

First Coast TIM Meeting Monday, December 10, 2012

Meeting Minutes



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

- Donna Danson welcomed everyone.
- Donna stated the purpose for this meeting was to discuss recent incidents, and to see if there is anyway we can improve and help each other do better during accident response or clearance.
- Meeting minutes from the September 2012 TIM meeting were approved. They will be posted on Jax511.com
- Overland Bridge Project
 - Donna stated there will be a discussion of this project included as a regular part of the First Coast TIM meeting agenda until the end of the project.
 - Timothy Heath of KCCS, working for Eisman and Russo, stated that initial work is expected to begin the second week in January. The majority of the work on I-95 will be done at night and lane closures will be limited to nighttime only unless there are urgent needs. His contact info is on the attached sign-in sheet.
- Mike Goldman provided the Construction Project update.
 - In regard to the widening taking place at the Marietta Interchange project, two lanes are closed eastbound. Work has been added to the project involving changes on Lane Ave. The job is expected to be complete in late January.
 - There have been some issues with pavement grinding on I-95 and I-10.
 - I-95 to Butler is expected to be completed early. Sometime in 2013.
 - The Matthews Bridge project is ahead of schedule.

- Ed Ward provided the EOC Update.
 - Hurricane season ended November 30th with no substantial impacts to the Jacksonville area.
 - Ed shared some facts from Dr. Grey's website
 - Only 2 other years on record produced more storms than 2012.
 - There was only 1 major hurricane this year, and it did not make landfall in the US.
 - There were no category 5 hurricanes this year.
 - Steve Letro, with the National Weather Service in Jacksonville, will be retiring January 1, 2013

- Craig Carnes provided the ITS Update.
 - The Phase 7 Project, on the northeast quadrant of SR 9A/I-295, is under construction again, since the previous contractor was terminated. The Surety Company has hired a new contractor and they have been installing poles and conduit.
 - The Phase 8 Project, on the I-295 northwest quadrant, is continuing to make progress and is hoping to be completed early next year. The deployment is currently being tested and most devices have been deployed.
 - The Phase 9 Project, on the SR 9A/I-295 southeast quadrant, was put out to bid but is now under protest. A resolution may be made in a couple months.
 - The Phillips Hwy Project is nearing completion. There have been some issues with a couple cameras and some COJ network issues are also waiting to be resolved. This project will be useful when traffic is heavy on I-95. Since it is a parallel corridor, it can be used as an alternate route. The deployment will give the TMC the information they need to determine if the alternate route is beneficial and it will provide a way to inform motorists of this alternate route.
 - The Arterial Dynamic Message Sign Project will install several dynamic message signs on arterial roads in southern Jacksonville. These small signs will be used to disseminate information and act as trailblazers to divert traffic when necessary. It will likely take about 6 months to complete the project.
 - The Airport Road project involves running a fiber interconnection to JIA. The signals on that road will also be connected in order to improve signal management. Connecting to the airport opens the way to disseminate information such as availability of parking at the airport via FL 511 or Dynamic Message Signs.
 - The I-10 Interchange Project will add cameras, vehicle detectors and replace conduit. The project was awarded to Hinson Electric and is expected to begin in early 2013.
 - The SR 23 Toll Road Project includes adding fiber optic cable on I-95 in St Johns County, which will connect District 2 to District 5. This will allow for center-to-center communication connecting the entire state with fiber optic cable with the exception of District 3. This project will be awarded in early 2013.
 - BlueTOAD devices are working well. The only areas that are having problems are those that have networking issues. Some of the issues involving the City are hoped to be resolved in the next couple weeks. The next corridor to have BlueTOADS installed will be Blanding Boulevard. There are about 60-70 more BlueTOAD devices to be installed.

- 511/TMC update
 - Ryan Crist stated that numerous calls are coming into the FDOT TMC asking for a Road Ranger. When a motorist needs a Road Ranger they can call *FHP (*347) or the phone number for the 24-hour TMC, which is 904.359.6842.
- Marshall Adkison provided the Road Ranger Update
 - On November 14 there were two accidents involving Road Rangers. In one instance, the Road Ranger was hit by a motorist and had to be hospitalized for several broken bones. He is now home and recovering well.
 - The sponsorship with JaxLegal.com was renewed and signs have been placed on the Road Ranger trucks.
 - Greg Gaylord reminded everyone of the need to be safe in light of how quickly a tragedy can happen.
- Donna opened the floor to any agencies that had anything they would like to add or address.
 - Ed Ward stated that a call was received at the EOC from a citizen. They were asking why evacuation route signs had not been installed on Wonderwood Drive, as this was one of the driving factors for the corridor to be constructed. Since then, work orders have been given to maintenance and are expected to begin work in about 45 days.
 - Michelle Sanders stated the maintenance office receives calls about manhole lids being off, but when maintenance arrives the lids have been replaced. She asked that if law enforcement responds to such an incident, could they please note the GPS location or paint the lid orange.
 - Nathan Ruckert gave a summary of recent news from the TIM team in District 5. He related that there were also two incidents occurring recently that involved the Road Rangers in District Five. Fortunately, no one suffered severe injuries. He added that the District is replacing many of their outdated Dynamic Message Signs and are using those that have full color message capabilities.
- Donna Danson asked the audience to comment on the incident list, which is attached to these minutes.
 - Penny Kamish addressed the water main break on Atlantic Boulevard near Sutton Lakes that occurred on October 25. She stated that it appears there was a lack of updated information being disseminated through the EARS system. Ruth Allen stated that EARS sends an update of when there is a closure and again when the lanes have been reopened. Penny recalled that to her knowledge there was no update when the lanes were reopened for this event.
 - Terry Carr talked about the incident that occurred on SR 15 near Phoenix Ave on November 13. Terry has noticed that on this segment there is a sudden drop in speed due to a construction zone. He stated that just days before the accident that he had been traveling through the construction zone and had been almost hit by a semi, which was driving too fast. He also noted that workers from Archer Western were very helpful in clearing the incident.

- Diana Rivas provided a summary of a few major incidents and the performance measures for the last few months.
- Greg Gaylord presented a video about the Wall of the Fallen which is a monument to those who have lost their lives in the line of service in the Towing and Recovery industry.
- Donna gave the Announcements
 - She stated the next First Coast TIM meeting will be held January 15, 2013.
 - HAZMAT cards were available and attendees picked them up once the meeting adjourned.
 - She thanked everyone for their support and participation in the TIM team this year.
- Meeting Adjourned