

FINAL MEETING MINUTES

Traffic Incident Management Team Meeting - 95 Corridor

Date/Time:	February 19, 2021		1:30PM – 3:30PM
Location:	Florida Department of Transportation – District Six SunGuide Transportation Management Center Virtual Meeting		
Host:	Donald Avery, Alex Mirones, Felix Lopez and Rulx Belizaire		
Attendees:	First Name	Last Name	Agency
	Alex	Mirones	FDOT District Six
	Carlos	Dardes	FDOT District Six
	Chad	Tavares	FDOT North Dade Maintenance
	Crystal	Schaefer	FDOT District Six
	Don	Avery	FDOT District Six - SunGuide TMC
	Felix	Lopez	FDOT District Six - SunGuide TMC
	Gabriel	Guzman	FDOT District Six - SunGuide TMC
	Rulx	Belizaire	FDOT District Six - SunGuide TMC
	Timothy	Stanberry	FDOT District Four
	Robert (Bob)	Murphy	AECOM
	Sandra	Bello	HML Public Outreach
	Cpt. Adolfo	Torres	FHP Troop E
	Sgt. Pedro	Reinoso	FHP Troop E
	Rachael	Shulman	Kauff's of Miami
	Cedric	Dallas	Miami-Dade Transit (DTPW)
	Luis	Enrich	PortMiami Tunnel
	Oscar	Gonzalez	Miami Relations Group Miami
	Alexis	Ramos	Sunshine Towing

1. Purpose of Meeting

The meeting serves as a discussion platform for agencies directly impacted by Florida Department of Transportation District Six's roadways in Miami-Dade County along the eastern region, such as 95 Express, I-95, I-395 and MacArthur Causeway, and I-195/Julia Tuttle Causeway (referred to as the 95 Corridor). This shall provide local fire rescue, law enforcement, asset maintenance, Florida Highway Patrol Troop E, and other agencies an open forum to coordinate and share information regarding special events, construction projects, activities, initiatives, and issues specific to the 95 Corridor. *SunGuide.info website (<https://sunguide.info/incident-management-service/tim-team/tim-meetings/>)*

2. TIM Updates

2.1 - FDOT District Six

District Six SunGuide TMC Manager Alex Mirones welcomed everyone to the virtual Miami-Dade Traffic Incident Management Team – 95 Corridor Meeting. He provided the purpose of the meeting and the agenda items. Donald Avery (District Six SunGuide TMC) introduced an interactive survey application. Results of the survey follow.



Alex began the discussion describing the challenges experienced in the recent year due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. The last time this group met was one year ago, in person, and pre-pandemic. District Six TMC adapted to the pandemic by developing a Pandemic Response Action Plan, a Workplace Readiness Plan, hosting virtual meetings, having sufficient PPE, and by notifying the motoring public regarding traffic impacts from food distribution sites. TMC were also responsive to significant events unique to 2020, such as major traffic impacts from the 2020 election, VIP motorcades, highway shutdowns from protests, and effects of storm and hurricane threats.

Don continued with providing statistics unique to the 95 Corridor since the last meeting. The TMC observed low traffic volumes due to the pandemic stay-at-home orders and teleworking. The total number of events managed by the TMC decreased by 19 percent when comparing the 2019 and 2020 calendar year, however, the total number of lane blockage events were reduced by 2.5 percent. This highlighted the unique behavior of pandemic affected traffic and the importance of maintaining operations for incidents blocking the roadway. Don reviewed incident and roadway clearance times. He noted the importance of the 95 Corridor TIM Team with creating initiatives to maintain low averages. Don showed the changes in volume trends along I-95 during the pandemic since the last 95 Corridor TIM meeting..

Rulx remarked that the orange Express Lanes Markers along 95 Express will be replaced with white Tubular Markers through maintenance and construction activities. Rulx described District Six's recent initiative known as the Connected Incident Response Vehicle Technology Pilot Project. He described the project's functions and purpose of raising responder's safety. Rulx spoke about the importance of the Responders Safety Course. He stated that the TMC hosted its first virtual safety course which produced great attendance and participation from different agencies. Rulx continued by discussing the TIM Team webpage located at <https://sunguide.info/incident-management-service/tim-team> and demonstrated the Responder's Site. The Responder's Site allows users to see up to four traffic cameras. The Site also provides a summary of active traffic events. Those interested can request access from the sunguide.info TIM page.

Felix provided information pertaining to the Incident Management Traffic Diversion Routes which is available on the TIM webpage. Felix described the purpose and effectiveness of the IM Diversion Routes when responding to an incident with major closures. A slide was provided of an IM Diversion Route scenario to illustrate the proper responses and diversion route recommended to manage traffic impact from a major closure. Felix said the FDOT Road Rangers experienced pandemic challenges which were addressed through weekly Road Ranger coordination meetings. In these meetings, they discussed transporting motorist procedures, providing complimentary water to motorists, obtaining sufficient PPEs, and responder interactions on the field.

Rulx continued with reviewing a graph of all Rapid Scene Clearance incidents that occurred along the 95 Corridor. He stated that all 10 incidents averaged successfully meeting the performance measures required by the program. Rulx continued with highlighting a major RISC incident which required the assistance, communication, and coordination from many responders in order to successfully clear the roadway before morning rush hour traffic.

2.2 - FDOT Construction Updates

SR 836/I-95/I-395 Design Build Project Community Outreach Specialist Oscar Gonzalez provided updates to the project. Oscar described the progress of the project, the expected long-term lane closures, anticipated lane shifts, and coordination efforts.

Golden Glades Community Outreach Specialist Sandra Bello presented details of the project. She advised of the project's progress and the construction crew's next steps towards completing the project.

3. Meeting Adjournment

The meeting adjourned. All presentations are available on the SunGuide.info website (<https://sunguide.info/incident-management-service/tim-team/tim-meetings/>).