

# Alachua/Bradford TIM Team Meeting Wednesday April 9, 2014

## 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 then asked everyone to introduce themselves. The sign-in sheet is attached to these Meeting Minutes.
- Following introductions, Craig stated he had not received any corrections for the last set of Meeting Minutes, so as of now they are approved.
- Ed Ward provided the EOC Update
  - Not much going on other than a lot of rain.
  - The Regional Domestic Security Task Force state working group meeting will be held next week in Jacksonville.
  - Ed stated he will be conducting FHWA Training at the end of April/ first of May. If anyone would like to attend they are asked to speak with Ed after the meeting.
  - The Governor's Hurricane Conference will be held May 11-16 in Orlando and the Statewide Hurricane Exercise will be held the week after.
  - Hurricane Projections are due in the next month or so and will probably be announced at the Hurricane Conference.
- Pete Vega was unable to attend so Craig Carnes gave the ITS Update.
  - The Paynes Prairie Project, from south of Micanopy to north of SR 121, has begun construction on I-75 and the contractor is currently installing conduit.
  - Sam Middleton will be the ITS representative for the western side of the District.
  - The I-75 Project in Alachua County north to the Georgia State line was put out for design and the firm should be selected next week. The first portion of the design will be for the conduit infrastructure and fiber optic cable. This design will be completed in early 2015 and construction will begin late summer or early fall of 2015. The final phase of the design will be for the ITS devices and power services. This design will be completed in early 2016 and construction will begin late summer or early fall of 2016.

- The SR 26 Adaptive Signal Project is underway. The funding has been authorized, equipment has been purchased, and installation of equipment should start in the next 3 months.
  - The SunGuide connection between Gainesville and Jacksonville was successfully installed last week. The two TMCs are now able to use the same software to view Interstate CCTVs and communicate between the TMCs.
  - Donna Danson is back part-time and should be back full-time in a few weeks.
- Ryan Crist gave the 511 Update
    - The 511 System is still having issues; including a busy signal for about 10 minutes recurring every morning around 7:30 a.m. LogicTree and Central Office are working to solve this issue.
    - The SunGuide connectivity, previously mentioned by Craig, between Gainesville and Jacksonville will assist in sharing information to expedite response time and improve accuracy for 511 in this area.
    - FL511.com did a website upgrade which includes a feedback button so TIM members are asked to please provide feedback.
- Monica Reifeiss introduced Rebecca White as the new PIO replacing Laurie Windham. Monica then provided the Construction Project Update.
    - The water levels are too high in the area of the US 27 at Santa Fe River bridge painting and repairs Project to do any work. Everything on top of the bridge has been done and the project is about 50% complete.
    - Backfilling is being done where the park and ride lot will be on the I-75 / US 441 Interchange Project. A mechanically stabilized earth wall is also being built.
    - Concrete slabs are being removed and replaced on the Pavement Repair Project at SR 24 and US 301 in Waldo. SR 24 Westbound will be closed completely for up to 12 hours tomorrow, Friday, and next Tuesday to complete the center slabs.
      - The Team members requested an email be sent updating lane closure days and times.
      - The detour is a long one using US 301.
    - The I-75 and US 441 ITS Project is a 400-day project, but currently sitting at 410 days due to weather.
      - Conduit is being laid north of Micanopy.
      - Drilled shafts for the cantilever poles should begin the week of April 21.
    - The Archer Sidewalk Project is all but signed off and final accepted.
    - A project on US 441 from 6<sup>th</sup> Street in Gainesville to the railroad overpass in Alachua began on March 18. Monica provided the Team members with flyers describing the project. Milling started this week and should be completed between late 2014 and early 2015.
    - The 4 upcoming Projects in Bradford County are:
      - A sidewalk installation along US 301 from Walmart to the existing sidewalk.
      - A sidewalk installation along SR 100 to the existing sidewalk at Pine Forest Apartments.
      - Resurfacing at Alligator Creek to Carter Road along US 301.
      - A multi-use/bike trail will be added along SR 100 beginning at SE 57<sup>th</sup> Street where the current trail ends.
    - Upcoming railroad projects with full closures are:
      - US 41 in High Springs will be closed from Monday through Friday of next week.
      - SR 121 at US 441, near the FHP station, will be closed May 17-20.
        - Flyers were presented to the Team members.
        - Detours are tentative.

- US 301 in Hawthorne will be closed from June 7-14.
    - 2 detours are being used, a local detour and a truck detour.
  - The traffic signal on SR 24 at the I-75 Ramp is being replaced. Construction should start in the next 6 weeks and continue for up to 3 months.
- Grant Bosier with Alachua County Fire Rescue provided a Safety Issues Update.
  - Grant mentioned the crash on I-75 at Newberry resulting in multiple fatalities back in December.
    - He called in as a citizen to suggest the need for a guardrail at this location.
    - The issue being vehicles going across the median causing a head on collision.
    - FDOT responded well to the complaint, with Central Office contacting Grant as well as an Engineering Firm.
    - This is still being investigated as of today.
    - Craig mentioned that FDOT is looking at placing a guardrail at this location.
- Craig led the Agency Reviews.
  - FHP
    - Captain Fincher stated the 'Staying Alive on I-75' campaign is the first of 4 phases of safety campaigns to be activated.
  - GPD – Nothing to discuss.
  - FDOT Maintenance – Nothing to discuss.
  - DBI / Asset Management – Nothing to discuss.
  - Medical Examiner
    - There have been 15 fatalities since the last meeting to be discussed during event recap.
  - Alachua County Fire Department
    - The Fire Department is waiting on permits for 2 controlled burns for buildings.
    - The old Health Department building on Johnson Street in Hawthorne is scheduled for a controlled burn in May.
  - Emergency Management – Nothing to discuss.
  - Wrecker Association
    - The annual Wreckers Association Truck Show is this weekend in Orlando, if anyone would like to attend.
  - Division of Forestry
    - Jamie Rittenhouse gave a report for Alachua and Bradford Counties. Since the last meeting there have been 6 wildfires in Alachua County which burned 56.2 acres, 762 authorized burn piles, and 478 authorized fires for a total of 5,901 acres. There have been 5 wildfires in Bradford County which burned 25.8 acres, 66 authorized burn piles, and 62 authorized fires for a total of 493 acres.
    - Jamie thanked FHP, FDOT, and the Team members for their help on the SR 26 response due to improper control burn issues.
  - FDEP-BER / Alachua Environmental
    - Chris Gilbert noted that the clean-up at a crash noted on the incident list was delayed due to a diesel leak.
- Craig led the Incident Debrief.
  - The incident list is attached to these Meeting Minutes.
  - Chris Gilbert stated his office was notified late of the crash on I-75 southbound at MM 384. The incident occurred at 1:45 a.m. whereas the DEP was notified at 7 a.m. He asked the Team to please remember if you smell or see a chemical leaking to contact communications and advise that DEP be sent out. Catherine Weldon with the Medical Examiner's Office mentioned they were notified of this crash late as well.

- Catherine Weldon stated the Medical Examiner's Office responded to the crash on SR 121 at CR 346. She mentioned they were delayed due to confusion over the road block as well as family members of one of the fatalities being so upset they had to be contained. ASO thought they didn't need help from Maintenance, but after over 30 minutes Maintenance took over MOT which secured the scene.
  - It was stated that the length of closure was so long on the SR 26 at NW 110<sup>th</sup> Street incident because there were issues turning over the overturned semi-truck. There was minimal diesel released so the Fire Department added quick dry to it, which was effective in cleaning up the spill.
  - Bruce Strickland mentioned that on SR 24 at Waldo Road there are issues with a directional bore which need to be repaired and are resulting in lane closures near Butler Plaza. The detour around Main Street has caused a lot of problems with motorists charging through Class 3 barricades, message boards, etc. Some semi-trucks have even gone through the turnarounds against traffic.
  - Brian Johns mentioned several incidents where SR 100 had to be closed. One closure was caused due to cattle in the roadway being struck and killed by motorists. Steve Scanlan stated the notification to the State Warning Point is sufficient if the closure is only for a short time. Long time closures require the Maintenance Office being notified.
- Craig Carnes provided an update on the SHRP II Incident Management Training Course.
    - If anyone is interested in the SHRP II Incident Management Training Course please see Craig. He stated he will work with any agencies' schedules, including nights and weekends to make the training course available.
- Announcements:
    - Next Alachua/Bradford Traffic Incident Management Team meeting will be June 11, 2014 at the FDOT Gainesville Operations Office – 5301 N.E. 39<sup>th</sup> Ave., Gainesville, Florida.
    - Craig mentioned to Rebecca that the Newsletter is overdue and for her to please check on the status with Gina Busscher.
- Craig thanked everyone for their attendance and participation.
  - Meeting adjourned.