

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

Traffic Incident Management Team Meeting - 95 Corridor

Date/Time:	February 22, 2024		10:00 AM - 12:00 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.

Alex started the meeting by bringing up the January 15 event in which FHP alongside Miami-Dade County PD worked together to prevent an influx of bicyclists from entering the highways which would cause disruptions for motorists. He thanked both agencies for their swift response in resolving this issue. Alex mentioned that since it is an election year there will be an increase in VIP motorcades which would prompt road closures along I-95.

Alex identified upcoming special events taking place in Miami-Dade County. These events typically cause localized increase in traffic.

- Miami International Boat Show
- South Beach Wine & Food Festival
- Calle Ocho Music Festival

- Miami Open 2024
- Ultra Music Festival
- Miami Grand Prix

Spring Break season was discussed. There will be possible curfews for both the beach and entertainment district. The City of Miami Beach is planning lane closures on the causeways for the weekends of March 8 through 10 and March 15 through 17. Julia Tuttle Causeway will have lane closures that will split traffic going into Alton Road with police units utilizing license plate readers for all incoming traffic. MacArthur Causeway will close 2 eastbound lanes beginning east of Fountain Street and ending at Bridge Road. Police units will also be utilizing license plate readers for all incoming traffic.

There was a discussion about the total number of District Six events managed each year. Alex pointed out that for the past three years, District Six number of events has been consistent, but he did point out the roadway clearance time and how it has been increasing since 2021.

Luis Enrich from the Port Miami Tunnel suggested including clearance time data in the incident integrated verification system to uncover correlations for increasing clearance time.

Alex gave an update on the pilot Road Ranger beat along I-195 and I-395. One pickup truck will patrol this beat from 5:00 AM to 9:00 PM Monday through Friday. The pickup truck is equipped with standard equipment and fuel.

Alex explained that the Phase 1 Wrong Way Driving Detection project is anticipated to be completed in March 2024. He went on to clarify that there are going to be 5 Phases with a total of 95 Wrong Way Driving Detection Systems.

The next responder training will be in March 2024. Alex announced that anyone interested in attending the training can do so by visiting the sunguide.info website or by reaching out to Daniel Alvarado, who is the Incident Management Coordinator for District Six.

Alex talked about the IRV and Road Ranger tactical training and Road Ranger workshop. The Road Ranger workshop takes place annually to brainstorm new ideas for improving the program and understanding the roles and duties. During the discussion, the importance of this training for Road Rangers and IRVs was highlighted to ensure their safety while working on the roadways.

Alex highlighted the efforts made by District Six to support Crash Responder Safety Week, which was held from November 13 to November 17, 2023. The Florida Highway Patrol (FHP) and the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) led the Move Over Press Event on January 24, 2024, to raise awareness about the importance of moving over or slowing down when there are emergency or service vehicles on the road. This event was supported by local law enforcement, Miami-Dade Fire Rescue, and FDOT Road Rangers, and it received media coverage from multiple news stations.

Alex advised of the statewide initiative to outfit Road Ranger/service patrol vehicles with rear-facing red lights to raise awareness and encourage motorists to move over or slow down when approaching a scene.

Alex gave an update on the Rapid Incident Scene Clearance (RISC) program and displayed graphs of total event per calendar year and RISC performance durations for each year. Alex then covered a recent RISC event about a rollover Coca-Cola tractor trailer on I-95 southbound before Miami Gardens Drive. The trailer spilled 35,000 pounds of cargo onto the roadway. Downtown Towing conducted lane clearance procedures but due to the severity of the accident, the lanes were closed for an extended period.

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

Oscar Gonzalez (Community Outreach Specialist) gave an update on the I-395/SR 836/I-95 Design-Build Project. Oscar stated a total of 345 precast arch segments would be needed to complete the six arches of the bridge and advised that this would prompt lane closures. It was also mentioned that the I-395 Bridge Demo from NE 1 Avenue to West of NW 3 Avenue activities are expected to be completed in Summer 2024. Oscar mentioned the ongoing concrete replacement on I-95 at NW 8 Street and advised that the beam installation along SR 836 will require full nighttime closures. Please contact Oscar Gonzalez (Oscar.Gonzalez2@dot.state.fl.us) for further details on the project.

3. Open Discussion Items

- Manuel Gonzalez inquired whether there is any new information regarding the progress of the GGI construction project.
- Alex Mirones informed the group that there are no updates at this time regarding the Golden Glades Interchange (GGI). However, he will investigate and bring it up during our next TIM meeting.

4. Meeting Adjournment

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