

Alachua TIM Team Meeting

Wednesday, February 11, 2009

Meeting Minutes

For the list of attendees, please see the attached sign in sheet.

- Steve Scanlan announced that he had to attend another meeting and would need to leave in a few minutes. He first wanted to discuss Bradford County's interest in joining the TIM Team.
- Donna asked if there was a motion to recommend that Bradford County be included in the TIM Team. Bruce Strickland made the motion to make Bradford County a member of the TIM Team. Chip Skinner then seconded the motion. Donna then held a vote on the motion. By a unanimous vote it was decided that Bradford County would become a member of the TIM Team.
- Don Muzick then asked if Union County was a member of the TIM Team or any TIM Team. It was stated that Union County is not in an area where there are currently any active TIM Teams.
- Donna Danson asked Steve Scanlan to stay for a few minutes for a brief discussion that Pete had wanted Donna to bring up. Pete had wanted the TIM Team to form a Task Team to identify areas for placement of DMS and CCTV cameras on I-75 in the area of Gainesville. The reason for the Task Team is to try to develop a project concept and possibly bring on board a consultant with the hopes of possibly getting a chance to get some of the Economic Stimulus money for FDOT. Although the projects for the Stimulus Package have already been identified by FDOT, there may be a chance that some of these projects may not be able to meet the time constraints of the Stimulus Package and would be thrown out, making it possible to include other projects that could meet the time constraints. Pete would like volunteers for the Task Team and will set up a teleconference with the Task Team in a few weeks to discuss.
- Steve Scanlan volunteered, Coby Fincher stated that Major Carpenter would be on the team, Joseph Rauloson suggested that Phil Mann or Chris Dolan be on the team, and it was also suggested that a member of the Alachua County Sheriff's Office should be on the team. Donna will send out an e-mail to make sure exactly who will be on the team.
- Donna Danson then opened the meeting by asking everyone to introduce themselves.
- Donna then stated the purpose of the meeting, which is to maintain appropriate communications between member agencies and discuss any issues that have been had, so that future incidents can be handled in the most effective manner.
- Chip Skinner provided updates for Construction Projects in the area.
 - SR 222 is working on Concrete for now. It will be approximately 3-4 weeks until they begin resurfacing operations, which will include night time lane closures.

- SR 26 and SR 222 – The structural course is down and final lane configuration is to be done in the next two weeks. Pipe liners are being placed in the drainage pipes. If steam is seen in these areas it is for the pipe liners being cured. There have been some drainage issues in the 4 lane section. Work in this area is a few weeks out but may cause some lane closures. If the designer does not get the revised drainage plans done in the next few weeks, the paving operations may move out to the SR 301 area.
 - US 301 in Lockloosa – project is almost complete, should be done within 2 weeks.
 - The SR 121 Williston Road project caused major back ups last week. Since then they are allowed night time lane closures for milling, daytime lane closures for paving and are not allowing lane closures during peak hours. They are also posting additional officers at the intersections to assist with motorists getting through the lights and not blocking intersections. This will help alleviate back-ups onto I-75 and 34th Street.
 - Resurfacing of 39th Ave from 24th to the end of the 4-Lane section will also begin in the January/February time frame.
 - Southbound Paynes Prairie Rest Area will be re-opened next week. Remaining items include final striping, concrete, light poles and sodding.
 - SR 121 in Levy County from SR 41 impacting commuters – March 9th
 - Two Main Street projects coming up this fall – 8th Ave – 23rd Av, which will start in July or August and Depot “Ave – 8th Ave, which will start Late Fall or possibly December/January timeframe.
 - US 441 from Archer Road to SR 20 will begin Early Fall.
 - SR 26 from Stadium Drive to SR 24 will begin in November.

- Bruce Strickland let Chip know that FDOT Maintenance has had requests to place Portable Changeable Message Signs (PCMS) in the area of the SR26 and SR 222 Project due to an upcoming Wild Game Feast. Bruce stated that they did not want to place PCMS in this area without being told exactly where to place them and what the message should be. Chip will be checking on this.

- Donna passed out a handout of incidents since the last meeting, which is created by Ed Ward. Donna asked everyone to look over the list and see if there were any accidents that had been missed or if anyone had any knowledge of the incidents that were on the list and how the Team may have been able to do a better job of communications or roadway clearance.
 - One incident that was not listed was an accident in the SR 26 Construction Project. A single car accident in the early morning when a car hit the bridge wall and then went into the woods. There were two fatalities. There was no road blockage or traffic back up due to the car ending up in the woods and the wreck occurring so early in the morning.
 - It was noted that there were only 3 incidents listed on the spreadsheet in the Gainesville area and none of them were large incidents.
 - Bruce Strickland wanted to go on record as saying that FDOT Maintenance has not been receiving requests for assistance through proper channels in some

instances. Maintenance will gladly assist with any problems as long as the request comes through the proper channels. Requests from the County need to go through Alachua County Public Works and requests from the City need to go through the Traffic Operations group.

- Ed Ward was not able to attend the meeting, but had told Donna that there was nothing new to report with the Emergency Operations Center. The only update that he had was that due to FDOT travel restrictions, the Yearly Governor's Hurricane Conference would be held by videoconference or teleconference.
- Chris Dolan gave an update for ITS and Traffic Signal work for Gainesville
 - The Naztec signal controllers have been received and are being installed. Work is being done early Saturday mornings.
 - Currently have 80 CCTVs to be installed. They will be installed after all of the signal controllers have been upgraded.
 - The TMC should be completed in approximately 500 days.
- Donna let everyone know that due to budget cuts to the Road Ranger program, the Jacksonville Road Ranger program has reduced the number of routes and the number of hours. There are currently 2 Road Rangers working 10hour days, 5 days a week. The budget cut was passed by the Legislature last Spring and will be revisited again in the next Session. Road Ranger contractors are allowed to get sponsors to pay for the program, but at the current time there are no sponsorships in place.
- Donna then let everyone know that there are currently some issues with the 511 System because of testing. These issues will hopefully be resolved quickly.

Next Donna gave the general announcements:

- FHP is conducting the inspections on the Duval and St. Johns County RISC companies. Once inspections are complete the companies will be given their contracts and will be able to begin responding to RISC incidents.
- The inspections for Alachua County have been put on hold for now.
- A Hazmat Training Grant was received by Captain Estep in Jacksonville – They are working on getting training set up in the Jacksonville area and it may be able to extend to the Alachua area.
- Responder Safety Training - Major Carrick has worked with a team to develop Responder Safety Training modules. The Training manuals will be ready soon and today there is a session being held for members of a Task Team to go through the training and critique the modules and provide comments.
- Donna will update Chip's e-mail due to his change of companies.

Donna thanked everyone for their participation in the TIM Team and adjourned the meeting.

**ALACHUA
TRAFFIC INCIDENT MANAGEMENT TEAM
AGENDA**

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WELCOME	Team Members
INTRODUCTION/GREETINGS	Team Members
PURPOSE	
MINUTES –DECEMBER 2008 - APPROVAL	Team Members
CONSTRUCTION PROJECT UPDATE	Gina Busscher/ Chip Skinner
INCIDENT DEBRIEF - (List attached)	Bruce Strickland/ Team Members
EOC UPDATE	Donna for Ed Ward
CITY OF GAINESVILLE TMC	Chris Dolan
ROAD RANGER UPDATE	Donna Danson
511 UPDATE	Craig Carnes
CONCERNS	Team Members
Team Boundary	
ANNOUNCEMENTS	
RISC Information	
Hazmat Training Grant (Capt. Estep)	
Responder Safety Training Update (Major Carrick)	

MEETING ADJOURNED

**REMINDER: NEXT ALACHUA TIM MEETING:
APRIL 8TH, 2009**

DATE	UNIT	INCIDENT	LOCATION	LENGTH OF CLOSURE	DEATHS	90 Min. Goal Met
12/4/2008	GAINESVILLE	FIRE	U.S. 27/41 IN HIGH SPRINGS. ROAD CLOSED DUE TO STRUCTURE FIRE. RIGHT OF WAY IS OPEN FOR VEHICLES TO PASS	2 HOURS	N/A	N/A
12/11/2008	GAINESVILLE	ACCIDENT	I-75 S.B. @ MM 393. TREE DOWN ON ROADWAY CAUSED A CRASH. OUTSIDE & MIDDLE LANES CLOSED.	50 HOURS	0	Yes
1/9/2009	CHIEFLAND	ACCIDENT	U.S. 19 @ N.W. 238TH ST. CROSS CITY. SEMI AND PICK UP CRASH AT ENTRANCE TO CROSS CITY CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTE	4 HOURS	1	No
1/12/2009	BRIDGE	ACCIDENT	I-10 W.B. OVER S.R. 53 IN MADISON COUNTY. OVERHEIGHT VEHICLE HAS STRUCK TWO BEAMS. MINOR DAMAGE. NO LANES CLOSED	N/A	0	N/A
1/14/2009	BRIDGE	ACCIDENT	SUWANNEE VALLEY ROAD OVER I-75 S.B. OVERHEIGHT DUMP TRUCK HIT THE BRIDGE. PERIODIC LANE CLOSURES FOR REPAIR	UNK	0	N/A
1/19/2009	LAKE CITY	ACCIDENT	I-75 S.B. @ MM 415. MULTI VEHICLE CRASH INCLUDING A SEMI TRUCK. DOT NOT REQUESTED TO RESPOND.	5.75 HOURS	0	No
1/24/2009	FHP	ACCIDENT	S.R. 121 IN UNION COUNTY. SINGLE VEHICLE CRASH. DRIVER LOST CONTROL & OVERCORRECTED.	UNK	1	Unk
1/29/2009	LAKE CITY	ACCIDENT	I-10 E.B. @ MM 331. SINGLE VEHICLE ACCIDENT. VEHICLE PULLING TRAILER OVERTURNED IN CLEAR ZONE.	UNK	0	Unk
2/2/2009	LAKE CITY	ACCIDENT	S.R. 121 2 MI S OF I-10 @ BOBBY SAPP RD. BOTH LANES CLOSED DUE TO A 2-VEHICLE CRASH.	4.50 HOURS	2	No
2/2/2009	LAKE CITY	ACCIDENT	U.S. 129 S.B. S OF C.R. 252. 2-VEHICLE TRAFFIC CRASH.	UNK	2	Unk
2/3/2009	GAINESVILLE	MAINTENANCE	S MAIN STREET BETWEEN THE 200 & 400 BLOCKS IN HIGH SPRINGS. WATER MAIN BROKEN FLOODING R/W. 1 LANE TRAFFIC FLAGGED	UNK	N/A	N/A
2/9/2009	CHIEFLAND	FIRE	U.S. 19 SOUTH OF CHIEFLAND TO OTTER CREEK IS CLOSED DUE TO HEAVY SMOKE FROM A PRESCRIBED BURN BY FORESTRY.	5 HOURS	0	N/A