

Alachua TIM Team Meeting

Wednesday, April 13, 2011

Meeting Minutes

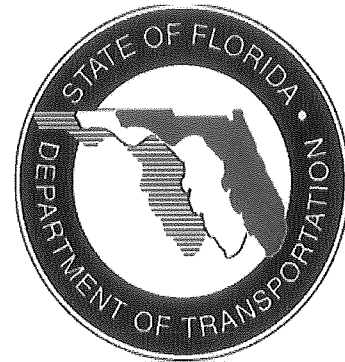
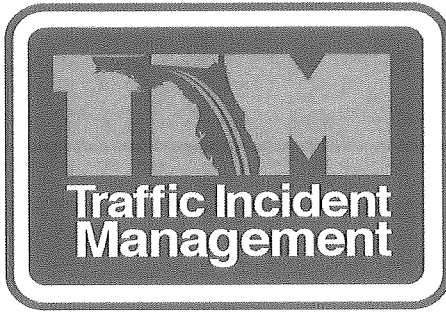
- ❖ Donna Danson opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and asking everyone to introduce themselves.
- ❖ Donna then stated the purpose of the meeting, which is to come together as a group to help each other grow.
- ❖ Donna stated that she had not received any corrections for the last set of Meeting Minutes, so as of now they are approved. She had a copy with her if anyone wanted to review them.
- ❖ Ed Ward gave the EOC update
 - Hope to attend hurricane conference; may get 1 person from each district to attend. This would be the first time in 3 years that they've been able to go
 - State Hurricane Exercise at Camp Blanding in May. State ECO will test their Continuity Of Operations Plan (COOP) by shutting down and moving to Camp Blanding, real time. Will be a replay of hurricane Francis.
 - DOT is spending most of their time on critical infrastructure, such as assessing bridges.
- ❖ Chris Dolan gave the City of Gainesville TMC update
 - Small observation cameras are being installed at intersections throughout Gainesville
 - Will be able to log in through Smart Traffic to view these camera images; passed out card that is attached
 - Also on Twitter @GACSmarttraffic
 - Will be installing fiber this weekend on SW 13th St from 16th Ave to Williston
 - Have not received complaints regarding Archer Road ramp closure
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- ❖ Donna stated that the RISC update is being postponed until the RISC debrief after this meeting.
- ❖ Laurie Windham gave the construction project update
 - Nearing completion of Main St project – handout attached
 - April 29th – University and Main St intersection will close for the weekend
 - To be completed early to mid-June
 - Archer Road project – actively working 24 hours
 - Newberry NB exit ramp started, adding right turn lane and widening left turn lane to create a 2nd left turn lane to end up with 2 right and 2 left turn lanes
 - There has been confusion about the ramp being closed during construction. This is not the case, only later in the project, early next year when the other three ramps are resurfaced; those will be closed for 5 to 6 hours each but during night hours.
 - Conducting outreach efforts for affected parties regarding Archer Road and Newberry project. Laurie stated that if anyone knew of anyone that needs more information and would like to be on the list, please forward her that information.
 - SR 26 overpass
 - Completion expected in May
 - Challenges with asphalt application on connector roads
 - Bruce Strickland asked about missing asphalt near the railroad crossing on SR 26, people nearly stop to cross the tracks and has nearly caused accidents; Laurie answered that it has been brought to the attention of the engineer and she would remind him again
 - Bruce asked about westbound SR 26 approaching the new overpass. He stated there are no delineators or RPMs indicating that the road curves and anticipates that drivers would likely continue straight going toward the cul-de-sac. The reflectors on the cul-de-sac add

further confusion about the road alignment during dark hours. Laurie stated that she would alert the engineers.

- US 301 project – between Waldo and Orange Heights finished pavement last week, just tying up loose ends now, such as sod.
- ❖ Donna Danson led the Incident Debrief
 - Donna – Incident where truck hit I-75 overpass on March 8.
 - Donna shared photos from Gina
 - Donna thanked everyone involved for the excellent work and success of the repairs.
 - Bruce Strickland made the following comments on the incident:
 - The reason the bridge was hit was the extendable boom was likely not retracted completely, approximately only 2 to 3 inches too high
 - Contract for repairs awarded in afternoon, only a few hours after the incident
 - 5 out of 12 beams needed repair
 - FHP did an outstanding job handling MOT
 - By 6 pm that night a contractor was on scene. Most of the work was done at night.
 - 2 lanes on interstate were open throughout the project.
 - ASO and GSP responded
 - Road was completely opened in 21 days; 3 days ahead of the 24 allowed days
 - Special provisions made for transporting in order to expedite construction
 - \$35,000 worth of damage to machine/truck that damaged bridge.
 - No one was injured
 - Donna asked Chris to state how the Gainesville TMC aided in disseminating information to the public about the incident. Chris said they made some timing changes throughout the day and also sent information out via Twitter. They also informed several agencies around the city and county. Philip Mann added the Gainesville TMC was activated as their Emergency Management Center. Philip is a member of the City's Emergency Management team along with 2 other members from the police and fire departments. This team made the executive decision to activate. The TMC/EOC was staffed the entire day with 3 agencies represented and response was coordinated from there with FDOT, FHP and Alachua County Sheriff's Office.
 - Ryan Crist commented on how the Jacksonville TMC aided in disseminating information about the incident. He stated info was posted to 511 via phone and web regionally and statewide. They also coordinated with District 5, 7 and the Turnpike to post messages to their DMS boards.
 - Donna stated the Jacksonville TMC activated the plane and University Towing to check progress of the construction so current information would be circulated.
 - Donna emphasized everyone worked together as a Team.
 - Laurie stated Gina was on scene immediately and was informing media.
 - Superior was contractor hired to repair bridge
 - Estimated \$500,000 worth of damage to bridge
 - Donna noted it seems that several bridges have been hit recently, since there were about 3 incidents within a week. She asked if there was something that could be done to prevent this. Bruce stated it is the operator's responsibility to verify the high of the vehicle so when approaching a bridge he can quickly assess whether or not he will be able to pass. Laurie suggested the incidents be reviewed individually to determine the primary cause. From there it could be determined whether training is necessary or perhaps greater enforcement of current regulations.
- ❖ Team Concerns
 - Alachua TIM newsletter
 - Donna explained Jacksonville has a monthly ITS newsletter that keeps team members on the First Coast informed of activities and projects in the area.

- People in Jacksonville have appreciated it and it is not limited to the TIM team.
 - Asked if team members would like to have one for this area
 - Donna asked if Chris would be interested in leading this. He said he would pass it on to Matt, but Matt already does a report.
 - Donna promised to send a couple samples of the ITS newsletters to all Alachua TIM members
 - If such a newsletter is desired a 'task team' would be set up.
- ❖ Announcements
 - Next meeting June 8, 2010
 - FHP has a new Director of FHP, Colonel David Brierton
 - ❖ Patrick Odom was asked to give an update on news from Central Office
 - There is a new TMC in Pensacola, are discussing deployment of Road Rangers there
 - Turnpike added 900 hours of Road Ranger service per month.
 - ❖ Pete Vega provided an update of FDOT District 2 ITS and 511.
 - With hurricane season coming, Pete reminded everyone 511 is a tool for TIM team members. He asked if an evacuation occurs please send info by calling *FHP and request troop G, extension 122 or dial 904-301-3700 Ex. 122
 - 511 system is statewide so info can be sent far and wide very quickly
 - Jacksonville TMC has had connection to the Gainesville TMC and hope this will be beneficial during games. The information can be posted to 511.
 - Received an email about a bill in congress for smarter communities.
 - The bill will pick 6 cities in US as test cases for ITS and technology.
 - Gainesville already has a good system, could be contender.
 - The result would be funding for more projects to improve system and fill current needs.
 - For more information, talk to the local MPO.
 - UF could be partner for research
 - Smart Phone Application for Road Rangers
 - Road Rangers typically communicate via radio
 - Some districts use laptops or tablets
 - An application was made for a smart phone that took less than a year to deploy in Jacksonville.
 - Has been a lifesaver
 - Radio traffic dropped approximately 70%
 - Could work for other agencies as well
 - Ryan – INRIX
 - Real time speeds on I-75
 - Is on test server but will soon be implemented in SunGuide
 - Travel times will be available via phone and web
 - Pete stated this will facilitate Jacksonville notifying Gainesville of incidents.
 - Pete
 - District 5 project to install cameras at county line
 - Should be done this summer
 - ❖ Donna reminded everyone to please send comments on newsletter idea
 - ❖ Pete thanked FHP and reminded everyone this week is "Telecommunications week."
 - ❖ Donna stated if no one had anything else, we would begin the RISC Debriefing Meeting.

Meeting Adjourned



**ALACHUA
TRAFFIC INCIDENT MANAGEMENT TEAM
AGENDA
APRIL 13, 2011**

WELCOME

Donna Danson

PURPOSE

Donna Danson

INTRODUCTION/GREETINGS

Team Members

MINUTES –FEBRUARY 2010 -APPROVAL

Team Members

EOC UPDATE

Ed Ward

CITY OF GAINESVILLE TMC

Chris Dolan

RISC UPDATE

Donna Danson

ITS/511 UPDATE

Peter Vega

CONSTRUCTION PROJECT UPDATE

**Gina Busscher/
Laurie Windham
Bruce Strickland/
Team Members**

INCIDENT DEBRIEF - (Ed Ward's List attached)

- **February 14, 2011**
- **March 10, 2011 RISC**
 - **DEBRIEF MEETING – 11:00 AM**

TEAM CONCERNS

- **Alachua TIM Newsletter - Discussion**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **NEXT ALACHUA TIM MEETING: JUNE 8, 2011**

MEETING ADJOURNED

***MISSION:** The Florida Department of Transportation District Two's Traffic Incident Management Teams through partnering efforts strive to continuously reduce incident scene clearance times to deter congestion and improve safety. The Teams' objective is to exceed the Open Roads Policy thus ensuring mobility, economic prosperity, and quality of life.*

***VISION:** Through cooperation, communication and training the Teams intend to reduce incident scene clearance times by 10% each year through 2015.*

ALACHUA TRAFFIC INCIDENT MANAGEMENT TEAM MEETING

April 13, 2011

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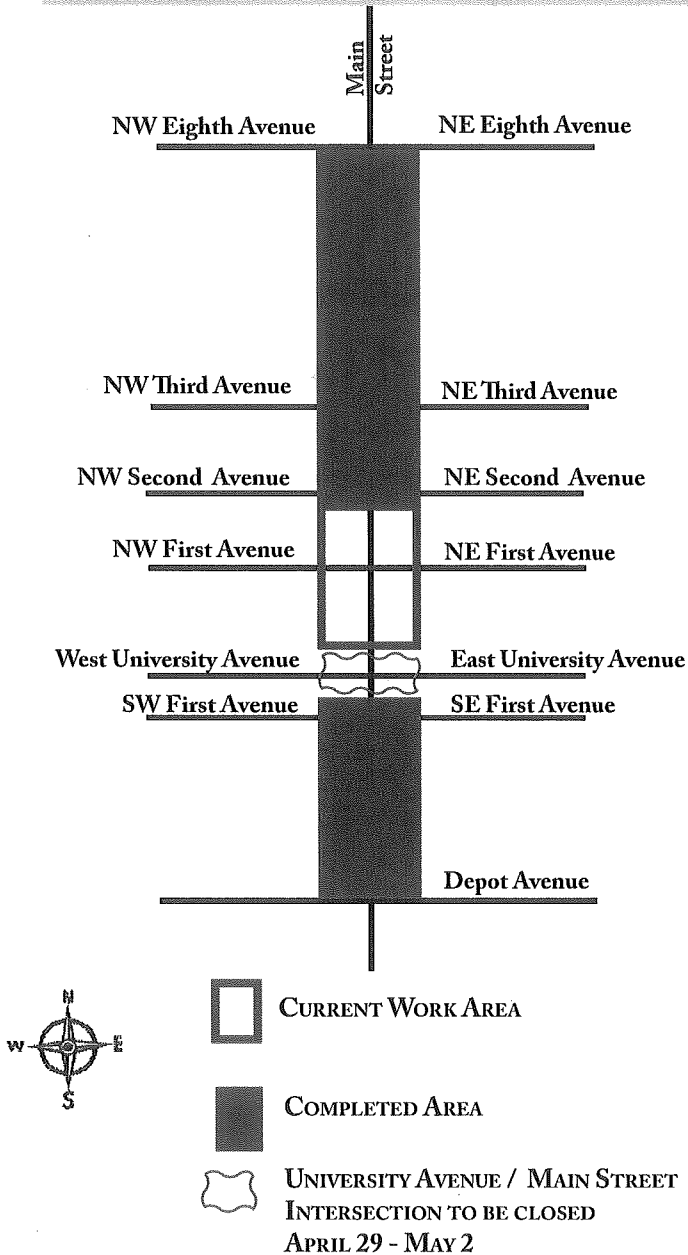
DATE	UNIT	INCIDENT	LOCATION	LENGTH OF CLOSURE	DEATHS	90 MIN GOAL MET
2/14/2011	GAINESVILLE	ACCIDENT	S.R. 121 WILLISTON RD.S.B. @ I-75. DRIVER OF A DOT TRANSPORT HAD OVERHEIGHT EQUIPMENT & STRUCK THE BRIDGE DECK.	UNK	0	UNK
2/16/2011	FHP	ACCIDENT	S.R. 20 @ S.R. 21. S.B. DRIVER ON S.R. 21 PULLED INTO THE PATH OF AN E.B. VEHICLE ON S.R. 20.	UNK	0	UNK
2/27/2011	FHP	ACCIDENT	U.S. 301 @ C.R. 125 BRADFORD CO. SEMI DRIVER PULLED ONTO U.S. 301 N.B. PICK UP DRIVER RAN INTO THE REAR OF THE SEMI.	UNK	0	UNK
3/1/2011	BRIDGE	ACCIDENT	U.S. 441 UNDER I-75 AT ELLISVILLE. DUMP TRUCK STRUCK THE SIGN UNDER THE BRIDGE. REMAINDER OF SIGN REMOVED. REPLACE LATER.	3 HOURS	0	NO
3/4/2011	FHP	ACCIDENT	I-75 N.B. @ MM 407. DRIVER IN LEFT LANE STRUCK ANOTHER VEHICLE - BOTH VEHICLES SPINNING 3RD VEHICLE BECAME INVOLVED.	UNK	0	UNK
3/8/2011	BRIDGE	ACCIDENT	U.S. 441 S.B. UNDER I-75 AT ELLISVILLE. TRUCK STRUCK THE SIGN &THE BRIDGE. DEBRIS REMOVED. REPAIR LATER.	2.50 HOURS	0	NO
3/8/2011	FHP	ACCIDENT	S.R. 24 E.B. @ N.E. 96TH PLACE, BRONSON. PICK UP DRIVER REAR ENDED A CAR THAT WAS STOPPED TO MAKE A LEFT TURN.	UNK	0	UNK
3/8/2011	FHP	ACCIDENT	S.R. 16 @ C.R. 225 BRADFORD CO. DRIVER ON C.R. 225 PULED OUT ONTO S.R. 16 INTO THE PATH OF A MOTORCYCLE.	UNK	0	UNK
3/10/2011	GAINESVILLE	ACCIDENT	I-75 N.B. @ MM 388 GARBAGE TRUCK & SEMI TRUCK COLLIDE. ALL 3 N.B. LANES ARE BLOCKED.	3.25 HOURS	0	NO
3/17/2011	FHP	ACCIDENT	S.R. 24 @ S.W. 122ND ST. ALACHUA COUNTY. BICYCLIST HIT BY A HIT & RUN DRIVER.	UNK	0	UNK
3/18/2011	CHIEFLAND	ACCIDENT	U.S. 27 @ C.R. 339 GILCHRIST CO. DRIVER OF A VAN PULLED ONTO N.B. U.S. 27 IN FRONT OF A SEMI TRUCK.	5.50 HOURS	0	NO
3/29/2011	FHP	ACCIDENT	U.S. 19 @ PRISON RD IN CROSS CITY. DRIVER OF A PICK-UP W/LAWN EQUIP TRAILER SWERVED FOR A PEDESTRIAN, LOST CONTROL, FLIPPED	UNK	0	UNK
3/30/2011	GAINESVILLE	ACCIDENT	U.S. 441 IN HIGH SPRINGS. TREE FELL ONTO ROADWAY & STRUCK A PICK-UP TRUCK IN FRONT OF BEV'S BURGERS.	.50 HOURS	0	YES
3/30/2011	GAINESVILLE	ACCIDENT	S.R. 26 @ ALACHUA/GILCHRIST COUNTY LINE. E.B. DRIVER STRUCK A BICYCLIST.	UNK	1	UNK
4/3/2011	FHP	ACCIDENT	U.S. 27 3 MI S OF CHIEFLAND. N.B. DRIVER RAN OFF ROAD, OVERCORRECTED, LOSS CONTROL & OVERTURNED.	UNK	0	UNK
4/6/2011	FHP	ACCIDENT	I-75 S.B. @ MM 466 HAMILTON CO. SINGLE VEHICLE CRASH. DRIVER RAN OFF OF ROAD DIRECTLY INTO TREES. NO LANES BLOCKED.	N/A	1	N/A
4/9/2011	FHP	ACCIDENT	U.S. 41 N OF C.R. 335 LEVY CO. DRIVER RAN OFF ROAD, LOST CONTROL & CRASHED IN TREES.	UNK	0	UNK
4/10/2011	FHP	ACCIDENT	I-75 S.B. @ MM 376. SUV BLEW A TIRE, DRIVER LOST CONTROL & OVERTURNED IN THE MEDIAN.	UNK	0	UNK
4/11/2011	GAINESVILLE	ACCIDENT	U.S. 441 S.B. @ WACAHOTA RD. BICYCLIST PULLED ONTO 441 IN FRONT OF A VEHICLE.	2 HOURS	UNK	NO

MAIN STREET UPDATE

APRIL 2011

Main Street, between Depot Avenue and North Eighth Avenue, is being reconstructed into a two-lane road with a center turn lane, bicycle lanes, bus bays and on-street parking. Underground utilities and traffic signals are also being upgraded.

The base of the road between North Eighth Avenue and North First Avenue was completed and reopened in May 2009. Construction south of University Avenue began in sections, starting at the intersection of Depot Avenue in January 2010 and headed north. Work on the current section from South First Avenue to University Avenue is nearing completion and the intersection will reopen when construction moves to the next section.



SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 15 ... the active work area will move north of University Avenue to just south of North Second Avenue. The work in this area is expected to take about three weeks to complete, weather permitting.

SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 29 - MAY 2 ... the intersection of University Avenue and Main Street will be completely closed at 8 p.m. Friday and crews will work continually through the weekend to re-open the intersection no later than 7 a.m. Monday.

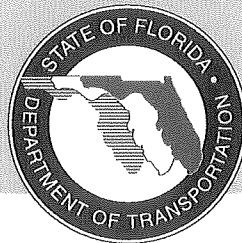
Once the area between University Avenue and North Second Avenue has been completed, the final layer of asphalt will be placed over the entire project - from North Eighth Avenue to Depot Avenue. This is currently scheduled for early summer.

These are ONLY estimated times and are contingent on cooperative weather, timely delivery of materials and many other unknowns.

DID YOU KNOW... workers on Main Street have:

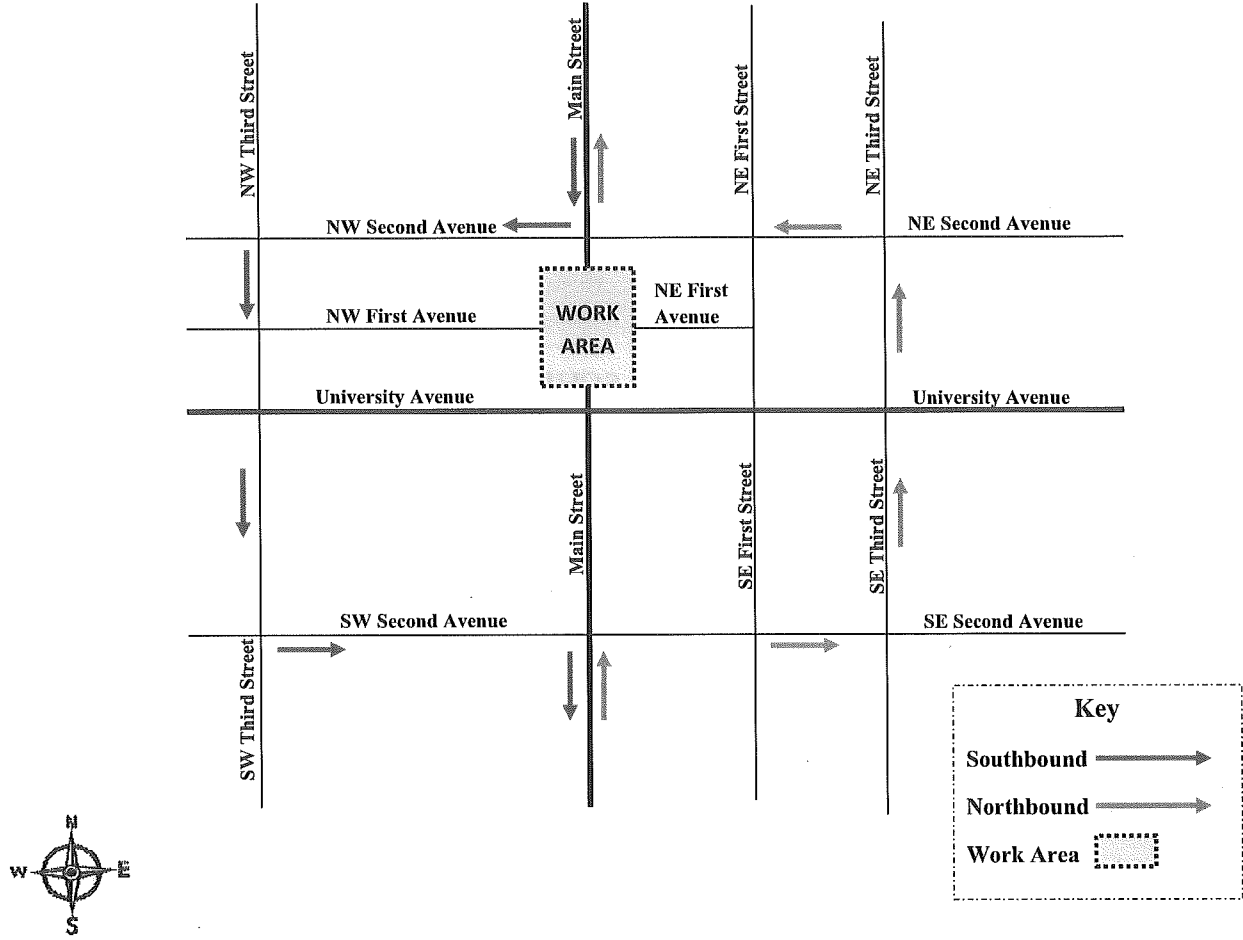
- placed 2,446 tons of structural asphalt (more than five acres)
- installed 10,183 linear feet of pipe (storm, water and sanitary)
- placed 23,337 square yards of lime rock for the new road base
- constructed nearly two miles of new curb and 3,623 square yards of new sidewalk and driveways
- installed emergency vehicle signals at Fire Station One and new traffic signals at seven different intersections.

For more information, contact
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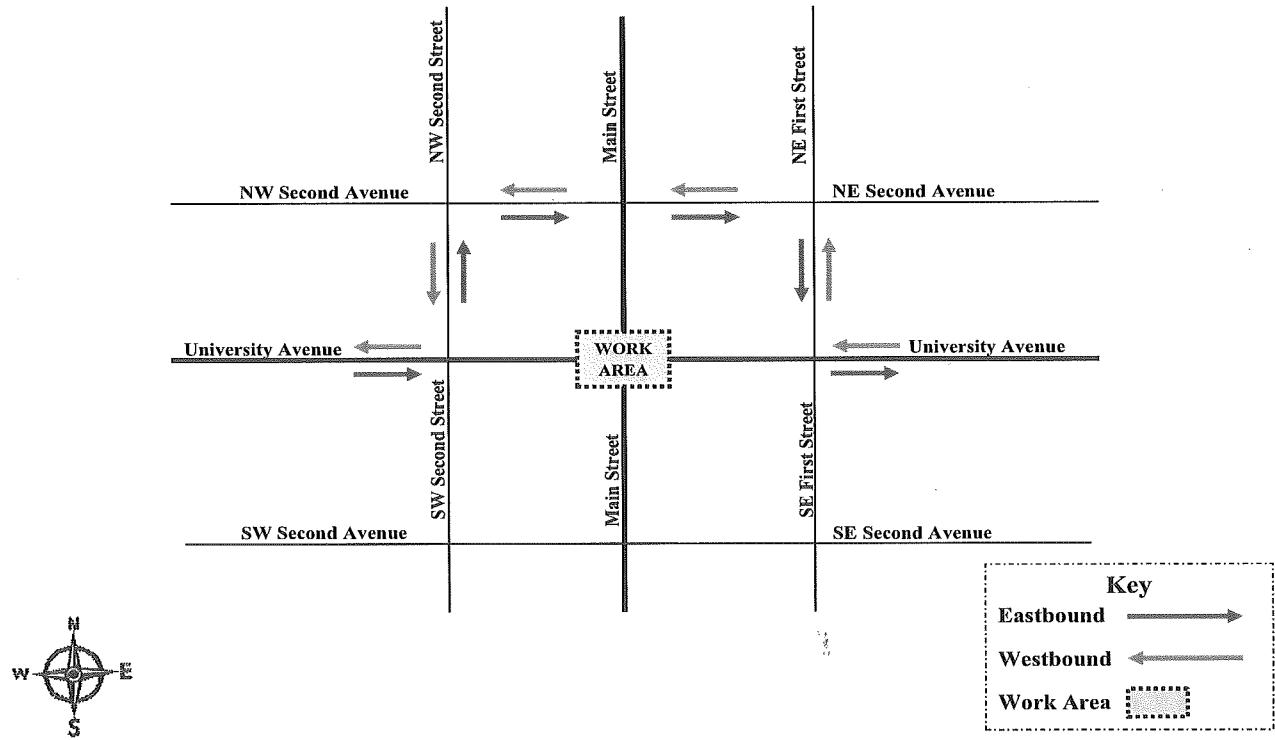


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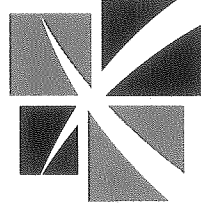


University Avenue Detour



Components and Benefits of a TMS include:

- Operation and maintenance of traffic signals
- Fiber-optic communications network
- Traffic monitoring cameras
- Enhanced system-wide signal timing
- On-the-fly signal timing changes
- Emergency vehicle control (signal priority)
- Real time motorist information
- Effective incident management
- Reduced congestion



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