



Collier – Lee - Charlotte Traffic Incident Management Team

December 12, 2012

Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Agency</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Agency</u>
Bud Gruber	Bald Eagle Towing	Troy Thompson	FHP
Frank Gentilquore	Bald Eagle Towing	Scott Robbins	HNTB
Stephen Gruber	Bald Eagle Towing	Steve Bahler	HNTB
Tim Knox	Emergency Vehicle Alerts	Ed Sommers	Lee Co. Sheriff
Jennifer Dorning	Cella Molnar & Associates	Dennis Petracca	Lee Co. Sheriff
Lakshmi Gurram	Charlotte County	Sandra Tapfumaneyi	Lee Co. Emergency Management
Swara Farheen	City of Fort Myers	Gerald Campbell	Lee Co. Emergency Management
Gary Millsaps	Delcan Corporation	Ron Gogoi	Lee County MPO
Richard Fimbel	DBI Services	Brian Raimondo	Lee County MPO
Wayne Hartstein	FDOT	Brandy Boccuti	Metric Engineering, Inc.
Fred Littrell	FDOT	Charles Stratton	Metric Engineering, Inc.
Thomas Watts	FDOT	Mat Garrison	Prince Contracting
Chris Birozak	FDOT	Peggy Bagaason	Red's OK Auto & Truck Repair
Bill Fuller	FDOT	Bob Diezi	Road Rangers - Dist. 1
Ray DeGiovine	FDOT	Jay Anderson	Stay Alive, Just Drive
Patrick Odom	FDOT	Gene Rogers	South Trail Fire District
Kenny Shiver	FDOT	Stephen Hancock	Transfield Services
Kevin Salsbery	FDOT	Karen Alton	Transfield Services
Thomas Curran	FDOT	El Ghazi Dehbi	Transfield Services
V. Parks	FHP	Patel Nikesh	I-75

Call to Order: The Collier-Lee-Charlotte TIM Team meeting was held on Wednesday, December 12, 2012 at 9:30 PM at SWIFT SunGuide Center, 10041 Daniels Parkway, Fort Myers, Florida 33913. Bill Fuller, Gary Millsaps, and Charles Stratton facilitated the meeting.

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

Ms. Jennifer Dorning from Cella Molnar & Associates informed the team about the I-75 New Construction Project Updates which included information on the I-75 Airport Direct Connect, also known as the Southwest Florida International Airport Collector Distributor system. The project information was as follows:

- Construction start date will be October 2012
- Estimated completion will be Spring 2015
- Cost \$54.1 million (completely state-funded)
- Right-of-way jointly acquired by Florida DOT and Lee County Port Authority (LCPA)
- Design/build contractor is C3TS/Prince

- Engineering and Inspection will be performed by Metric Engineering
- Strong coordination between Florida DOT and LCPA
- Cost has dropped substantially from \$180 million in 2009
- The project is a collector/distributor system from I-75 to the Southwest Florida International Airport

New project includes:

- New Northbound lanes parallel to I-75 from South of Alico Road Interchange
- New Southbound lanes parallel to I-75 from South of Daniels Parkway Interchange
- Bridge over I-75
- Bridge over Ben Hill Griffin Parkway/Treeline Avenue
- Motorists may still choose to access the airport by using local roads as they do today

Benefits of the new project:

- Alleviates traffic on I-75 benefiting motorists, commerce and industry (movement of goods)
- Alleviates traffic on Lee County roadway network (Daniels Parkway, Ben Hill Griffin Parkway/Treeline Avenue and Alico Road)
- More efficient trip to/from airport
- Creates numerous jobs for local workers

Agency News:

Road Rangers

Mr. Bob Diezi, Road Ranger in District One, briefly reviewed the District One Road Ranger response statistics. Please see below the breakdown of incidents/activities for the month of October, November, and December 2012.

DISTRICT ONE ROAD RANGER RESPONSE STATISTICS			
TYPE OF SERVICE	OCTOBER 2012	NOVEMBER 2012	DECEMBER 2012
TIRE	388	353	102
MOT	613	656	125
FUEL	225	214	67
WATER	67	90	29
TOW	4	0	4
MECHANICAL	116	117	30
FHP ASSIST.	68	71	18
ORANGE TAG	173	171	34
CRASHES	562	477	153
DISABLED	1816	1538	459
ABANDONED	199	188	40
DEBRIS	782	624	219
VEHICLE FIRE	12	8	7
OTHER	22	32	13
TOTAL	5047	4539	1300

Mr. Bill Fuller informed the team that Mr. Charles Stratton recently received the ITS Professional of the Year award from the ITS Society of Florida.

Towing and Wrecker News

No agency news.

Other Agency News

Mr. Bill Fuller introduced Mr. Tom Watts as the new ITS Operations Manager. Mr. Watts will be managing the SWIFT SunGuide Center located in Fort Myers. Prior, Mr. Watts worked at the Lee County DOT/Traffic as a Project Manager and also a Supervisor. He has installed and maintained ITS devices as well as managed traffic through work zones on construction projects. He also has experience in project management as a general foreman for an electrical contractor. This experience and knowledge will be beneficial for managing the various building contracts he will be responsible for at the SWIFT Center.

Mr. Bill Fuller informed the team that the Florida Department of Transportation and Safety Partners (Federal Highway Administration, Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, Florida Highway Patrol, Metropolitan Planning Organization Advisory Council, Operation Lifesaver and others) have developed a new 2012 Strategic Highway Safety Plan that is in its final stage and will be published soon. The 2012 plan has identified the following eight emphasis areas: Distracted Driving, Aggressive Driving, Vulnerable Road Users, Intersections, Lane Departure, Aging Road Users and Teens, Impaired Driving, and Traffic Records Data.

For more information please contact Lora B. Hollingsworth, Chief Safety Officer, Florida Department of Transportation, Safety Office - MS #53, 605 Suwannee Street, Tallahassee, FL 32399-0450, Phone: 850-245-1500, Fax: 850-245-1554.

Mr. Bill Fuller informed the team of the FREE "Tow to Go" service from AAA over the holidays. The AAA tow truck will take the vehicle and the driver safely home and is free for both AAA members and non-members. Please see the holiday schedule below. To take advantage of the program please call 1-855-286-9246 and the call will be directed to an ERS Call Center.

HOLIDAYS	DATE OF ACTUAL HOLIDAY	DAYS TOW TO GO IS PROVIDED
Super Bowl	February 5th (Sunday)	February 3rd, 4th, 5th
St. Patrick's Day	March 17th (Saturday)	March 16th, 17th, 18th
Cinco de Mayo	May 5th (Saturday)	May 4th, 5th
Memorial Day	May 28th (Monday)	May 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th
Independence Day	July 4th (Wednesday)	July 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th
Labor Day	September 3rd (Monday)	August 31st, September 1st, 2nd, 3rd
Halloween	October 31 st (Wednesday)	October 31st, November 1st, 2nd, 3rd
Thanksgiving	November 22nd (Thursday)	November 22nd - November 25th
Christmas	December 24 (Monday)	December 21 st through January 1 st

New Years

December 31 (Monday)

December 21st through January 1st**Update on TIM Initiatives:****National/State/Regional**

Mr. Gary Millsaps presented on the two-day Senior Executive Summit on Transportation and Public Safety, held June 26 and 27, 2012 at the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) in Washington, D.C. This forum of senior-level, multi-disciplinary executives representing the transportation, law enforcement, fire and rescue, and emergency medical services communities addressed major challenges and innovative solutions in enhancing the state of the practice nationally in Traffic Incident Management (TIM).

Participants at the Summit discussed innovative practices in TIM policies, legislation, training and outreach. Summit highlights included discussions and presentations on the following issues:

- Improving responder and motorist safety and consistency among jurisdictions;
- Supporting TIM outreach initiatives and messaging;
- Enhancing State and local legislation and policies that advance TIM planning and operations, including Driver Removal and Authority Removal legislation;
- Supporting urgent and clearly-defined research strategies, such as model Move Over and Driver Removal laws, the effects of emergency lighting, and the impact of TIM performance measures;
- Implementing the National TIM Responder Training course developed through the Transportation Research Board's Second Strategic Highway Research Program (SHRP 2);
- Improving the efficiency of the highway system through possible cost-recovery strategies, better investment of cost-efficient resources, and improved communication among responders about roles and responsibilities; and
- Developing an action-based executive group equipped to provide leadership, support, and guidance in advancing priority actions.

Summit participants identified challenges, opportunities, and recommendations. Notable challenges included institutionalization and sustainability of TIM practices, consistency between States in TIM legislation, public awareness regarding TIM laws and policies, and understanding among responder groups of both discipline-specific and shared priorities and goals. Participants identified regular and frequent communication between responder groups, increased measurement of incident and roadway clearance times and secondary crashes, and enhanced public outreach and training campaigns as significant opportunities to address these pressing challenges.

The Roadmap discussed for National TIM Leadership and Innovation were as follows:

- National Leadership & Legislation
 - Define & Develop Model TIM Safe, Quick Clearance Legislation for consistency & wider adoption
 - Conduct Additional Research on Compliance with Move Over Laws
 - Establish Structure to Advance Post-Summit Action Items Recommended to FHWA
 - Establish National TIM Executive Leadership Group (ELG) for policy issues & needs
 - Establish National TIM Technical Working Group (TWG)
 - Establish National Networking Group to aid in outreach
- Institutional & Sustainability
 - Encourage major metro areas to develop TIM Committees as a platform to discuss differing goals & interests
 - Collect and share good practices on how TIM Committees & leadership can empower the TIM Practitioners

- Adopt TIM Performance Measurement (PM) Systems to Determine Response and Program Effectiveness
- Develop a National, Consistent Definition of a Secondary Crash, Place on Crash/Incident Intake Forms & Collect data
- Encourage States to Begin Collecting Incident-Specific Performance Measurements with High-Priority, High-Volume Routes
- Educate TIM Responders on the Importance of Collecting & Reporting Performance Measures
- Encourage States to Gather Additional TIM PM Data on Struck-By Incidents
- Establish National TIM PM Pilots in Selected Jurisdictions
- Practitioner Capacity Building
 - Perform Additional Outreach & Education for the Responders
 - Convey Importance of National-Provided TIM Responder training through USDOT Leadership Endorsement
 - Conduct Executive Briefings/State Transportation & Public Safety Summits on Training Needs
 - Develop & Implement Full Range of Training Courses
 - Develop & Conduct SHRP2 TIM Responder Training Course
 - Develop & Conduct TIM Advanced Workshops
 - Develop & Conduct TIM Executive Leadership Awareness Training
 - Market the Training Outcomes
 - Explore Possibility of Continuing Education Credits
 - Pursue Opportunities for Earlier Availability of Online Training
 - Leverage Multi-Disciplinary Partnerships
- Public Awareness & Education
 - Conduct Effective Public Awareness Campaign on Safe, Quick Clearance
 - Perform Additional Outreach and Education for the Public
 - Deploy Education materials to Communities to Change Behaviors & Educate Public on the Benefits of Safe, Quick Clearance

Vision for the Future and Next Steps:

- National Executive Leadership in TIM
- A Trained Community of Responders
- TIM Performance Measurement, Data Collection and Assessment
- Reduce Responder and Transportation Personnel Fatalities

Mr. Bill Fuller presented on the Distracted Driving Summit, which took place Tuesday, November 13, 2012 in Tampa, Florida. More than 270 local, state and federal officials attended the summit at the Tampa Convention Center, where they discussed several issues including cellphone policies, traumatic injuries and teen education.

Across the country, more than 3,000 people were killed and about 420,000 others were injured in crashes related to distracted driving in 2010, according to the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration.

Facts about distracted:

- Distracted Driving is an “Epidemic” we are suffering with, but we have a choice to end it
- 38 States have passed Distracted Driver legislation
- 86% of drivers buckle up after the ‘Click It or Ticket’ campaign
- .08 is the National blood/Alcohol levels after “Mothers Against Drunk Drivers” started. (Thank you Candace Lightener).

- 2013 Grants coming to those States that have passed Distracted Driving Laws

Things we can do to help prevent distracted driving:

- Take “Personal Reasonability” for NOT using an electronic device while driving
- “Call on your Legislators” to pass Good Laws
- “Mobilize your community” to Make the Difference
- Leave your fabulous “Multi-Tasking” skills at the Office OR at Home
- 98% of us CAN NOT sit in the comfy chair, hold a phone conversation and follow a program on T.V.
- Put the phone in the glove box OR Turn it off while driving
- Don’t call someone at the very time you know they are driving
- Attention Blindness-What is the size of your fist?
- More than 30 states have passed distracted driving laws, however, Florida has none

Local Traffic Incident Management (TIM) Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

Mr. Charles Stratton and Mr. Bill Fuller spoke to the team about the Local Traffic Incident Management (TIM) Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). The multi-agency TIM Team has taken the initiative to establish a series of Agency Memorandums of Agreements or MOUs. The incident response agencies have the responsibility to do whatever is reasonable to enhance the safety of our transportation system. This is a team effort to reduce the risk to all incident responders, secondary crashes, and delays associated with incidents, crashes, roadway maintenance, construction, and law enforcement activities.

Mr. Charles Stratton updated the team, informing them that the MOU has been approved by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) legal department and will be presented to the District Secretary. Mr. Stratton also explained that they will be contacting the head staff from each agency and requesting their signature and support of the MOU document.

Mr. Fuller requested the team to provide their agency’s head name and contact information so the MOU could be sent to the proper representative from each agency.

Mr. Stratton also explained that the TIM team will be looking for other areas of improvement for 2013.

Mr. Bill Fuller and Mr. Gary Millsaps updated the team about the Strategic Highway Research Program (SHRP 2). As a reminder, the 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

Mr. Fuller informed the team that on January 28th they will be putting together a SHRP 2 training class that will take place at the Manatee County Public Safety Center. The two day module will be presented into a four hour, one day class. It was further explained that they are looking to find volunteers from different agency backgrounds who can be trained to become trainers in their area of expertise.

For more information, contact Paul Jodoin, Transportation Specialist, 202-366-0731/www.ops.fhwa.gov/eto; or Bill Fuller at (239) 225-9815 / william.fuller@dot.state.fl.us

Mr. Bill Fuller reviewed recent major incidents with the team.

The major incident occurred on 10/29/12, I-75 Northbound/Exit 138 Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard (SR 82)

- Dump truck went onto its side spilling 250 gallons of diesel fuel
- Duration: 289 minutes
- First Notified: 06:26:17
- RTMC Verified Clear: 10:57:16

Mr. Bill Fuller presented the quarterly performance measures for July 1- September 30, 2012. Please see below the breakdown of the quarterly performance measures:

QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE MEASURES				
INCLUDES ALL RESPONDERS				
	July 2012	August 2012	September 2012	Total
Events Included In Performance Measures	123	132	105	360
Notification Duration (Min.)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Verification Duration (Min.)	4.8	5.9	6.4	5.7
Response Duration (Min.)	9.3	4.1	6.5	6.6
Open Roads Duration (Min.)	42.7	50.8	44.8	46.3
Departure Duration (Min.)	19.2	19.9	26.2	21.5
Roadway Clearance Duration (Min.)	56.8	60.8	57.7	58.5
Incident Clearance Duration (Min.)	76.0	80.8	83.9	80.0
INCLUDES INCIDENTS WITH ROAD RANGER RESPONSE				
	July 2012	August 2012	September 2012	Total
Events Included In Performance Measures	65	69	49	183
Notification Duration (Min.)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Verification Duration (Min.)	2.9	4.7	5.3	4.2
Response Duration (Min.)	9.3	4.8	4.8	6.4
Open Roads Duration (Min.)	45.2	57.7	36.2	47.5
Departure Duration (Min.)	25.0	26.6	35.6	28.5
Roadway Clearance Duration (Min.)	57.3	67.2	46.3	58.1
Incident Clearance	82.4	93.8	81.9	86.6

Duration (Min.)	INCLUDES INCIDENTS WITHOUT ROAD RANGER RESPONSE			
	July 2012	August 2012	September 2012	Total
Events Included In Performance Measures	58	63	56	177
Notification Duration (Min.)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Verification Duration (Min.)	6.9	7.3	7.3	7.2
Response Duration (Min.)	9.4	3.2	8.0	6.8
Open Roads Duration (Min.)	39.8	43.3	-.3	45.0
Departure Duration (Min.)	12.6	12.6	18.1	14.3
Roadway Clearance Duration (Min.)	56.1	53.9	67.7	59.0
Incident Clearance Duration (Min.)	68.7	66.5	85.7	73.3

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/construct/constmap/d1.shtm>. This resource is updated on a weekly basis.

Future Meetings

The next Collier-Lee-Charlotte County TIM Team will be December 12th, 2012 at 9:30 PM 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.swftim.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.