

Alachua/Bradford TIM Team Meeting
Wednesday June 12, 2013

Meeting Minutes



- Craig Carnes opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and stated the purpose of the meeting is to work together as a team and learn from each other.
- Craig stated due to the growing support and attendance of TIM members the future TIM Meetings will be held in the auditorium.
- Craig then asked everyone to introduce themselves. The sign in sheet is attached to these Meeting Minutes.
- Following introductions, Craig stated Donna Danson had not received any corrections for the last set of Meeting Minutes, so as of now they are approved.
- Craig stated Ed Ward could not attend the meeting due to a conflict. He relayed a message through Craig that there was nothing new to report and that the EOC is currently preparing for hurricane season.
 - Pete Vega mentioned that a One Way Plan has been put into place for I-75 in the event of a catastrophic emergency. The plan would only be activated due to circumstances in District 7 or District 1.
- Pete Vega gave the ITS/511 Update.
 - Although the TMC staff is very diligent in updating the information, there have been ongoing issues with 511 not updating during rush hour. Pete still encouraged the Team to use 511, as the TMC now has access to the CCTVs along I-75 along with the arterial roads. There will be a new vendor for the 511 contract as well as software updates which should show improvements.
 - The I-75 project from the Marion County line to SR 121 is still on schedule and should be advertised by August or September. The quality of the contractor will determine the

timeframe of a start date. A good contractor could start as early as October/November of this year, a poor contractor could push the project start date back to after the holidays. The contractor will be given a year to complete this project.

- Pete anticipates receiving 2 million dollars in FDOT Safety Funds in July 2014 to start construction of an ITS Project north of the I-75 project all the way up to SR 222. This advertisement would be separate from the current ITS Deployment advertisement.
 - We are working with Central Office to possibly receive funding to take the I-75 deployment from Micanopy all the way up to the Georgia state line.
 - There is an Active Arterial Management (AAM) Program being proposed to the FDOT executive committee. The executive committee will be voting in July on the amount of money that will be given to add to Gainesville's arterial coverage.
 - Central Office has given access to a new software being tested that would give some agencies in the area live streaming video on their desktops.
 - Pete has the proposed Alachua ITS Deployment set up on his laptop for the Team to view at the conclusion of the meeting.
 - Craig mentioned that for any new Team members who are not familiar with 511/ITS portion to please ask questions after the meeting to be brought up to speed.
- Laurie Windham provided the Construction Project Update.
 - The construction of the Archer Trail is complete. The Alachua Chamber of Commerce is hosting a ribbon cutting this Saturday morning for anyone who would like to attend. It is a 6 mile trail that runs from the Archer Water Tower all the way to 91st Street.
 - A Design Build for the free parking on the interchange at 441 to I-75 should go into bidding this month.
 - Paving of SR 230 from St. Clair Street to the County Line Project should start today. This project also includes bridge railing repair.
 - Craig led Agency Reviews.
 - FHP – No issues for discussion.
 - GPD – No issues for discussion.
 - Alachua Sheriff's Office – Not present.
 - FDOT Maintenance – Allen Martin stated there have been call issues with the TMC/FHP (JRCC and field personnel) chain of communication.
 - Bruce Strickland stated as part of the Asset Maintenance (AM) contract coming online in 2 weeks that he would be trying to finalize points of contact to help with chain of communication and eliminate redundant contacts.
 - Ryan Crist stated the TMC usually waits for an official request before contacting maintenance. He asked Steve Scanlon to provide dates and locations of the mentioned issues so that he can coordinate with JRCC to find the communication breakdown via CAD.
 - DBI was awarded the AM contract. They will cover from the Marion County Line to the Georgia State Line on I-75, and from the Nassau County Line to Madison County on I-10. Transfield will continue to cover the areas under their current contract.
 - Steve Scanlon will send out DBI's contact information to the Team members when it is provided to him.
 - Clint Daugherty asked if it were possible for private companies to get AM Contractor coverage/information throughout the state. Steve replied that it is possible but is not sure where to get the information. Bruce mentioned that the information could possibly be retrieved by going through the local contract office.
 - Medical Examiner – Cathy Wheldon stated they have been having some of the same previously mentioned issues with the chain of communication with calls and reiterated the importance timely notification for calls. She mentioned an incident in which FHP

took an hour and a half to notify them of an accident. Within that same accident, a tow truck driver drove through the scene of a fatality, scattering additional debris and making it dangerous for the other responders. Cathy wants to thank the Fire Department for doing a great job washing off the scene and the tow truck.

- Craig mentioned that the future training that will be discussed later in the meeting should help resolve some of these issues.
 - Fire Department – No issues for discussion.
 - Emergency Management – Not present.
 - Wrecker Association – No issues for discussion.
 - Division of Forestry - Jamie Rittenhouse stated since the last Team meeting, there have only been 3 wildfires at a total of 7 acres, 374 burn authorizations for 906 acres, and 594 burn piles in Alachua County. In Bradford County there has been one acre at a tenth of an acre burnt, 60 burn authorizations at 143 acres, and 109 burn piles since the last Team meeting. He thanked FDOT for their assistance with the prescribed burn signs.
 - FDEP-BER / Alachua Environmental – No issues for discussion.
- Craig led the Incident Debrief.
 - May 29th - the location needs to be corrected for SW 16th Ave. and Archer. FDOT were quick to respond and 2 signals were retimed by the City of Gainesville Signals Section for the closure. The detour was not driver friendly but it was the best available detour solution. Pete mentioned that future funding for ADMS could assist in more efficient detours and incident information dissemination.
 - May 15th – There was only one fatality, not two.
 - Craig discussed the upcoming Incident Training.
 - 5 event scenarios have been submitted and will be used as Tabletop Exercises to spark discussion and variables that can be deliberated throughout the exercise.
 - The training will be 4-5 hours long and will get through as many scenarios as possible.
 - The training will include videos, speakers, and a Table Top Exercise.
 - Bruce Strickland asked if wind direction should be included in the scenarios and Craig said that it could be added.
 - The group voted to have the training on July 24, 2013.
 - This date will allow for DBI to get settled in and be included.
 - Announcements: Next Alachua/Bradford Traffic Incident Management Team meeting will be August 14, 2013 at the FDOT Gainesville Operations Office – 5301 N.E. 39th Ave., Gainesville, Florida.
 - There is a quarterly TIM Team Newsletter – please provide input and articles to Laurie Windham. Team members are encouraged to submit anything they would like to share.
 - A FHWA Train the Trainer Traffic Incident Responder Course is being held in Jacksonville on June 17th & 18th please let Craig know if you want to attend and have not already registered.
 - Pete thanked the Team members for their collaboration and teamwork.
 - Pete mentioned MAP 21 was passed recently and within it are the opportunities for FHWA and US DOT funding. He asked the Team to consider any needs they feel could be met that could be presented to MAP 21 for possible funding.
 - Pete introduced Sam Middleton, the Western D2 ITS Liaison.
 - Steve thanked Matt Weisman and Public Works for how they handled several issues on arterials.
 - The TIM Team portion of the meeting is adjourned and the RISC debrief will follow.