

FINAL MEETING MINUTES

Traffic Incident Management Team - 95 Corridor Meeting

Date/Time:	February 15, 2023		1:30 PM - 3:30 PM
Location:	Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) North Dade Maintenance Crew Room 1773 NE 205 Street, Miami, Florida, 33179		
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1. Purpose of Meeting

This TIM meeting serves as a discussion platform for agencies impacted by Florida Department of Transportation District Six's roadways along the eastern region of Miami-Dade County, including I-95, 95 Express, I-195/Julia Tuttle Causeway, I-395, and the MacArthur Causeway. This provides local fire-rescue, law enforcement, asset maintenance, Florida Highway Patrol, and other agencies the opportunity to coordinate and share information regarding special events, construction projects, activities, initiatives, and issues specific to the area.

2. TIM Updates

FDOT District Six

Transportation Management Center (TMC) Manager Alex Mirones welcomed attendees to the meeting and requested everyone to introduce themselves by stating their name, title, and agency. Alex provided the purpose of the meeting related to incident management in the eastern region of Miami-Dade County.

Incident Management Coordinator Rulx Belizaire advised on the importance of responders' training and awareness, especially when arriving to a routine incident that can turn into a complex situation. On January 23, 2023, an FDOT District Six Road Ranger was assisting a disabled vehicle located on SR 826 northbound on the entrance ramp from SW 40 Street/Bird Road when another vehicle drove past the area firing shots in their direction. There were no injuries, and the event is still under investigation. He asked to remain vigilant and look for abnormal behavior so a responder could evaluate, assist, or depart a scene.

On January 16, 2023, a group of cyclists impeded I-95 traffic by riding across all travel lanes. The cyclist entered the highway from the entrance ramp of NW 62 Street and exited on the off-ramp of NW 79 Street, so the disruption was brief. This activity occurs yearly during the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday when off-road motorcycles and All-Terrain Vehicles (ATVs) caused significant traffic disruption for extended periods throughout the corridor. This year, the TMC, Florida Highway Patrol (FHP), and local law enforcement coordinated to minimize the impact. FHP positioned their Troopers at select entrance ramps to help prevent cyclists from entering I-95.

Rulx mentioned the upcoming special events for 2023. The Miami International Boat Show, South Beach Wine & Food Festival, Calle Ocho Music Festival, Miami Open 2023, Ultra Music Festival, and Grand Prix Miami 2023 are a few events that will likely cause an influx of traffic and closures. During Grand Prix Miami 2023, Florida's Turnpike's entrance and exit ramps of NW 199 Street will be closed during event days.

He presented TMC data on FDOT District Six events managed and a graph of Roadway Clearance Times (RCT) and Incident Clearance Times (ICT). In addition, Rulx mentioned that the TMC conducted a Road Ranger coverage roadway assessment, indicating higher Road Ranger response times along I-195/Julia Tuttle Causeway and I-395/MacArthur Causeway. As a result, a Road Ranger Pilot Beat equipped with a Road Ranger pickup truck was created to assist the aforementioned corridors.

Rulx provided details of the current and upcoming Wrong Way Driving Detection (WWDD) projects, which are part of a FDOT statewide initiative. He shared an illustration of the current WWDD devices and described their components and functions.

Rulx highlighted efforts by District Six in support of Crash Responder Safety Week, held from November 14 to November 18, 2022. It also included a Road Ranger appreciation video by individuals from the FDOT District Six, including: Secretary Stacy Miller, Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Battalion Chief Jacque Alabre, and TSM&O Program Engineer Javier Rodriguez thanking Road Rangers for their assistance. FHP and FDOT led the Move Over Press Event held on January 23, 2023, to raise awareness of the law. The event was supported by local law enforcement, Miami-Dade Fire Rescue, and FDOT Road Rangers and received media coverage from multiple news stations. Rulx advised of the statewide initiative to outfit road rangers/service patrol vehicles with rear-facing red lights to raise awareness and encourage motorists to move over or slow down.

Rulx presented the Rapid Incident Scene Clearance (RISC) program and displayed graphs of total events per calendar year and RISC performance durations for each calendar year. Rulx covered a recent RISC event and highlighted the lessons learned and best practices. In addition, he detailed the communication and coordination activities performed during these RISC events that contributed to a successful recovery.

I-395/SR 836/ I-95 Design Build Project

I-395/SR 836/ I-95 Design-Build Project Community Outreach Specialist Oscar Gonzalez provided the latest update to the project along with images. Oscar stated a total of 345 precast arch segments would be needed to complete the six arches of the bridge. Much of the work is performed off the highway and away from traffic. The erection of arch number one is complete. Oscar highlighted that the arches will be hollow inside, with stairs throughout the interior for maintenance. Oscar stated that the 95 Express entrance will be moved north of NW 29 street. Please contact Oscar Gonzalez (Ogonzalez@mrgmiami.com) for further details on the project, and visit (<https://sunguide.info/incident-management-service/tim-team/tim-meetings/>) to access the presentation.

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/>).