

## Final Meeting Minutes

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

<b>Date/Time:</b>	November 15, 2023	10:00 AM – 12:00 PM	
<b>Location:</b>	Florida Department of Transportation - District Six Marathon Operations Center – Conference Room 3100 Overseas Highway, Marathon, Florida 33050		
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#### 1. Purpose of Meeting

Provide agency updates to the Monroe County TIM Team and disseminate incident management issues for the region. Updates were given by FDOT District Six Transportation Management Center, FDOT District Six Construction, and Webber. This meeting also serves as an opportunity to network and share lessons learned to maximize interagency cooperation, coordination, and communication.

All presentations listed below are available on the SunGuide.info website.  
<https://sunguide.info/incident-management-service/tim-team/tim-meetings/>

#### 2. TIM Updates

##### 2.1 FDOT District Six TIM Update – Alex Mirones

Alex welcomed everyone to the Monroe County TIM Team Meeting and introductions were provided by all attendees. Alex mentioned that Rulx Belizaire is no longer the Incident Management Coordinator. Alex summarized the purpose of the meeting. The meetings allows a networking opportunity for TIM Team stakeholders.

Alex summarized past and upcoming special events. He described what the Transportation Management Center (TMC) was able to do for Key Deer Blvd during increased traffic for Fantasy Fest. TMC Arterial Operations staff noticed that the Monroe County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) was manually controlling the signal. TMC staff temporarily adjusted the signal timing to mitigate congestion which relieved MCSO from controlling the signal. Lisette Quintero asked if these type of requests can be made. Don mentioned there is a Monroe County Traffic Signal System (MCTSS) phone number. Alex said it is on the MCSO website (the phone number is 305.640.7360). Donny Barrios said this worked

very well the other day. Chuck Kellenberger asked about other phone numbers that may be available for the traffic signals. It has sometimes taken a while for traffic signal repair once it had been reported. Don explained the traffic signal maintenance process. He also mentioned that the TMC had given field training to several officers for preliminary troubleshooting. Chuck said that was a while ago and there have been changes in staff since then. Don suggested that another round of training might be due and will look into it.

It was noted that Gilbert's is no longer participating in the Key Largo Bridge Run. MCSO is working with the run organizers on a new route.

Alex explained statewide safety initiatives for the incident management programs. He shared what FDOT District Six is doing to satisfy these initiatives. He described the advance warning system for Road Rangers (RR) and Incident Response Vehicles (IRV). Bert Serrano said that Webber has a similar system on their maintenance vehicles. Alex discussed the recent addition of rear red lights for IRV. The rear strobe lights were changed from four amber strobe lights to six red strobe lights. There was a discussion on IRV and the differences between RR and IRV. Felix explained the difference between RR and IRV. He also mentioned they are working towards equipping all Road Ranger vehicles with rear red lights. Bert asked about the chevron striping on the back of the IRV trucks. Felix said the chevron striping is effective and very visible.

Alex explained the new tactical training for incident management staff.

Alex moved into TIM Innovations. These are devices that the TMC is considering for its field staff and wanted to share this information with the TIM Team. Alex discussed the sequential road flares. These lights are more suitable for dark rural roads. He also discussed wearable safety lights. These are lights that can be worn on the shoulder, helmet, or hat. The TMC is getting ready to test wearable lighting with IRV staff. Bert said they are also testing something similar for their staff. Kyaw Htet said they are small LEDs that can be seen from three miles away.

Alex discussed the upcoming changes to the Move Over Law. On January 1, 2024, the law expands to disabled vehicles. Alex summarized the types of events that the TMC has covered from January through October, 2023. Scheduled road work, crashes, and emergency vehicles are the top three types of events.

Alex provided a brief summary of the Keys COAST pilot project. The project is expected to be completed by the end of the year. Bert mentioned that several of their OBU screens are bad. Don said he will let the project staff know about it. Don explained other aspects of the project including Automated Traffic Signal Performance Measures (ATSPM) data. Florida Highway Patrol (FHP) Lt. Anorce Narcisse asked if the cameras record video. Alex said they do not. Anorce asked who he could talk to. Don said this would be a Tallahassee decision as FDOT policy is to not record traffic video.

Alex also mentioned the upcoming milling and resurfacing project from MM 108.4 to MM 112.8. The project will need to rebuild the northbound side. Traffic will be moved to the southbound side and separated by delineators. There will be no shoulders on either side. Tony Sabbag and Hector Rodriguez confirmed. Tony said they will be putting periodic openings in the barrier wall to provide refuge areas for disabled vehicles. There is also discussion about tow trucks when there is active work. Anorce asked about FHP Hireback. Hector said that FHP Hireback is a separate contract and could be done on request.

Alex gave an update on upcoming responder training. Chuck asked if they could get the PowerPoint presentation for that training. It would be helpful for them if they could put it on their MCSO website for other officers to see. Alex mentioned that this was a national training but will look into the possibility of sharing the presentation. Alex noted that online training is ok but it does not replace the in-person experience, especially with table top exercises.

Alex reminded everyone that this week is Crash Responder Safety Week. He described how FDOT District Six is supporting through social media messaging and dynamic message signs.

## 2.2 District Six Construction – Tony Sabbag

Tony reviewed several ongoing and upcoming construction projects. Some push button contracts that started in 2021 will be wrapping up in December.

- Channel 5 Bridge project expected to be completed at end of 2024.
- Landscaping project in Boca Chica is completed and will have maintenance until 2025.
- The Key West projects along A1A near Smathers Beach expected to be completed in April 2025.
- Resurfacing project in Cudjoe Key started a month ago and expected to finish by Jan/Feb 2025.
- Project in Key Largo from MM 97 to MM 104 started and expected to finish by October 2024.

MCSO requested if they could receive a phone call when work is happening. The call should be made to the communications officer. Tony said they could do that.

### Future projects

- MM 108 to MM 114 starts in May 2024.
- MM 36 to MM 38.4 starts in May 2024 and expected to finish in December 2024.
- MM 75 to MM 81 starts in August 2025 and expected to finish in February 2028
- North Roosevelt project from Eisenhower to South Roosevelt to start February 2025 and end August 2026
- New traffic signal on North Roosevelt at North College Road starts mid 2026.

## 2.3 Asset Maintenance (Webber) – Chris Richert

Chris gave an update on Webber's activities. He discussed their personal protection equipment efforts.

Chris showed a video highlighting recent work on the Old Seven Mile Bridge.

## 3. Open Discussion

Gabe Guevara mentioned that he often gets stopped at the traffic lights on US 1 at either NW 107 Street or NW 109 Street. He stated that the light turns red even when there is no one at the cross street. Don advised Gabe that he will report this to the Arterial Operations team. Gabe said this usually happens around 5:00 am.

## 4. Meeting Adjourned

The presentations and meeting minutes are available on SunGuide.info (<https://sunguide.info/incident-management-service/tim-team/tim-meetings/>). The next Monroe County TIM Team meeting will be in June 2024.