

First Coast TIM Meeting Tuesday, November 19, 2013

Meeting Minutes



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

- Craig Carnes welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- Attendees introduced themselves to the group.
- Craig stated the purpose of this meeting is to communicate so we can coordinate better while in the field and dispatching, and also to debrief recent incidents to see where we can improve.
- There were no comments on the September 17, 2013 First Coast TIM Team Meeting Minutes so they stand as approved.
- An update on the Overland Bridge Project was given by Bill Kays of KCCS.
 - The contractor is currently in Phase 1 on the northbound side and trying to finish work on the northbound collector-distributor road.
 - On the southbound side, the contractor is into Phase 2, which includes work on widening of the San Marco exit and causing a traffic shift.
 - Lane closures are expected nightly.
 - Mike Goldman added there is an upcoming traffic shift that will prevent traffic from exiting onto Hendricks from the Acosta Bridge. Bill Kays stated this traffic shift was not likely to occur before the next TIM meeting which is January 21. Details of this traffic shift are planned to be discussed at the next First Coast TIM meeting.
 - Keith Gaston complimented Archer-Western for their work on the overland bridge. He recently received information indicating an increase in traffic in Florida

- and expressed appreciation for the contractor doing what they could to prevent issues for traffic.
- No lane closures are planned for the holidays.
 - Mike Goldman gave the Construction Project update.
 - While the Matthews Bridge was closed for repairs, the contractor was able to work on painting the bridge and is now ahead of schedule. No directional or weekend road closures are expected after January 1.
 - On the I-295/Collins Rd project, the contractor is gradually opening the service roads. The ramps are expected to be open in December. Keith Gaston expressed concern over the confusion that results in identifying ramps when locating an incident in this area. The group discussed possible solutions based on ideas implemented in other districts such as color-coding or numbering the ramps. Gaston also expressed concern about the speed limit since it appears to be lower than necessary. He suggested raising the speed limit to 65 mph in that area.
 - Ed Ward provided the EOC update.
 - Ed stated there are no current tropical storms threatening Florida and everything has been pretty quiet.
 - He added that hurricane season officially ends November 30, but reminded us that storms could come at any time as they have in the past.
 - Pete Vega provided the ITS Update.
 - The I-10/I-95 interchange project is nearly complete.
 - Phase 9 is at 90% design going to 100%. It is expected to be let in May and will take approximately 400 days to complete construction.
 - The interconnection to JaxPort is also nearing completion.
 - The US 17 project from Creighton Rd to CR 220 will be starting soon.
 - Construction of the Regional Transportation Management Center (RTMC) is expected to begin in February or March. The project is currently under budget. Construction will take approximately 10 months, so it will likely be complete in late 2014 or early 2015.
 - The group discussed that call boxes on the interstate are beginning to be removed, but the slabs are staying in place for potential future use and new mile markers are being deployed.

- Greg Gaylord provided the Road Ranger update.
 - There was an incident the Friday before the meeting where a Road Ranger was collecting the cones from the road in the manner recommended at the monthly safety meeting when he saw a car headed toward him and quickly jumped over the guardrail just before the vehicle crashed into the back of the Road Ranger truck. This incident proved the value of the safety meetings and similar training provided to TIM team members.
- Craig Carnes asked for Agency Reviews.
 - A Transfield representative raised concern about crash reporting. He emphasized the importance of indicating when there is property damage so they can repair it and bill the appropriate party. Regarding incidents where there is asset damage, but maintenance is not needed on scene during the incident, he asked that maintenance please be informed so they can repair the damage.
 - If FDOT maintenance is needed, call the TMC and the appropriate party will be notified.
 - Patrick Odom will send stickers used to flag abandoned vehicles to Donna to be given to any agencies that need them.
- Incident Debrief
 - Terry Carr spoke about the incident on Cassat Ave that DBi responded to. He expressed that DBi helped tremendously, but added that it would have been better if they had been on scene earlier.
 - Members discussed the incident on I-95 SB at Beach Blvd. One member who was on scene stated that there were other wreckers on scene, but Universal Towing never responded to the incident. Keith Gaston affirmed there was confusion, but stated they think they have resolved the issue.
 - Satya Kolluru stated he has noticed an increase in fatalities on the incident list at TIM meetings and wondered if anything was being implemented to reduce fatalities. Craig Carnes responded that the SHRP 2 training as well as construction of the RTMC will help to reduce fatalities. Greg Gaylord added that they had recently been to an extrication seminar, which is another aid to reduce fatalities. Ed Ward noticed that many of the fatalities on the list were related to motorcyclists and pedestrians.
- Craig Carnes outlined details of the FHWA TIM Team Fast Facts assessment.
 - The handout is attached to these meeting minutes.

- Craig explained the most room for improvement was in Data Collection/Integration/Sharing and added that construction of the RTMC will improve that area of our TIM team.
- Diana Rivas presented the performance measures for the last few months and reviewed some recent major events.
- Craig Carnes talked about the SHRP 2 training course
 - It is a 4-hour course including training regarding safety and best practices. Grady Carrick is working with FHP and local agencies to try to implement this FHWA training. Craig stated if anyone was interested in receiving training to please contact him.
 - Craig showed a screen shot of an incident as seen from the CCTV cameras. He pointed out the fire department was the only agency on scene based on what could be seen from the CCTV and stated that in the SHRP 2 training it was recommend that if the fire department is the first responder, it would be safest to park the truck downstream to block the incident. In the photo, the fire truck was not blocking the incident.
- Jill Dawson gave a presentation on Comm100, the new email software the TIM team plans to use to manage TIM members' contact information and send email. Captain Gaston said it won't work for FHP so those issues will have to be resolved.
- Jill explained we will be adding a tab to the TIM website that explains more about SHRP 2 training.
- Announcements
 - Ryan Crist stated that in November some visitors came from Savannah, Georgia as part of a TMC feasibility study and spent a couple hours gathering information about our TMC and related information.
 - Ryan announced there will be a Media Day starting at 5:00 AM on December 20th with attendees from FDOT, FHP, JSO Road Rangers and Simon Malls to remind travelers to be safe during holiday travel.
 - Craig announced the next First Coast TIM Team Meeting will be held January 21th
- Craig reminded everyone to contact him if they are interested in the SHRP 2 training.
- Meeting Adjourned