

# First Coast TIM Meeting

## Tuesday, September 16, 2014

### Meeting Minutes



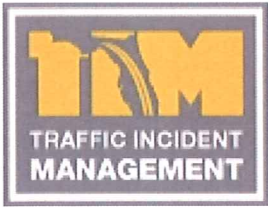
The list of meeting attendees and the Meeting Agenda are attached to these meeting minutes.

- Donna Danson opened the meeting by welcoming everyone.
- Donna stated the purpose of this meeting is to collaborate in order to improve incident management from the field and dispatching.
- Attendees introduced themselves to the group.
- The July 2014 First Coast TIM Team Meeting Minutes were sent to the team and stand as approved.
- Overland Bridge Project Update – Bill Kays with KCCS provided the update.
  - There will continue to be a traffic switch on northbound I-95 north of San Diego Bridge. Once the rumble strips are painted the traffic switch will be finished.
  - This Friday a traffic switch is planned on I-95 near the Acosta approach to Hendricks on I-95 SB
  - Next week a traffic switch is planned on northbound I-95 at the Prudential Dr/Main St exit
  - AT&T splice duct banks will be installed on Atlantic Blvd
    - Work at Kings/Atlantic is scheduled to begin Wednesday, September 24 and continue through the weekend
    - The next will go in at Atlantic/Old Hickory.
    - It is expected to take about 60 to 90 days to complete the splicing with intermittent lane closures; AT&T is working with the department to try to get a blanket road closure from October 1 to late December.
  - Traffic switches are expected for late December
- Ron Tittle gave the Construction Project update.
  - Ron mentioned the I-295 Express Lanes project is planned for the near future.

- The SR 9B project is planned to connect to I-95 and is under construction in that area. The project will eventually lead to CR2209 in St Johns County. It will eventually be called I-795.
- The construction project at Hammond and I-10 is going well with no apparent issues.
- They are working on being more efficient regarding dissemination of information about lane closures.
- Arlington River Bridge construction is also free of issues as far as he knew. Traffic has been switched to the temporary bridge.
- Work has begun on SR 200 (A1A). The project is from I-95 to Amelia Island area. It is a resurfacing project in addition to the US 17 resurfacing project. A related public meeting will be coming soon.
- Terry Carr had a question about the purpose of the express lanes. Ron explain they were primarily for through-traffic in order to free up the general purpose lanes.
- Greg Gaylord expressed concern about having barrier separation in regard to incident response. Josh added that he heard that likely a barrier wall separation would not be used, but rather a 4-foot gored area or delineators. Ron stated a public meeting is being planned for the near future.
- Ron emphasized that it is important for motorists to obey the speed limit since this would help with problems on the Buckman Bridge. Next week signage and markings are planned to be installed that will aid speed limit enforcement.
- Signs to go up, law enforcement, people need to obey traffic laws for safety reasons
- A representative from the Nassau County Sheriff's Office expressed concern about how few speed limit signs were posted in Yulee around the construction project.
- It was noted that the meeting agenda should be revised since Debbie Geisinger was the interim and Ron Tittle can be called on to be the contact for construction updates.
- An Emergency Operations Update was provided by Ed Ward
  - The St Mary's River is still in minor flood stage though nothing has been closed as a result.
  - A Homeland Security State Working Group meeting is going on this week in Tampa.
  - Ed will be attending tomorrow and voting to fund local projects related to critical infrastructure.
  - Ed will send training information to Donna about once a month for her to forward to the team.
  - There are currently no known hurricanes.
- Craig Carnes provided the ITS Update.
  - Phase 9 on I-295 East Beltway southeast quadrant began construction yesterday. Maintenance of Traffic signs will be going up and installation of device poles is expected in the next couple of weeks as well as conduit installation.
  - The ITS project on I-95 in St Johns County from US-1 to the Rest Area has started. Once that project is complete, work will begin on I-10 from I-295 to SR 23. Thereafter, they contractor will begin working on SR 23 ITS and tolls.
  - The I-75 and US 441 ITS project in Gainesville is underway with work being done around Paynes Prairie now installed conduit infrastructure and ITS devices.

- An ITS project on I-75 from SR-24 to the Georgia Line is in design until April 2015. With construction beginning in July 2015 and ITS device installation planned for July 2016.
- Greg Gaylord provided the Road Ranger update.
  - Donna mentioned the crash involving a Road Ranger truck that destroyed the truck, but may have saved a woman's life, while also bringing attention to the "move over" law.
  - Greg added details about the incident:
    - It occurred on I-95 southbound in the left emergency lane, which is very narrow. The Road Ranger stopped to help a motorist with their disabled vehicle and traffic was slowing down appropriately. A driver apparently saw the slowing traffic too late and swerved to the emergency lane to slow down in order not to hit cars ahead of him, but then hit the back of the Road Ranger truck directly. The Road Ranger fortunately noticed the vehicle coming toward him and jumped over the guardrail to safety. The vehicle flipped across the 3 travel lanes onto the right side of the roadway and actually did not hit any other vehicles.
  - Greg also updated the team on Mitchell Hayes, who had been struck on the Fuller Warren Bridge. His eye socket is healing and is planning to have knee surgery once it has healed on its own a little more.
  - 38 tow operators have been killed this year in the line of duty in the U.S.; 57 were killed last year.
  - John Salas of St Augustine Maintenance commented that it could be beneficial to have bumper stickers highlighting the "move over" law on responders' trucks. The team agreed this would be valuable.
- Donna Danson asked for Agency Reviews. There were no comments.
- Donna expressed appreciation for FHP efforts as well as other agencies for getting the word out about the "move over" law.
- The team reviewed the provided incident lists and did not have any comments.
- Craig Carnes presented the performance measures for the last few months and provided further details about a few crashes with long duration times.
- Donna Danson gave the announcements
  - Donna reported that she went to Tampa last week and met with other TIM leaders from around the State. She congratulated the First Coast TIM team for working together and said that this team shines among other teams in the State. She offered to the other teams there that they could call members of the First Coast TIM team for guidance. RISC and the current towing situation was discussed and will be studied on a State level.
  - Donna stated more information about RISC can be found on [MyFlorida.com](http://MyFlorida.com)
  - SHRP 2 training being emphasized at the State level. She stated that she and Craig can do training whenever anyone needs it.
  - The FHWA TIM Team assessment was returned and included in the meeting reminder. Donna thanked everyone for their hard work since we received a high score of 93.5% which was slightly higher than last year at 92.2%. Donna plans to meet with Craig to review areas where the First Coast TIM team can improve.

- Ron Tittle added that American Transportation Awards are being given and asked the team to vote. The Matthews Bridge emergency repair contract is currently second behind California for the Golden Gate Bridge project.
- The next TIM Team Meeting is scheduled for November 18, 2014.
- Meeting Adjourned



**FIRST COAST  
TRAFFIC INCIDENT MANAGEMENT TEAM  
AGENDA  
SEPTEMBER 16, 2014**

<b>WELCOME</b>	<b>Donna Danson</b>
<b>INTRODUCTION/GREETINGS</b>	<b>Team Members</b>
<b>INTRODUCTION</b>	
<b>PURPOSE</b>	<b>Donna Danson</b>
<b>MINUTES – JULY 2014 APPROVAL</b>	<b>Team Members</b>
<b>OVERLAND BRIDGE PROJECT</b>	<b>Bill Kays</b>
<b>CONSTRUCTION PROJECT UPDATE</b>	<b>Debbie Geisinger</b>
<b>EMERGENCY OPERATIONS UPDATE</b>	<b>Ed Ward</b>
<b>ITS UPDATE</b>	
• ITS PROJECTS - 511/TMC	<b>Josh Reichert/Craig Carnes</b>
<b>ROAD RANGER UPDATE</b>	<b>Greg Gaylord</b>
• ROAD RANGER VEHICLE CRASH – MOVE OVER LAW AWARENESS	
<b>AGENCY REPORTS</b>	<b>Team Members</b>
<b>TEAM APPRECIATION - FHP EFFORTS</b>	
<b>INCIDENT DEBRIEF - (Ed Ward's List attached)</b>	<b>Team Members</b>
<b>PERFORMANCE MEASURES</b>	<b>Craig Carnes</b>
<b>ANNOUNCEMENTS:</b>	<b>NEXT TEAM MEETING – NOVEMBER 18, 2014</b>
	<b>FHWA TIM TEAM ASSESSMENT</b>
<b>ACTION ITEMS</b>	<b>HURRICANE PREPARENESS</b>
	<b>SHRP INCIDENT RESPONDER TRAINING SIGN UP – SEE CRAIG</b>

**MEETING ADJOURNED**

**MISSION:** The Florida Department of Transportation District 2 Traffic Incident Management Teams through partnering efforts strive to continuously reduce incident scene clearance times to deter congestion and improve safety. The Teams' objective is to exceed the Open Roads Policy thus ensuring mobility, economic prosperity, and quality of life.

**VISION:** Through cooperation, communication and training the Teams intend to reduce incident scene clearance times by 10% each year through 2015.













