



Emergency Stopping Sites Implemented on 95 Express

FDOT District Six completed a series of safety improvement projects along 95 Express. The projects were implemented to address multiple issues, including deterring illegal lane changing and reducing travel time delays associated with incident clearance efforts.

One of these projects was the construction of five Emergency Stopping Sites (ESS) along the median of 95 Express. The sites provide a temporary refuge for disabled vehicles before they are relocated and give first responders the space to manage incidents and enforce traffic laws.

The ESS are located between NW 62 Street and NW 131 Street in

ESSs combined with the rest of the safety strategies have improved 95 Express operations.

Miami-Dade County. Three sites were built in the northbound direction and two sites were built southbound. They consist of 13-foot shoulders and measure between 1,200 feet and 1,900 feet in length. The ESSs reduce the department's need to close adjacent travel lanes during active traffic scenes. As a result, the ESS are not only working to improve driver and responder safety, but they are increasing the availability and vehicle throughput of the express lanes as well.

The ESSs combined with the rest of the safety strategies, have shown to improve 95 Express operations. Latest reports show that since the safety improvements began in 2016, traffic crashes have reduced by 38% while traffic volumes increased in the express lanes.

WHAT'S NEW?

- District Six Implements Warning Gates System on 95 Express
- District Six Staff Presents at Regional ITS Conference in Jacksonville
- Florida Highway Patrol Begins Construction of Training Facility

UPCOMING EVENTS

- District Six Staff to Present at Florida Institute of Transportation Engineers Annual Meeting
- District Six to Participate in Incident Responders Week



DISTRICT SIX HOSTS JOINT TIM MEETING

The FDOT District Six and District Four Traffic Incident Management (TIM) Teams held their bi-annual joint meeting this October at the Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Training Center in Doral, Florida.

The meeting served as a forum for the regional TIM partners to update members about the latest projects and initiatives. Representatives from FDOT, Florida's Turnpike Enterprise, Miami-Dade Expressway, and Port Miami Tunnel briefed

attendees about their respective incident management programs and experience with recent significant events.

The meeting also included status updates from the Golden Glades Multimodal Transportation Facility, Palmetto Express and the Interstate 395/State Road 836/ Interstate 95 Improvement projects. The meeting's goal is to foster collaboration among TIM members so roadway incidents are cleared quickly and safely.

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT AT A GLANCE

(July 1, 2018 - September 30, 2018)

ROAD RANGER STATS

14,694

Total Responses

27,274

Total Activities

9:13 min

Average Response Time
For events not detected by a Road Ranger

RISC STATS

District Six implemented the Rapid Incident Scene Clearance (RISC) Program in 2009 to reduce the impact of large-scale traffic events along our roadways. The program covers: Interstates 75, 95, 195, 395, State Road 826, Krome Avenue, Okeechobee Road and the MacArthur Causeway.

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RISC
Activations

45 min*
Arrival
Time

47 min*
Travel Lane
Clearance Time

132 min*
Total Incident
Clearance Time

* These numbers are an average

DYNAMIC MESSAGE SIGN POSTS

Safety Messages
26,985

Other Agency
Incidents
3,834

Construction
20,751



FDOT
D6 Incidents
37,815

Vehicle Alerts
5,256

LANE BLOCKAGE EVENTS & AVERAGE RESPONSE TIMES**

** The figures presented are based only on travel time blockage events per roadway.

I-95
Including GGI

587
Events

8:49 min
Avg. Response

95 Express

236
Events

9:13 min
Avg. Response

SR 826

288
Events

9:28 min
Avg. Response

I-75
Including Express Lanes

28
Events

10:35 min
Avg. Response

I-195

48
Events

10:13 min
Avg. Response

I-395

46
Events

10:38 min
Avg. Response

For more information on FDOT District Six's Incident Management Program, please visit: www.sunguide.info

