

Alachua/Bradford TIM Team Meeting Wednesday October 8, 2014

Meeting Minutes



- Josh Reichert opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and asking them to introduce themselves.
- Following introductions, Donna stated the purpose of the meeting is to work together as a team and learn from each other.
- Donna stated corrections had been made for the last set of Meeting Minutes so they are approved and were sent out to the team.
- Ed Ward was unable to attend due to a conflicting meeting, but had told Donna that he had nothing to discuss.
- Craig Carnes gave the ITS/511 Update.
 - I-75 Project
 - Metric Engineering has submitted 60% plans for the Fiber Optic Conduit and Fiber Optic Cable run on the I-75 project from SR 24 to the Georgia Line. The design portion should be completed before April 2015, at which time the construction project will be Let. The first phase includes the entire conduit infrastructure, and the second phase includes adding the devices, power services, etc. By summer 2017 ITS devices can be expected to be on I-75 from CR 234 to the Georgia State line.
 - Penny Kamish described FDOT's agreement with the traffic information smartphone application WAZE.
- Rebecca White gave the Construction Project Update.
 - Alachua County:
 - I-75 ITS – Current work includes delivering Dynamic Message Signs (DMS) structures and directional boring and trenching on US 441.

- I-75 Interchange at US 441 – Current work includes grading on the west side of U.S. 441 preparing for retention ponds, drainage and signal operations on U.S. 441 at the overpass and installing retaining walls along I-75.
- US 441 Resurfacing from Sixth Street to County Road 340A - Current work includes nighttime resurfacing and widening right turn lanes between Northwest Sixth and 43rd streets and daytime shoulder work and widening right turn lanes between Northwest 43rd Street and the railroad overpass in Alachua.
- Northwest 34th Street (SR 121) – Sidewalk construction is complete.
- US 301 - The sidewalk project on both sides of U.S. 301 in Waldo is currently under construction and is expected to be completed in the fall.
- Upcoming project on US 301 - Resurfacing from Southeast 41st Lane to two miles south in Hawthorne. Work will include resurfacing between the north and south city limits and sidewalk construction. The project is expected to begin in early November with completion in spring 2015.
- Bradford County:
 - SR 100 - The current phase of the Palatka to Lake Butler State Trail in Keystone Heights is under construction.
 - SR 200 - The sidewalk in Starke at the Wal-Mart is completed.
 - SR 200 – Resurfacing from Alligator Creek to Carter Road in Lawtey is completed.
 - US 301 - The intersection improvement project in Starke will be delayed because materials are not readily available. The intersection in front of the Tractor Supply Shopping Center will be moved to connect with the future Southeast 144th Street Bradford County is building. Both projects will be constructed simultaneously.
- Donna Danson led the Agency Reviews.
 - FHP
 - All of Troop B has had SHRP2 Training.
 - GPD – Nothing to discuss.
 - FDOT Maintenance/Asset Management
 - Steve Scanlan sent out an updated DBI & Jorgensen contact sheet.
 - There were no issues noted with the Luke Bryan concert.
 - Medical Examiner
 - Melissa Scott has been hired as a new investigator. Currently there are 3 full time investigators.
 - Alachua County Fire Department
 - Chief Stewart commended everyone within the agencies who assisted with the Luke Bryan concert.
 - Emergency Management – Brian Johns was unable to attend due to a conflicting meeting.
 - Wrecker Association – Not present.
 - Division of Forestry
 - Jamie Rittenhouse gave a report for Alachua and Bradford Counties. Since the last meeting there have been no wildfires in Alachua County. There have been 474 authorized burn piles, and 283 authorized fires for a total of 30 acres. There was one wildfire in Bradford County since the last meeting for a total of 17 acres, 54 authorized burn piles and 32 authorized fires.
 - FDEP-BER / Alachua Environmental
 - Gracie Kennedy with FDEP had questions regarding the new MOU. The new MOU requires DEP to do scene clean-up, but they have no personnel funding to do so. It is also in conflict with the existing Florida Statute.
 - COG- Nothing to discuss.

- Donna Danson led the Incident Debrief.
 - There was a discussion regarding upcoming Homecoming activities.
 - I-75 at MM 392 – This incident involved a semi-truck carrying flowers. Max Elliott was called at 6:58 a.m. to change signals for a detour. Traffic congestion was heavy as a result.
 - 39th St. at NW 97th Blvd. – This incident blocked all lanes. ASO officers did not make a detour causing motorists to be forced to make U-turns in a very unsafe location.
 - Sam Middleton gave kudos to everyone involved in the response to the incident on September 17th.
 - There was a discussion regarding an incident on September 10th which was not on the report. FHP responded to the incident and the motorist was taken to the hospital and died on September 16th.
 - Several other incidents with fatalities were discussed in which the Medical Examiner's office was not notified and resulted in lengthy road closures.
 - SR 20 at CR 325 – Multiple agencies had communication issues.
 - There was a discussion regarding how FHP handles calls to the Medical Examiner's office.

- Action Item – Check next meeting to see if the Medical Examiner is being called on time.

- Donna Danson reviewed the 2014 FHWA TIM Team Assessment scores. Our grade went down from last year's score of 95.5 to this year's score of 90.5. This seems to be due to a change in the questions. Training was stressed more than in previous assessments.

- 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.
 - Action Item - Craig to contact Harvey for possible training class.

- Announcements:
 - Next Alachua/Bradford Traffic Incident Management Team meeting will be December 10, 2014 at the FDOT Gainesville Operations Office – 5301 N.E. 39th Ave., Gainesville, Florida.
 - I-75 median closures in 2016 –
 - Several medians on I-75 are scheduled for closure in 2016.
 - Donna will send out the map of scheduled cross-overs to be closed.
 - The next newsletter will come out at the beginning of 2015.
 - Donna mentioned there have been no hurricanes as of yet but everyone should stay prepared.

- Donna thanked everyone for their attendance and participation.

- Meeting adjourned.