

Collier – Lee - Charlotte Traffic Incident Management Team

August 13, 2014 Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Agency Name Agency Name Frank Gentiluore Bald Eagle Towing & Recovery Charlotte Co. Lakshmi Gurram Bald Eagle Towing & Recovery **Bud Gruber** Brian Raimondo Lee County MPO Bald Eagle Towing & Recovery Stephen Gruber **HNTB** Scott Robbins Bill Fuller FDOT Metric Engineering, Inc. Brandy Boccuti Delcan Corporation Rory Howe Charles Stratton Metric Engineering, Inc. FDOT Dave Morgan Mark Bush North Naples Fire Rescue Kevin Salsberry FDOT **Prompt Towing Services** Joe Saladino **FDOT** Marlena Gore **DBI Services** Richard Fimbel Stay Alive just Drive Jay Anderson Charlotte Co. Rich Lisenbee Lee Co. EMS Adam Thompson **FHP** Norman Parks City Ft. Myers Marinko Gnjidic Lee Emergency Management Jim Biostad Lee Co. Sheriff's Dennis Petracca Lee Sheriff's Office Dominic Konieczki S&T Towing of SW FLA, Inc.

<u>Call to Order</u>: The Collier-Lee-Charlotte TIM Team meeting was held on Wednesday, August 13, 2014 at 9:30 AM at SWIFT SunGuide Center, 10041 Daniels Parkway, Fort Myers, Florida 33913. Bill Fuller, Rory Howe, and Charles Stratton facilitated the meeting.

Bill Fuller reminded the Team that the new goal for the TIM meetings will be "practicing what we preach": the goal will be to keep meetings to 90 minutes!

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

Agency News:

David Tarquino Les Williams

Collier Co.

Road Rangers

Mr. Fuller informed the team that the Road Rangers recently went through a MOT certification training.

Towing and Wrecker News

No Agency news.

Other Agency News

No Agency news.

Jennifer Dorning, Cella Molnar & Associates, and Marlena Gore, FDOT, updated the team on I-75 New Construction Projects. The following I-75 projects in Lee County were discussed:

I-75 Airport Direct Connect

Construction start: October 2012Estimated completion: Spring 2015

Cost \$54.1 million

Design/build contractor: C3TS/Prince

Engineering and Inspection: Metric Engineering, Inc.

I-75 Luckett Road to SR 80

Construction start: June 2011Estimated completion: Early 2014

• Cost \$29.2 million

Contractor: Ajax Paving Industries of Florida, LLC

Engineering and Inspection: Volkert, Inc.

I-75 Caloosahatchee River Bridge

Construction start: January 2013

• Estimated completion: July 2015

Cost \$72 million

Contractor: The de Moya Group/Leware Construction Company Joint Venture

Design team: Stantec (C3TS)/HDR

Engineering and Inspection: Eisman & Russo Consulting Engineers

I-75 from SR 78 to Charlotte Count

Construction start: August 2012

Estimated completion: Late Summer 2014

• Cost \$17.3 million

• Contractor: Ajax Paving Industries of Florida, LLC

Engineering and Inspection: AECOM Technical Services, Inc.

For further information on the projects please contact the appropriate representative below:

I-75 - Airport Direct Connect:

Cella Molnar & Associates, Inc.

Jennifer Dorning, jdorning@cella.cc

Office: 239-337-1071 Cell: 239-229-8878

I-75 Luckett Road to SR 80, I-75 Caloosahatchee River Bridge, and I-75 from SR 78 to Charlotte County Line, I-75 Sumter Boulevard to River Road:

Comvia Corporation

David Parks, <u>David.Parks@ComViaCorporation.com</u>

Office 239-770-4935 Cell: 239-273-4969

To view the entire presentation, please visit the TIM team website at: http://www.swfltim.org

Update on TIM Initiatives:

National/State/Regional

Mr. Bill Fuller informed the team that the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) will be changing the Maintenance of Traffic (MOT) training. However, the changes will not include the basic training for

flaggers. Additionally, the MOT training for flaggers will not be required by FDOT and it will be the responsibility of the agencies to provide the training to them.

Mr. Fuller informed the team about a new Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that was executed between the Secretary of the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) on June 16, 2014. To view the full MOU, please visit the TIM team website at: http://www.swfltim.org

Mr. Rory Howe presented to the team, "Let's make it work. Communicate, Coordinate and Cooperate with Everybody".

Mr. Howe spoke about the next step after SHRP-2 and the need to follow up on the items they have learned and next steps that the TIM teams should be participating in the future. Mr. Howe presented national samples that being implemented such as; Debriefs of major incidents that recently occurred as a team, mission statements, and strategic plans

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Additionally, the video "Traffic Incident Management Operating Guidelines" was provided to the team. To view the video, please visit the TIM team website at: http://www.swfltim.org.

2014 Traffic Incident Management (TIM) Program Self-Assessment

Traffic Incident Management (TIM) programs continue to play a vital role in the safe and quick clearance of traffic incidents while providing a framework for reducing congestion and maximizing use of existing transportation infrastructure. A critical component of capitalizing on the success of existing programs and aiding the development of new TIM programs is periodic evaluation of the components of successful multi-agency TIM programs. The TIM Self-Assessment (TIM SA) was designed to provide an easy-to-use tool for measuring TIM program performance.

The TIM Team participated in the 2014 Traffic Incident Management Self-Assessment which consisted of a series of 54 questions and included the following categories; tactical, support, and strategic. The team utilized an automated audience response system to gather data about the status of the TIM Team progress. This system is unique because the voter and their selections are completely anonymous. The results will help in identifying areas of improvement in the three categories as mentioned above.

Mr. Bill Fuller informed the team about the upcoming Strategic Highway Research Program (SHRP 2) training classes that are taking place in September 2014.

The Strategic Highway Research Program (SHRP-2) has developed a program BY RESPONDERS - FOR RESPONDERS, with the objective that nationally, responders acquire a common set of core competencies that promote a shared understanding of the requirements for achieving the safety of responders and motorists, quick response, and effective communications at traffic incident scenes.

The SHRP-2 program was created by Congress to address the challenges of moving people and goods efficiently and safely on the nation's highways. This short-term research program addresses four strategic focus areas:

- Safety The role of human behavior in highway safety
- Renewal More efficient highway project delivery
- Reliability Congestion reduction through improved travel time
- Capacity Improved integration of community, economic, and environmental considerations for new highway capacity

Metric Engineering, Inc. 3 August 12, 2014

CLASS OPTIONS AND LOCATIONS:

Swift SunGuide Center 10041 Daniels Parkway Fort Myers, FL, 33913

September 11, 2014

Option (1): 8:00AM - 12:00PM Option (2): 1:00PM - 5:00PM

September 12, 2014

Option (3): 8:00AM - 12:00PM Option (4): 1:00PM - 5:00PM American Red Cross 2610 Northbrooke Plaza Dr. Naples FL 34119

September 24, 2014

Option (5): 8:00AM - 1:00PM

Polk County Sheriff's Office Complex 1891 Jim Keene Boulevard Winter Haven, FL 33880

September 25, 2014

Option (6): 8:00AM - 1:00PM

For more information and to register for the FREE training course, please click on the following link: http://www.123contactform.com/form-1052361/September-2014-SHRP2

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Bill Fuller at (239) 225-1915 <u>william.fuller@dot.state.fl.us</u> or Lieutenant Dennis K. Roberts, Jr at (239) 344-1733 <u>dennisroberts@flhsmv.gov</u>

FDOT Construction Update

Mr. Bill Fuller requested that all TIM Team members make sure they are receiving the District One Weekly Road Watch Reports and to contact him if there were any concerns.

Active Construction:

No updated information was provided by the TIM Team.

Completed Construction:

No updated information was provided by the TIM Team.

Anticipated Future Construction:

No updated information was provided by the TIM Team.

Additional construction information is available on the FDOT Road Watch website located at http://www.dot.state.fl.us/publicinformationoffice/construc/construc/constmap/d1.shtm. This resource is updated on a weekly basis.

Future Meetings:

The next Collier-Lee-Charlotte County TIM Team will be October 8, 2014 at 9:30AM at the SWIFT SunGuide Center, 10041 Daniels Parkway, Fort Myers, Florida 33913.

As always, please continue to visit the TIM Team website for updates, and also help support our TIM Team by providing the TIM Team website to others that may be interested in joining our team! http://www.swfltim.org/

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact the District One TIM Team Manager, Mr. Bill Fuller at (239) 225-9815 or via email at william.fuller@dot.state.fl.us.