

First Coast TIM Meeting Tuesday July 16, 2013

Meeting Minutes



The list of meeting attendees and the Meeting Agenda are attached to these meeting minutes.

- Donna Danson welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- Attendees introduced themselves to the group.
- Donna stated the purpose of this meeting is to debrief recent incidents to work together to find out how to assist each other and make things better.
- There were no comments on the May 21, 2013 First Coast TIM Team Meeting Minutes so they are approved as read.
- An update on the Overland Bridge Project was given by Bill Kays of KCCS.
 - They are currently working downtown in the Kings Ave./Hendrix Ave. area doing utilities at night.
 - There is demolition being done on I-95 northbound over the FEC Railroad Bridge.
 - On the southbound exit ramps on/near Atlantic Blvd. a sheet pile wall is being added to start foundation work. Once the southbound side is completed work will begin on the northbound side.
- Mike Goldman could not attend, so Donna gave the Construction Project update.
 - Mike Goldman was not able to be present, but he had relayed there is nothing new going on. If anyone has questions or concerns they can contact him.
 - Don Mozick asked about the construction signs he has seen on Blanding Blvd. towards Middleburg. Pete explained south of Old Jennings Rd. to CR 218 will be widened, the signal system will be updated, and cameras will be added. This is to help prepare for the SR 23 Toll Road Project which will be advertised soon.

- Ed Ward could not attend, so Donna provided the EOC update.
 - Though Ed was not able to attend due to doing several training activities in regard to hurricane preparation, he relayed he had nothing to report. If anyone has questions or concerns they can contact him.
- Pete Vega provided the ITS Update.
 - Final acceptance has been given to the contractor for Phase 8, northwest I-295. The TMC has been using all of the devices installed on this project. Only one License Plate Reader (LPR) is not working.
 - Phase 7, on the northeast quadrant of I-295, will be operational in a couple of months.
 - Due to a protest, the Phase 9 project is being re-advertised late this year. The plans are being updated to the latest specifications for this project, on the southeast quadrant of I-295, to be ready for May Let.
 - The Arterial DMS (ADMS) Project should be operational in the next 30 days. This project consists of small ADMS signs on the arterial roads in the area south of the Overland Bridge which will be used for diversions to guide motorists off and on the interstate.
 - The Port Project will begin in late August. This project will run fiber optic cable to connect JaxPort facilities to the FDOT fiber optic cable allowing coordination between JaxPort and FDOT. This will help track freight movement in the area and how it affects traffic by using BlueTOAD devices connected to major hubs.
 - The I-10 Interchange Project to install new CCTVs and MVDS is on target. Devices will start going up in about 3 months and hopefully be operational by next spring.
 - The Airport Road Project is complete. Fiber optic cable was installed from I-95 along Airport Road. This installation allows for FDOT and Jacksonville International Airport to have access to each other's' information and videos.
 - A new project is underway which will extend the deployment of ITS and upgraded cabinets on US 17 at Creighton to south of CR 220. This project should be Let in September and should start construction sometime in November/December.
 - The City has obtained more money for CCTVs on major arterials.
 - A request was made to Central Office to fund ITS from Jacksonville to Tallahassee, and from Gainesville to Georgia. A response to the request should be given by the end of the week.
 - Construction of the Regional Transportation Management Center Project should start soon. (Pete provided a presentation of the building design and details.)
 - Pete provided a presentation of past and future ITS deployment projects.
 - Funding was received for installation of fiber optic cable on I-95 from CR 210 to US-1. Construction should start in about 3 months.

- Funding was also received for ITS deployment on I-10 past SR 23.
- A candidate project is on the table for possible full ITS deployment in Nassau County on I-95 from Pecan Park Road to the Georgia State Line.
- A proposal has been approved for Road Ranger Safe Tow on the arterials.
- Greg Gaylord provided the Road Ranger Update.
 - There have been no incidents regarding Road Rangers since the last meeting.
 - The Road Ranger contract was renewed for 3 years and the sponsors renewed their contracts as well.
 - One vehicle is currently in the process of being converted from gasoline to natural gas.
- Donna Danson asked for Agency Reviews.
 - JFRD – Mark Rowley stated there have been instances involving motor vehicle incidents where no traffic is blocked or no injuries, so FHP, JSO, or Road Rangers are not called to respond. The current policy does not allow JFRD to assist so this leaves the motorists stranded. Pete suggested calling *FHP and ask for a TMC operator to inform them of the situation.
 - Maintenance – Bob Kosoy stated there was an incident on JTB eastbound to Kernan involving a fatality and maintenance was not notified. DBI just happened to come across the ramp closure while doing road routes. The fatality occurred at 2 a.m., DBI found it at 8 a.m., and it was cleared at 8:30 a.m. Donna stressed the importance about notifying the appropriate agencies. Bill Kays mentioned the Overland Bridge Project is also not getting information on all accidents in the area.
- Incident Debrief.
 - Gracie Kennedy, FDEP, asked that there be more clarification of north or south when notifying about the I-95/I-295 interchanges. This clarification can expedite response for all responding agencies and result in faster roadway clearance times.
 - Donna announced larger Hazmat cards are available to any agency who would like to distribute to their dispatchers.
 - Don Mozick mentioned they are still not being notified of some incidents.
 - Donna stressed the importance of communication among agencies.
 - Donna also stated the importance of wearing safety vests and encouraged agencies and responders to protect themselves by wearing them.
- Diana Rivas presented the performance measures for the last few months and reviewed some recent major events.

- Jill Dawson presented the FHWA Traffic Incident Management 2013 Team Assessment.
 - Donna introduced Patrick Odom who is the state representative for Incident Management.
- Announcements were made by Donna Danson and other TIM members throughout the TIM meeting.
 - The next First Coast TIM meeting will be held September 17, 2013.
 - Recap of the Train the Trainer FHWA SHRP 2 held on June 17th & 18th. The meeting went well and was well received. The personnel who were trained will be giving the training to their own and other agencies in the coming months.
 - Statewide Road Ranger Responder Survey - We did well on the survey results, but would like to see more participation on the next ones.
- Meeting Adjourned