

## FINAL MEETING MINUTES

### Monroe County Traffic Incident Management (TIM) Team Meeting

<b>Date/Time:</b>	November 17, 2021	1:30PM - 3:30PM
<b>Location:</b>	Florida Department of Transportation - District Six SunGuide Transportation Management Center Online Meeting - Microsoft Teams	
<b>Hosts:</b>	Don Avery, Alex Mirones, Felix Lopez, and Rulx Belizaire	
<b>Attendees:</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Agency</b>
	Shawn Kinney	FDOT Central Office - Traffic Incident Management
	Carlos Dardes	FDOT District Six
	Yamilet Diaz	FDOT District Six
	Ostojic Bratislav	FDOT District Six - SunGuide TMC
	Nikolas Muriel	FDOT District Six – SunGuide TMC
	Carlos Solis	City of Marathon Public Works
	Joel Majgier	Ferrovial Services
	Brian Cumbie	Florida Department of Environmental Protection
	Michael Miller	H2O Environmental
	Anthony Sabbag	HDR, Inc
	Simon Gutierrez de Pineres	Jacobs
	Loren Marquez	LARS Engineering
	Jonathan Rizzo	National Weather Service

#### 1. Purpose of Meeting

This meeting serves as an open forum for TIM stakeholders to highlight, share activities, initiatives, projects, and events regarding incident management. It provides partners an opportunity to network, raise questions, and share best practices and lessons learned to maximize communication and coordination.

#### 2. Discussion Items

Felix welcomed everyone to the Monroe County Traffic Incident Management (TIM) Team Meeting. He shared the purpose of the meeting, agenda items, and announced the presenters.

Alex said this is the second TIM Team meeting of the year and focuses on coordination and discussing events impacting the holiday season. Special events are returning to the keys, such as the Key Largo Bridge Walk/Run, The SMART Ride, Annual Cops Ride for Kids, City of Key West Half Marathon & 5K, and the Annual Blessing of the Fleet. The Key Largo Bridge Walk/Run occurred last weekend, and the TMC supported by redirecting traffic to Card Sound Road and providing closure notifications on Dynamic Message Signs (DMSs). The TMC will monitor upcoming special events and provide closure notifications through Florida 511 and DMSs.

Alex spoke about the 7 Mile Bridge incident that occurred on April 12, 2021. This incident involved a sailboat that struck a powerline leaving 30,000 customers without power. South of the 7 Mile Bridge, our system has 16 cameras, 3 DMSs, and 23 traffic signals that could have been affected by this event. However, recent upgrades to the traffic signal system included uninterruptible power supplies (UPS) in each traffic signal cabinet. The UPS allows 4-hour backup power and provides notifications when commercial power was lost and restored. The system remained resilient and continued to function throughout this power outage.

Alex mentioned the importance of Responder Safety and stated that the Department held a Move Over Law press event. The event was held on August 27, 2021, at the FHP Troop E Headquarters to raise awareness of the Move Over Law and responder safety. Present at the event were FDOT, Road Rangers, FHP, Miami-Dade Fire Rescue, and various local law enforcement agencies. There was also media coverage from five local news stations (CBS Channel 4, NBC Channel 6, WSVN Channel 7, ABC Channel 10, and Telemundo Channel 51). Media coverage by NBC Channel 6 was shared ([NBC Miami](#)). Speakers stated the importance of the Move Over Law and how it directly affects responders' safety. Alex added that the law was amended to include construction and maintenance vehicles on July 22, 2021.

On a national level, the Federal Highway Administration established Crash Responder Safety Week (CRSW) from November 8 to November 14, 2021. CRSW was formally known as National Traffic Incident Response Awareness Week. TMCs, police departments, wrecker companies, fire rescue departments, and agencies across the nation participated in this campaign to raise awareness of responders' safety. District Six TMC displayed safety messages on DMSs, published responder safety articles through SunGuide.info, and posted daily safety messages with short video clips on social media platforms during CRSW.

Don presented on the Keys Connecting Overseas to Advance Safe Travel (COAST) project. This is the first connected vehicles project in the district. This project takes advantage of current technology and connected vehicle initiatives along with recent upgrades for the Monroe County Traffic Signal System to maximize efficiency throughout the corridor. The project will source data to carry out applications such as freight signal priority, emergency vehicle preemption, transit signal priority, vehicle to vehicle safety, pedestrian safety, and cyclist safety. The project's benefits are aligned with the vision of FDOT's Vital Few by enhancing mobility, improving safety, encouraging innovation, and fostering workforce development.

Rulx provided a brief overview of construction projects that the TMC supports with notifications through DMSs and Florida 511 when there are lane closures.

Rulx presented a refresher on the Rapid Incident Scene Clearance (RISC) Program. Rulx described incident types that would trigger activating RISC. A RISC activation deploys a package of equipment and expertise to recover complex incidents. Rulx listed the equipment dispatched and explained arrival expectations. He reviewed the last RISC activation that occurred on July 22, 2021 involving a rolled over dump truck that landed in the water. Rulx described the RISC event from activation to clearance. The RISC vehicles arrived on scene, blocked all lanes, hooked up the truck, loaded it onto a landoll, then moved to the shoulder in a timely manner. The RISC program focuses on safe-quick clearance for any complex incident. Rulx recommended to contact himself or Felix Lopez if there are any questions about RISC training or the program.

FDOT In-House Construction Project Manager Anthony (Tony) Sabbag provided information on construction projects for 2020 and 2021. He listed the projects and gave an update on their progress status, funding, and work performed. This included construction updates of the Old 7 Mile Bridge Rehabilitation Project, Hurricane Irma Repair Project, Channel 5 Bridge Rehabilitation Project, and a few push button projects. Tony highlighted a major project beginning on South Roosevelt Boulevard in late 2022. The start date for this project was advanced from July 2023 to December 2022.

### **3. Open Discussion**

Carlos Solis (City of Marathon Public Works Director) asked when the pedestrian crosswalk at US 1 and Coco Plum is scheduled. Tony responded that it is part of a push button project. He will verify the date and reply to Carlos after the meeting.

Joel Majgier (Ferrovial Services Operations Efficiency Manager) announced that the entire asset maintenance team received refresher trainings and recertifications related to responder safety and maintenance of traffic. Also, Joel told Tony that he liked the new paint color on the Old 7 Mile Bridge.

Jonathan Rizzo (NOAA / National Weather Service Warning Coordination Meteorologist) provided a brief report of the 2021 Hurricane Season. He stated that this season is the third most active on record, and the second time in a row that all 21 names were used. The winter outlook is expected to be warmer and drier in Florida, while wetter than normal in the Great Lakes and Ohio Valley.

### **4. Meeting Adjourned**

The meeting ended at 2:24 PM.