

Alachua/Bradford TIM Team Meeting

Wednesday, October 10, 2012

Meeting Minutes



- Donna Danson 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.
- Donna asked everyone to introduce themselves.
- Donna stated she had not received any corrections for the August 2012 meeting minutes, so they were approved. She had a copy with her if anyone wanted to review them.
- Paul, with Maintenance, requested time on the agenda
 - Paul provided Captain Fincher with orange stickers for damaged property to be passed out to the troopers. He asked if FHP could use the stickers and also provide more information and descriptions on their reports to help maintenance find the damaged property. Steve Scanlan stated Central Office reported D2 is doing a good job in documenting the damage and getting reimbursed from the insurance companies.
 - Steve added Asset Maintenance should go into effect on I-75 next July.
- Donna provided the EOC update for Ed Ward who was attending a meeting in Tallahassee
 - There are still a lot of people working with FEMA to get reimbursed from Tropical Storm Debby.
 - There has been progress to replace two bridges in Baker County at CR 229 and at CR 127.
 - There are currently no storms in the tropics that are a danger to the United States.
- Matt Weisman provided the City of Gainesville update
 - Matt provided an update on the status of the City of Gainesville fiber deployments along the arterial roadways throughout Gainesville. The fiber network is nearing completion.

- The final CCTV at Millhopper Road on I-75 should be complete this week which will make a total of 12 CCTVs on I-75.
- VPN access will be given to Gainesville Operations for viewing CCTVs.

□ Pete Vega provided the ITS update

- Central Office will be funding the ITS install on I-75 through Paynes Prarie and will most likely include US 441. The video feed will be very helpful during detours, incident management, as well as alerting motorists.
- There is a new program evolving called Transportation System Management and Operations (TSM&O) which incorporates arterial roads, interstates and transit. The goal is to try to form a new division of DOT with the umbrella of signals, ITS, transit, etc. to coordinate traffic management operations efforts. In the next few years roadways will not be graded A through F, but will be graded by the efficiency and effectiveness of the roadways.
- GM has started producing autonomous vehicles that will be sold in California. Google has tested these vehicles and logged over 300,000 miles throughout the country with no accidents. They are designed to avoid collisions by using GPS data and roadway information stored in the cars and roadside cabinets.
- Lambda Rail is a fiber optic network dedicated to government and universities throughout Florida so that they are all interconnected. Using Lambda Rail, a 1GB connection is currently being created between Gainesville and Jacksonville.
- The video wall controller in Jacksonville just got upgraded to a new control system called Activu. This will be beneficial to Gainesville since the collaboration and mobility features of the software will allow multiple agencies to work together on the D2 ITS Network.
- For anyone who is interested in attending, Transpo 2012 is taking place the last week in October. There will be a TIM session on the 2nd day.

□ Laurie Windham provided the Construction update

- SR 20 – Landscaping project has been completed.
- SR 20 near Interlachen – Currently being paved.
- SR 20 Alachua County between 223rd to the Putnam County Line – Should start paving in November/December.
- SR 26 between Newberry Road and the Gilchrest County Line – The safety project is almost finished.
- SR 24 Archer Road Trail – Construction should begin in November/December and will connect Archer Road to 93rd with sidewalks and bike trails.

□ Donna led Agency Reviews

- FHP
 - No items to address.
- ASO/GPD
 - An accident on game day blocked off a roadway and ASO did not notify FDOT. ASO will send information to Donna and Steve to resolve.
- Maintenance
 - Alan Martin, FDOT Maintenance, stated the wrecker companies are not cleaning the debris off the roadway after accidents. Rick Moore with University Towing mentioned this is usually caused by the towing agencies contracted by insurance companies to

lower their costs. It was concluded by the team when this happens a law enforcement agency should be contacted.

- Medical Examiner
 - Not present.
 - Fire Department
 - Not present.
 - Wrecker Association
 - No items to address.
 - Forestry
 - Jamie Rittenhouse, Forest Area Supervisor, mentioned the rain has helped keep the forest fires down but will also lead to a lot more prescribed burns. He asked if the reflective cloth signs used during operations are suitable for daytime and nighttime use. The team concluded they are fine to use as long as they are reflective.
 - DEP/Alachua Environmental Protection
 - Gracie Kennedy, Emergency Response Specialist, stated there are no longer sworn officers as a part of their agency.
 - The agency is now called FDEP Office of Emergency Response.
 - The District and Department changes are taking place and may cause re-districting of some counties.
- Donna led the Incident Debrief.
- Incident on 8/15 at US 301 - Bruce Strickland stated after the incident the roll off dumpsters were left alongside the road and spaced too close together and too close to the roadway, which caused the truck drivers to block northbound lanes to get them. University Towing was doing the work to help another company and is aware of the issue.
 - Incident on 8/14 at SR 20 Hawthorne Road – Chris Gilbert, ACEPD, stated he was not notified of the fuel and oil spill related to this incident. He also mentioned another incident that was not listed on the report (on 9/18 at I-75 SB mile marker 399) in which the ACEPD was not notified but was called out several hours after the incident and the semi was still leaking fuel. The team decided it would be best to notify the ACEPD if there is any amount of fuel/oil on the ground or roadway.
 - All present reviewed the other incidents listed on the spreadsheet but no one had any issues with those incidents.
- Craig Carnes addressed the MOUs and handed out copies to each agency.
- Craig stated the new TIM Team website will be deployed on the Jax 511 server. The web address is <http://jax511.com/D2TIMwp/>
- Donna made the following announcements:
- The next Alachua/Bradford TIM Team Meeting will be December 12, 2012.

- FHWA arranged a D2 and Arizona TIM Team Peer To Peer meeting on September 13th because Arizona had asked to meet with other agencies to learn from them. The meeting was very successful.
- The Team's Self-Assessment Score has been posted in the last newsletter.
- Donna thanked everyone who submitted articles for the newsletter.
- There will be a survey soon for members on ways the Team can improve.

Meeting Adjourned