



**Collier-Lee
Traffic Incident Management Team**

October 10, 2007
Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Sandra Betts	Collier County Sheriff	Joseph Lyons	ACCI/API Joint Venture
Phil Blanc	San Carlos Park Fire Rescue	Phil Maggard	Metric Engineering
Robbie Brown	Lee County – DOT	Dewayne Milbourn	Bumper to Bumper Towing
Tabatha Butcher	Collier County	Harold Minch	Collier County Sheriff
Bill Clemens	Bonita Springs Fire Rescue	Dave Morgan	ACCI/API Joint Venture
Krystle Davis	Lee County – DOT	Michael Myers	ICA
Raymond Delo	San Carlos Park Fire Rescue	David Parks	Global-5
Richard Dun	ACCI/API Joint Venture	Mark Perez	ACCI/API Joint Venture
Jen Eversole	FDOT	Mario Puente	ACCI/API Joint Venture
Glen Fox	Alligator Towing	Robert Register	Collier County Traffic Ops
Paul France	FHP	Bill Rippy	FHP
Montague Gonsales	City of Cape Coral	John Scarpellino	Telvent Farradyne – RTMC
Bud Gruber	Bald Eagle Towing	Dan Sieber	San Carlos Park Fire Rescue
Wayne Hartstein	FDOT	Gregory Wallace	FDOT
Bruce Hutcheson	DBI	Doug Young	Bumper to Bumper Towing
Lisa Hunter	FHP	Ted Smith	Delcan Corp
Linda King	Lee County Sheriff	Don Olson	FDOT
David Knight	Bald Eagle Towing	Christina Florez	VANUS
Mandy Kustra	ACCI/API Joint Venture		

Call to Order: The Collier-Lee TIM Team meeting was held on Wednesday, October 10, 2007 at Florida Highway Patrol, 4700-3 Terminal Dr., Ft. Myers. Ted Smith and Don Olson facilitated the meeting.

Introductions: Team members introduced themselves and the agencies they represent.

Update on TIM Initiatives:

RISC

The Rapid Incident Scene Clearance (RISC) Program has been approved and funded for \$2 million statewide. From the \$2 million, a \$100,000 will be provided to each District, with the remaining funds reserved in a funding pool. This pool will be tapped between the Districts that meet the pre-established clearance time but have exhausted their initial funding. The plans call for implementation of the RISC program to begin in July 2008. A detailed plan is being developed that will clearly define the processes, equipment requirements and specifications, roles, milestones, incentives, cost recovery procedure and implementation. After a year of implementation, the State Executive Board will review the program and determine if funding

should continue. A Similar program is already managed on the Turnpike, which has recovered approximately 80 percent of the costs from insurance providers. While implementing RISC, incident clearance duration went from four hours to an average of 55 minutes for incidents that warrant activating the RISC response.

There is a similar program in Atlanta Georgia that is to begin on December 1st this year. This will be the first application in a metropolitan area. The operators are currently in training, including Hazmat school, NIMS training, etc.

Asset Management Contract

The new Asset Management Contract has been awarded to DeAngelo Brothers, Inc. (DBI). Bruce Hutcheson, the DBI Emergency Management Coordinator, would like to be notified of traffic incidents of levels 2 and 3. DBI Emergency Management representatives will respond to all level 3 incidents. DBI Asset Maintenance representatives in general will respond to virtually all traffic incidents on the freeway, to support responders with MOT when needed and assess damages to the public assets. A copy of the Spill Response Guideline will be provided to DBI. DBI wants to ensure that they have a clear understanding of the notification process. Don requested that DBI provide a contacts list to be included in the updated Notification and Agency Resource Guide (NARG), 2008.

Action Item: Bruce to provide a contact list for DBI.

Road Ranger Service Patrol Contract

The current Road Ranger contracts with Jorgensen CS and ICA have been extended until the end of December. The new contract with Anchor Towing and Marine Transport has been executed with procurement and training underway. This contract is for five (5) years and in keeping with the Statewide TIM strategy ... enhances the emergency response capabilities of the Road Ranger Service Patrol. Beginning with the new year, Road Ranger Service Patrols will operate 16 hours each day, and the I-275 Sunshine Skyway Bridge will have a dedicated Road Ranger Service Patrol during peak periods of week day travel.

511

The 511 program will be enhanced in Southwest Florida to automate travel times on I-75 in Charlotte, Lee and Collier Counties. There will be a total of 22 sensor stations between Golden Gate Parkway in Collier County and Kings Highway in Charlotte County. The concrete poles with microwave sensors are currently being installed along I-75. The sensors are stand-alone, solar-powered units that communicate to the 511 center via cellular phone technology. The sensors will automatically detect traffic travel times between sensors and populate the website and voice 511 system. It is anticipated that the website data feeds will be up and running by mid-December, once the acceptance testing is completed. The website will display real-time traffic information on the GIS map. The roadway segments will be displayed in color: red means that the traffic is stopped or very slow; yellow means that the traffic is congested and moderately slow; and green indicates that the traffic is at free-flow or at normal conditions.

Transportation Management Centers and ITS Devices:

The Regional Transportation Management Center (RTMC), also known as the South West Intelligent Freeway Transportation (SWIFT) SunGuide Center, is scheduled to be fully operational by July 2008. The SWIFT SunGuide Center is located at the Daniels Parkway Rest Area in Lee County. ITS devices are being installed from Collier County through Manatee County. This includes full CCTV coverage of I-75. The data sharing requirements/agreements have not yet been solidified, but there is discussing on sharing the video feeds with Emergency

Management agencies and the media. There will be a planned center-2-center link between the new RTMC and the new Transportation Management Center (TMC) in Manatee County. The District 7 Tampa Bay SunGuide (TBSG) Center is complete and operational. The overall plan is to have center-2-center communication links between all regions and districts. This center-2-center communication links provide for the sharing of traffic information and control among the Transportation Management Centers to support a regional control strategy.

Local TMC are currently viewing local traffic in case of diversion off of I-75. Lee County's DOT is currently continuing the installation of fiber and CCTV cameras throughout the County.

Alligator Alley Fire EMS Substation:

Don passed around the proposed land layout at the rest area for the planned Public Safety Substation and landing zone. This substation is an interim solution that would offer a duty station to multi-agency personnel including FHP, Sheriff's Office, Fire-Rescue, and National Park Service Rangers, etc. This substation would be a 70 foot trailer with office spaces, sleeping quarters, restrooms, kitchen and a seating area. The land for the trailer would require clearing and grubbing, the addition of a fresh water well and sewer line tie into the existing wastewater treatment plant. The land for the trailer, vehicle parking and landing zone would be provided as a no-cost lease between Collier County and FDOT. The long-term solution of a permanent Sub-Station may be constructed in concert with the National Park Services new headquarters and welcome center that is planned for the future.

Emergency Management Presentation:

Don Olson presented on the role of the Emergency Management Division of the FDOT. Scott Melton is the Emergency Management Coordinator for FDOT District 1. Scott requested that responders use his on-call pager number (877-576-0628) instead of going through the switchboard or PIO. By notifying him directly, he can coordinate the FDOT response immediately. Scott will work to ensure his pager number is added to all 911 emergency notification lists. FDOT Emergency Management will respond to Level 3 incidents on Roadways maintained by the Department. While DBI is the primary responder with MOT devices on I-75, FDOT maintenance crews respond on other roadways in their jurisdiction.

The FDOT Emergency Operations Center (EOC) will be activated for all major emergency events including hurricanes. The FDOT EOC is designed for 24/7 staffing when the Governor declares an emergency. Most incidents will not require the EOC to be activated. Scott will handle those by phone, coordinating the FDOT response and recovery.

The FDOT has seven 25' trailers that include arrow boards, barricades, cones and a generator. These trailers were custom fabricated at the Fort Myers Operations Center and are located throughout the District at rest areas and maintenance yards. These trailers can be dispatched though Scott Melton or calling the FDOT local office. These trailers are to be used to set up safety scenes and maintenance of traffic (MOT). FHP noted that they have never seen one of these trailers in use. There is currently an internal FDOT website for on-call incident reporting. Scott would like to make this website accessible to the responders. This may replace the phone call and would allow for timely notification. FDOT has staging areas throughout the District. Scott stated that all requests to use these staging sites should go through him. In the event of an emergency, FDOT properties may be used as staging areas or command centers by multiple agencies.

TIM Team – Quality Management/Future Direction:

The suggestion of a “Table-Top” exercise was made and seconded. Don said he will put something together for the December meeting.

Newsletter

Don reminded all participants that if anyone was to submit an article that it would be published in the Newsletter. The TIM Team members are encouraged to submit ideas and topics for inclusion in future Newsletters. Don would like to get feedback on doing a third page to include TIM Team member bios. The TIM Team members should be recognized for their leadership.

Additional Topics

Don indicated that participants can provide agenda items. To please email or call to make sure that all items are included for discussion.

Construction/Maintenance Update:

Wayne Hartstein handed out an Active Construction Project List that details project information, contractor contact information, CEI contact information and FDOT project manager information. Weekly project information can be found on the FDOT website:

<http://www.dot.state.fl.us/publicinformationoffice/construc/constmap/d1roadwatch.htm>

iROX – I-75 Road Expansion Project

iRox is a Design/Build/Finance project with ACCI/API as the prime contractor. The iRox project limits are from north of Golden Gate Parkway to south of Colonial Boulevard. The project includes widening I-75 from four to six lanes, including 24 bridges. The widening will towards the median. The project is schedules to last 1150 days beginning October 28th. The schedules completion date is December 20th 2010 and the early completion date is July 23rd 2010. The project is divided into four segments:

- Segment A – Golden Gate Parkway to Bonita Beach Road
- Segment B – Bonita Beach Road to Corkscrew Road
- Segment C – Corkscrew Road to Daniels Parkway
- Segments D/E – Daniels Parkway to Colonial Boulevard

Construction for Segment A is scheduled to begin on the evening of October 28th. This will include milling and resurfacing the outside shoulder, shifting the traffic to the outside shoulder, the use of barrels to delineate the work zone on the inside median, a barrier wall with attenuators on the outside of the work zone and barrier walls on the bridges.

There are no planned daytime lane closures; any lane closures will be between 8pm and 5am. ACCI/API Joint Venture is coordinating with the counties regarding any impacts to the arterials. All call boxes will be removed during the milling and resurfacing stages but will be returned to service once the project is completed. ACCI/API will not be reducing the speed limit during the day. There will be accident investigation sites at off-ramps; they hope to have these ready as early as possible. The iROX project includes separate Road Ranger Service Patrol contract with ICA patrolling the project limits 24/7. The Contra-Flow Plan will still be in effect during construction. ACCI/API would like to establish the work zones as tow-away zones. Any vehicles will be towed away immediately instead of waiting the required six hours. No personal vehicles will be allowed in the work zones, only approved vehicles with safety lights will be permitted. There will be designated parking areas where personnel can be picked up and dropped off.

Additional information on the iROX project can be found on the project website, www.iROX75.com.

Other Team Issues:

- Lt. Rippe stated that there are currently eight positions filled, two more positions to be filled from the Academy, and four vacancies. Four troopers are based out of Collier County and three out of Broward County. There are currently only two troopers eligible for the midnight shift. Since the troopers started patrolling the Alley, the average speed has dropped significantly.

Scheduled 2007 Meeting Dates: Wednesday December 12, 2007

Attachments: Vehicle Fluid Spill Response Guidelines
 Emergency Management Presentation
 ICA Emergency Contact Numbers – I-75 Structures-Only Asset Management

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