

First Coast TIM Meeting

Tuesday, July 21st, 2015

Meeting Minutes



The list of attendees, agenda, and meeting handouts are attached to these meeting minutes.

- Donna Danson opened the meeting by welcoming everyone.
- Donna stated the purpose of this meeting is to help and learn from each other in order to improve incident management and communication between responder agencies.
- Donna stated the May 2015 First Coast TIM Team Meeting Minutes were sent to the Team previously and stand as approved.
- Attendees introduced themselves to the group.
- Overland Bridge Project Update – Bill Kays with KCCS provided the update.
 - Bill showed aerial photos on the projector screen and provided a summary of where the project stands and what work is upcoming.
 - The next major traffic switch will close exit 348 (Atlantic Blvd.) in mid-August. The temporary exit will be upstream from the current exit, just south of the Baptist Hospital overpass. Emerson will continue to be the detour route for Phillips Hwy. This traffic switch will not affect traffic from the Acosta/Main St./Downtown entrance.
 - The new overpass to Atlantic Blvd. should be open in mid-August.
 - The I-95 northbound traffic pattern will shift some traffic onto the new northbound collector distributor in late September or early October.
 - Traffic speed in construction zones are still well above the 45 mph speed limit. Any efforts to mitigate speeding in the construction zone would be appreciated.
 - If your organization would like a copy of the aerial photos please contact Donna Danson.
 - The aerial photo below shows a significant area of the work being performed. For reference, North is to the left of the photo.



- Ron Tittle gave the Construction Project update.
 - Road deterioration has caused some traffic issues on I-95 through the Overland Bridge area.
 - Public messages have stressed the deficiency of the current bridge structure being the reason for the reconstruction.
 - Railroad crossing repairs are on-going.
 - Some of these projects are orchestrated and worked through FDOT, others are independent.
 - Martin Luther King Jr. Pkwy./20th St. Expressway at Atlantic Blvd. is an area to be aware of especially now that Bishop Kinney High School will be in session soon. The public is encouraged to utilize the traffic signal and U-Turn there, instead of crossing multiple lanes when entering Atlantic Blvd. from 20th St. Expressway.
 - Overhead beams will be installed on I-95 at JTB tonight and possibly tomorrow night. JTB will be closed at this area during the installation.
 - There is a Safety Study being conducted for the Buckman Bridge. Multiple recommendations have been sent to the Leadership Committee for further review. This report should be released in the next few weeks. No matter what changes may be made, motorists must take responsibility while traveling this area to increase safety. Ron thanked law enforcement for checking the area more frequently.
 - The public has had a few safety concerns.
 - The first is regarding the JTB ramp to I-95 southbound due to the barrier walls extending well down the ramp leaving little room to merge onto I-95 before the merge lane ends. The contractor has been notified and concerns are being sent to the design team in order to address the issue.

- The second concern is regarding pattern changes and striping in the Overland and Express Lanes projects. Where the striping has been removed there may be some residual striping left. Ron stressed the importance of motorists exercising additional caution in these areas.
 - Construction projects will double over the next fiscal year with nearly \$800 million in construction projects. By the year 2016, every major corridor in Jacksonville will be under construction. Please go to www.nflroads.com for updated information.
- Ed Ward provided the Emergency Operations Update.
 - There have been three named storms so far, but no hurricanes.
 - Dr. Grey's predictions remain the same.
 - Seven named storms; three hurricanes, one of which could be major.
 - El Nino will continue to provide for a light hurricane season.
 - Wildfires have decreased due to increased rainfall.
 - The Florida Emergency Preparedness Association will hold a meeting on August 12th.
 - The State Working Group meeting will take place in Orlando September 22nd-24th.
 - The Florida Emergency Preparedness Association wants to push the WebEOC to be statewide.
 - This would be beneficial in the Panhandle being they are not currently connected to the WebEOC.
 - Donna mentioned the First Annual Hurricane Newsletter which was recently sent out to all TIM members. It is also available on the TIM Team website under the Newsletter section of the page. You can access the page using the following link: http://www.jax511.com/D2TIMwp/?page_id=21
- Holly Walker provided the ITS Update.
 - Work is continuing on the Phase 9 Project on the southeast quadrant of I-295. The structures have been installed and the fiber will be installed next. This project is expected to be complete by Thanksgiving of this year.
 - I-95/St. Johns County – The conduit has been installed, splice and pull box installation is underway. This project is expected to be complete next month.
 - I-75/US-441 Visibility Project – The contractor is awaiting final power service from Duke Energy. This project is expected to be complete by September.
 - I-95 ITS Deployment – This project is contingent on the completion of the I-95 St. Johns County fiber project. The area of this project will be between the rest area at CR-210 and US-1 in south St. Johns County and should begin in early 2016.
 - I-95/SR-16 Fiber Deployment Project – This project will commence early next year and will connect the fiber optic cable on I-95 to both St. Johns County and the City of St. Augustine. The fiber will go down SR 16 from I-95 to US-1 south to connect with the county and city networks.
 - Construction is ongoing for the new RTMC building. The outside shell is complete while the installation of electronics, plumbing, cabling, mechanical, and A/C units continue internally. The expected move-in date is October of this year.
- Greg Gaylord provided the Road Ranger Update.
 - Greg had nothing to report.
 - Captain Gaston noted he had received a complaint from a motorist regarding Road Rangers driving too slowly. He informed the motorist that Road Rangers are required to drive 5 mph under the speed limit. Captain Gaston suggested possible signage to be displayed on the Road Ranger vehicles stating a message that the vehicle moves slowly for safety.

- Donna Danson asked for Agency Reviews.
 - Fire/Rescue – Nothing to report.
 - FHP –
 - Captain Gaston would like to get Ron Tittle an account set up through WebEOC so he can publish lane closures, etc.
 - There has been an increase in DUIs not only in Florida, but nationwide. During the second weekend of August around 30 state troopers from around the state will come to Duval to saturate DUI patrol, especially in construction zones.
 - The group discussed stressing motorists to have their headlights on when it is raining.
 - Local Police/Sheriff's Offices – Nothing to report.
 - Environmental/HAZMAT – Nothing to report.
 - Forestry – Annaleasa Winter encouraged the Team to visit the website www.southernwildfirerisk.com
 - On an average year in Florida there are 3,700 wildfires that burn around 177,000 acres. Due to the rain, this year has been lighter with around 1,900 wildfires that have burned 63,000 acres. Annaleasa provides a daily update of active wildfires and prescribed burns. She asked for anyone who would like to be included on the list and receive these updates to let her know.
 - Medical Examiner – Not present.
 - Maintenance/Asset Management – Nothing to report.
 - COJ – Not present.
 - Towing/Wrecker –
 - Walt's Wrecker is the new RISC contractor for Duval, St. Johns, and Nassau Counties.
 - Greg Gaylord noted there have been 81 towing associate deaths since January of this year. The move over law has helped but there needs to be an increased awareness of safety.

- Donna Danson led the FHWA TIM Team Self-Assessment.

- Donna Danson gave the announcements.
 - The next First Coast TIM Team Meeting is scheduled for September 15, 2015.

- Meeting Adjourned