gas Company
41. John Long, Florida Gas Company
42. John McPherson. Jergensen
43. Catherine Werner, Jergensen
44. Monica Savits, Anchor Towing
45. Raul Corbo, Anchor Towing
46. Maggie Ramos, Sunshine Towing
47. Alexis Ramos, Sunshine Towing
48. Erich Bundy, Kauffs Towing
49. Richard Kauff, Kauffs Towing
50. Carlos Penin, CAP Engineering
51. Sam McClain, Travelers Marketing
52. John McPherson. Jergensen
53. Catherine Werner, Jergensen
54. Girsh Kumar, HNTB
55. Hugh Johnston, ACT
56. Vergie Bain, OSHA
57. Doug Prince, OSHA
58. Ana Gannon, FDEP
59. Mike Cowart, DBI
60. Gerald Kleymons, DBI
61. Keith Bradley, US DHS
62. Abbie Kelley, PB



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1. Purpose:

The purpose of this meeting was to serve as a platform for TIM partner agencies to highlight and discuss on-going initiatives, activities or events that are affecting or set to affect the surface transportation system of the southeast Florida area. The meeting was hosted by the District Six and District Four TIM Teams to provide partners with an opportunity voice concerns and raise questions regarding Department-related projects. In terms of communication and coordination, the meeting served to continue to build on the progress made since the last Miami-Dade / Broward County Regional TIM Meeting, held on March 4th, 2009.

2. Specific Items of Discussion:

[70 minutes]

1. District Six TIM Team Update (PowerPoint) [15 min.]

Mr. Joe Snyder, representative from the District Six TIM Team, updated attendees about benefits derived from the FDOT District 6 TMC initiatives since last regional meeting, as well as latest initiatives executed by the Team. Topics discussed during their presentation included:

1. 95 Express / Ramp Signaling Update

- A. Monthly Traffic Numbers leveling off \approx 600,000 vehicles
- B. Average Speeds above 45 mph along NB I-95, within the project limits \approx \geq 98%
- C. Facility Availability \approx 95.5%
- D. Benefits \approx 467.214 in reduced delay vehicle hours and \$8.7 million dollars in savings since system launch (12/5/2009 and 2/4/2009).

2. Agency Outreach / PIA Update

- A. Increased Agency-to-Agency Outreach activities – 19 in total
 - a. 35 lessons learned / Action Items with 6 resolutions
- B. 1st Monroe County TIM Meeting held in July, 2009
- C. Public Outreach materials production to increase communication, track performance measures
 - a. TIMCAT – database
 - b. Quarterly newsletter

3. RISC Program Activation

- A. RISC contract executed on July, 2009
- B. 3 successful activations since program launch
 - 1. Program has netted positive results in Miami-Dade County by meeting the “Open Roads Policy”

4. Road Ranger / IRV Program

- A. Road Ranger Expanded Coverage
 - a. 24/7 coverage on SR 826, dedicated Road ranger on I-75
- B. Road ranger Contract – advertisement planned for September 2009
- C. IRV Expanded Coverage to begin on November 2009
 - a. Coverage from 5:30am to 9:30pm

5. First Responder Training

- A. Course tentatively scheduled for late 2009 – set to provide incident responders with training on how to conduct proper use of Temporary Traffic Control (TTC) at traffic incident scenes.
 - a. Set to review Incident Command Structure and safety basics, provide best practices and perform tabletop exercises and training.



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2. Miami-Dade Expressway Authority (MDX) TMC Update (PowerPoint) [15 min]

Mr. Greg Kirkpatrick, representative for MDX, briefed TIM members present about agency initiatives and TIM program updates.

1. MDX / TMC Operational Update

- A. ITS Field Update
 - a. SR 836 - 19 CCTVs (Completed)
 - b. SR 836 - Detectors (Integration Process on-going)
 - c. SR 924 (Integration Process on-going), SR 112, SR 878, and SR 874 – CCTV & Detectors (tentative completion date of: December 2009).
- B. Road Ranger Trucks with Dynamic Message Signs (DMS)
 - a. All MDX trucks equipped with DMS
 - b. Road Rangers operate DMS with Keypad Controller
 - c. Keypad has more than 800 roadway specific/generic messages stores and will be implemented by TMC request
 - d. Is providing MDX travelers with real-time traffic related messages
 - e. DMS is capable of two-phased messaging

3. I-595 Express, LLC Project Information and Overview (PowerPoint) [15 min]

Mrs. Maggie Cortez Kirkpatrick and Ms. Laila Haddad, as Public Information representatives for the I-595 Express project briefed the team about the project which is set to reduce congestion along the heavily accessed Interstate-595 highway in Broward County. The project will implement reversible Express Lanes, with direct connection to Florida’s Turnpike, and implement an open road tolling component and variable congestion pricing mechanism.

Mr. John McPherson, Operations and Maintenance representative for the I-595 Express project was also featured as part of the presentation. He discussed Maintenance of Traffic (MOT) procedures and Rapid Incident Scene Clearance (RISC) Program to ensure mobility and safety along the highway as construction activities begin to take place.

- 1. 30 Year Public/Private Partnership Initiative that is incentive based**
- 2. Project Limits: I-595 from I-75/Sawgrass Interchange to east of the I-95 Interchange**
- 3. Project components**

- A. Reversible Express Lanes
 - a. Will be reversed for morning and afternoon peaks.
- B. SR 84 Continuous Connection
- C. Turnpike Interchange
 - a. Responsible for a portion of the Turnpike with the I-595 interchange.
- D. Broward County Greenway
- E. Ramp Improvements
- F. Noise walls
- G. Transit Accommodations
- H. Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Start-up

4. Maintenance of Traffic (MOT)

- A. Goal to maintain free flowing speeds of 65 mph through construction zones
- B. No lane closures between 5:00 AM – 9:00 PM
- C. Consultant will manage the Operations and Maintenance duties during the first three years of construction.

5. Incident Management

- A. IM program will operate from Broward County Transportation Management Center (TMC) 24 hours per day, 7 days a week, 365 days per year.



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- B. IM program for 595 Express will be supported by Road Ranger Service Patrols, Severe Incident Response Vehicles (SIRV) and the RISC program

4. District Four TIM Team Update (PowerPoint) [20 min]

Mr. Mike McGee, Mr. Bob Murphy and Mr. Geateano Francese, all representatives from the District Four TIM Team briefed attendees about various on-going activities, including Roadway Construction, RISC and Road Ranger Program activities, Fire Hydrant Studies, and Certified Public Managers (CPM) training.

1. Roadway Construction

- A. Discussed upcoming construction projects, directed member to district construction website
a. Construction website:
<http://www.dot.state.fl.us/publicinformationoffice/construc/constmap/d4.shtm>

2. RISC

- A. Contract Executed on August 3rd, 2009
B. No activities were recorded to date (as of September 2nd, 2009)

3. Road Ranger / SIRV Program

- A. Expanded Coverage
a. Resuming 24/7 coverage in Broward County
b. 2-Day Training conducted for Road Ranger Operators in anticipation of 24/7 coverage
c. New Road Ranger Contract will be advertised for the District Four area in 2010
d. State Farm Partnership continues to go well. New uniforms were provided to Road Ranger operators in District Four through sponsorship.

4. SIRV

- A. Brief Historical overview of SIRV initiative
a. SIRV Concept began as a District Four TIM Action Item initiative, and now gaining national interest. SIRV manager has been invited to speak at several events across the country. Other states are looking to implement program as part of their TIM.
b. SIRV are now able to operate with red lights and sirens in Broward County when responding to incidents

5. Fire Hydrant Sign Study

- A. Initiative is first in the nation, and originated as a District Four TIM Action Item
B. Survey was performed to locate all fire hydrants located along the I-95 facility in District Four
C. Proposed identifying markings to assist in locating hydrants:
a. Retro-reflective Pavement Markings (RPM)
b. Blue (identifying colors)
c. Signage (visibility, sign placement and size increase discussed)
D. In process of FHWA Approval for comments and implementation

6. Certified Public Managers (CPM) Presentation

- A. District Four held TIM activities clearance presentation to educate CPM graduating class on August 20th, 2009
B. Participants worked in small groups with members of first responder teams to simulate incident response/management responsibilities from responder perspectives.

5. Florida's Turnpike Enterprise (FTE) TIM Program (PowerPoint) [15 min]

Mr. Mike Washburn, FTE Representatives briefed attendees about the agency's TIM Program initiatives.



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1. **Crash Reduction and fatality reduction trends**
2. **Incident duration has decreased in the past 5 years for all level incidents (1,2,3)**
3. **TMC Operations will migrate to SunGuide Software in October 2009**
4. **Road Ranger Service Patrol**
 - A. New contract in place since July 2009
 - B. Installed AVL in trucks
 - C. Evaluating feasibility to increase coverage as funding becomes available
5. **Towing and Roadside Repair Service Program (TARR)**
 - A. New contract in place in June 15, 2009
 - B. Dedicated tow vendors with assigned sectors
 - C. Performance-based with 30-minute response times
 - D. Training and certification is required
 - E. FHP Troop K handles TARR contractor activation
6. **RISC**
 - A. 412 activations since 2004
 - B. Updated requirements:
 - a. One recovery wrecker within 45 minutes, second support vehicle within 60 minutes
 - b. Liquidated damages after 150 minutes from the Notice to Proceed
 - C. Equipment
 - a. Instead of one 50-ton wrecker, contractor will now respond with two 50-ton wreckers, with one being a rotator

6. Florida Gas Transmission Company [PowerPoint] [15 min]

Mr. John Long, representative from the Florida Gas Transmission Company presented meeting attendees with materials about their program to raise awareness about high pressure natural gas pipelines in the south Florida area. The goal of the presentation was to open the lines of communication between company representatives and incident responders to ensure safety conditions along locations where pipelines are found.

1. **Pipeline locations along Southeast Florida**
2. **Characteristics of Natural Gas**
3. **Safety precautions and procedures**
 - A. Pipeline Integrity Program
 - B. Identification of markers, valves and other associated equipment
 - C. Emergency procedures
 - D. Company contact information:
 - i. Florida Gas Transmission Company
(407) 620-5635

7. Community Traffic Safety Team [PowerPoint] [15 min]

Mr. Carlos Sarmiento, of the CTST Office was invited to present in the TIM meeting as a way to cross-reference program goals of CTST with those of the TIM. With a program goal of reducing the number and severity of incidents through a comprehensive, multi-disciplinary and multi-jurisdictional approach, the CTST mission was identified to be in line with the TIM's mission. Opening the lines of communication and coordination between both teams will increase outreach capabilities and promote the Department's mission.

The Community Traffic Safety Team (CTST) Coordinator presented meeting attendees with a brief overview about program initiatives to inform members about ways to better utilize existing Departmental resources.

1. **CTST Teams**
 - A. Composed of Police, media, Traffic safety organizations, FDOT, Public Works
2. **District Six CTST Team Locations – 14 Teams in total**



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- A. Monroe County (Southernmost, Marathon, Upper Keys)
- B. Miami-Dade County (South Miami, City of Miami, Miami Lakes, Miami Gardens, Miami Beach, Coral Gables, NE Miami-Dade, NW Miami-Dade, SW Miami-Dade, Miami-Dade Public Schools, Unincorporated Miami-Dade)
- 3. CSTST Team Objectives**
 - A. Research of collisions. Deaths and injuries
 - B. Local knowledge of existing concerns
- 4. CTST Traffic Safety Campaigns**
 - A. 15 Campaigns year-round, State and Local initiatives

Questions raised during meeting are as follows:

Q.1 - Miami-Dade Fire Rescue questioned the necessity of utilizing red lights and sirens on the SIRV program. A sentiment of concern was raised on behalf of the agency about desensitizing motorists about the urgency of these red lights, with all other emergency responders using it as well.

A.2 – Mr. Francese acknowledged concern. He clarified, however, that the SIRV program operates in a much more limited capacity than all other emergency responders, and that there are only two SIRV vehicles roaming the roadways at one time in District Four.

Q.2 – TIM Member raised question about whether TARR was going to replace the Florida Highway Patrol (FHP) Rotational Service along the Turnpike.

A.2 – Mr. Washburn responded that the TARR Program was going to replace (FHP) Rotational services along Florida’s Turnpike roadways.

Q.3 – City of Miami Police Department raised concern about on-going congestion due to construction activities in the vicinity of Biscayne Boulevard and NW 36 Street.

A.3 – Mr. Javier Rodriguez acknowledged concern raised and committed to contact the appropriate parties to help resolve the issue.

3. Action Items

- 1. Javier Rodriguez – Contact FDOT Representative to help mitigate congestion along Biscayne Boulevard and NW 36 Street.

Status - Complete

Mr. Rodriguez contacted the appropriate parties to resolve the issue. City of Miami Police Department will coordinate with the Department’s CEI Consultant to take the necessary measures to enforce the “Do Not Block the Intersection Law,” at the specified location.



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4. Resolution Items

1. City of Miami Police Department will coordinate with the Department's CEI Consultant for this project to enforce the "Do Not Block the Intersection Law," within the vicinity of Biscayne Boulevard and NW 36th Street to help reduce traffic congestion.