

Alachua TIM Team Meeting
Wednesday, February 9, 2011

Meeting Minutes

For the list of attendees, please see the attached sign in sheet.

- Pete Vega opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and asking everyone to introduce themselves.
- Pete then stated the purpose of the meeting, which is to come together as a group to enhance communications and discuss our successes and areas of improvement for Traffic Incident Management.
- Pete stated that Donna Danson had previously distributed the meeting minutes and asked if there were any changes or comments. There were none, so as of now they are approved.
- Ed Ward provided updates within the EOC.
 - There is a Child Abduction Exercise going on now that could affect traffic. Signs are put up to let the public know that it is just an exercise so as not to cause panic due to law enforcement coming on and off the roadway with their lights on.
 - Sometime this spring the Homeland Security Committee will be directing another exercise in Camp Blanding, similar to one they did last year. EOC would like to get involved by providing portable cameras.
 - Pete asked if the Hurricane Conference would be taking place anytime soon. Ed stated that he wasn't sure if state employees would be able to go given the new governor and the new agency head status. Ed did mention that he and his counterparts in each district just recently attended the annual Florida Emergency Preparedness Association Meeting and are learning how to use the TIME software.
 - Ed explained a statewide study he has been a part of for the past 4 years that does regional evacuation studies, which gives information to the counties so the counties can then update their evacuation plans.
- There was not a representative for the City of Gainesville so Pete Vega gave an update.
 - Pete mentioned the new TMC and the availability of video to team members. The TMC has newer technology such as computerized monitors for the video wall and the ability to dynamically control the traffic lights.
 - Pete mentioned that Matt Weismann has been working on travel time for the arterial roads as well as adding smaller signs on the arterial roadway with the money left over from the new TMC.
 - They have wanted to add travel time capabilities, arterial DMS, and CCTVs at interchanges so they can tap wirelessly into their network and have the cameras monitoring the interstate and use flashing beacons to alert motorists of anything going on.

- Pete Vega provided an update of RISC.
 - Pete stated that we have not had any risk events anywhere in the state of Florida in awhile. He mentioned that they are still trying to convince central office of the need to use RISC in an event where it could be helpful, even if it is not on the interstate.
- Pete Vega provided an update of 511.
 - 511 in the city is a growing market and that the next step would be to get the University involved in doing research projects that can tell us how much of a benefit it is and if we should continue to use it.
 - Will hopefully begin 511 in Gainesville soon.
 - Pete explained that for 511 there is a TMC Operator dedicated to monitoring the FHP CAD as well as software that gives them travel time information on the interstate. He explained that he tracks the reports every month for the Gainesville area. It takes an average of 7 to 10 minutes from the time an incident is reported to when steps are taken to deal with the incident. Pete believes this time could be much better because at 10 minutes there is usually a mile backup of traffic. He encouraged everyone to call *FHP or *347 if they hear of an incident to make sure that the TMC is aware of it so they can get the ball rolling sooner if they have not been informed of the incident.
- Laurie Windham provided an update for construction.
 - Laurie mentioned the addition of another turn lane off of the Northbound I-75 off ramp onto Newberry Road. The official start date is March 28. She is working on an open house for the general public in that area towards the middle of March at the La Quinta Inn, and that there will be a separate open house for the hospital. Laurie stated that the project would be shut down between Thanksgiving and New Years. The Project Manger is Sandy Chitwood.
 - There is work being done in medians on the drainage at US 301 from Waldo up to Orange Heights and will be looking at paving the friction course in the next few weeks. There is not much impact expected since it is a 4 lane road and only one lane at a time will be done.
 - The overpass at SR 26 over 301 will have the bridge open on December 17. Laurie mentioned that there has been some complaints due to the bumpy areas but that it is only temporary asphalt and within the next few weeks the pavement and asphalt portion should be finished.
 - The Archer Road median project has run into several challenges due to the weather. There will not be any daytime lane closures.
 - Laurie provided attendees with updates, detour routes, and parking schematics (see attachments) for Main Street. On Wednesday construction will be moving from SE 2nd to SE 1st Avenue.
- Bruce Strickland and Team Members provided an Incident Debrief.
 - Ed Ward provided an Incident List for the attendees (see attached).
 - There are fence cuts on I-75 that FDOT were not aware of and can cause issues especially if livestock are present. Bruce mentioned that they do routinely patrol the fence lines on the interstate to keep it up to date. Pete stated that he would contact the division of Forestry, Alachua Fire, etc. regarding the fence cuts and who to contact.

- Bruce mentioned that an accident at US 301 and SR 20 between a semi and pick up caused FDOT Maintenance quite a bit of confusion because FHP and ASO had conflicting requests. One for MOT (FHP), and one saying MOT was not needed (ASO). Bruce had his crew go with FHP's request and they did set up MOT at the accident scene.
- Announcements from Pete Vega.
 - The ITS World Congress will be held on October 16-20, 2011 in Orlando. Pete mentioned that it would go over a lot of aspects of incident management as well as next generation technology. The website is www.itsworldcongress.org and attendees can register for the conference, technical sessions, and special events.
 - The next Alachua TIM Meeting will be April 13, 2011. Pete asked everyone to think about the idea of starting to have a newsletter produced every month, bi-monthly, quarterly, etc.

Meeting Adjourned



**ALACHUA
TRAFFIC INCIDENT MANAGEMENT TEAM
AGENDA**

FRBRUARY 9, 2011

WELCOME	Peter Vega
PURPOSE	Peter Vega
INTRODUCTION/GREETINGS	Team Members
MINUTES –DECEMBER 2010 -APPROVAL	Team Members
EOC UPDATE	Ed Ward
CITY OF GAINESVILLE TMC	Chris Dolan
RISC UPDATE	Peter Vega
ITS/511 UPDATE	Peter Vega
CONSTRUCTION PROJECT UPDATE	Laurie Windham
INCIDENT DEBRIEF - (Ed Ward's List attached)	Bruce Strickland/ Team Members
TEAM CONCERNS	
ANNOUNCEMENTS	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">NEXT ALACHUA TIM MEETING: APRIL 13, 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.

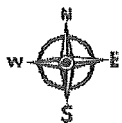
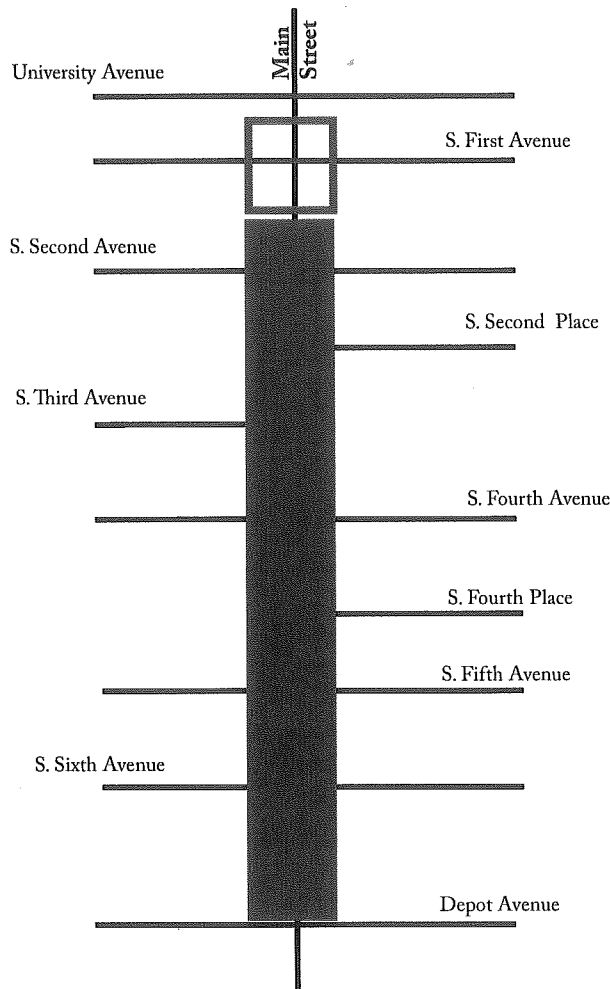
VISION: Through cooperation, communication and training the Teams intend to reduce incident scene clearance times by 10% Each year through 2015.

MAIN STREET UPDATE

February 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 Street was completed and reopened in May 2009. Construction south of University Avenue began in sections, starting at the intersection of Depot Avenue and heading north, in January 2010. Work on the current section at South Second Avenue is now nearing completion, and the intersection will reopen when construction moves to the next section.



CURRENT WORK AREA



COMPLETED AREA

STARTING IN MID-FEBRUARY... the active work area will move north to South First Avenue and take about six weeks to complete, weather permitting.

Following construction at South First Avenue, work at the intersection of Main Street and University Avenue will begin and take about eight weeks to complete. Construction requiring this intersection to be closed will only be allowed on weekends.

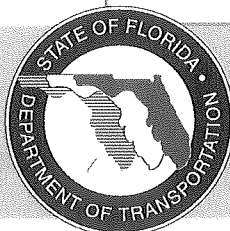
When both sections are completed, the final layer of asphalt will be placed over the entire project - from North Eighth Avenue to Depot Avenue. This is currently scheduled for early summer.

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 2,156 tons of structural asphalt (more than five acres)
- installed 6,700 linear feet of pipe (storm, water and sanitary)
- placed 22,000 square yards of lime rock for the new road base
- constructed nearly two miles of new curb and 3,200 square yards of new sidewalk and driveways
- installed emergency vehicle signals at Fire Station One and new traffic signals at six different intersections

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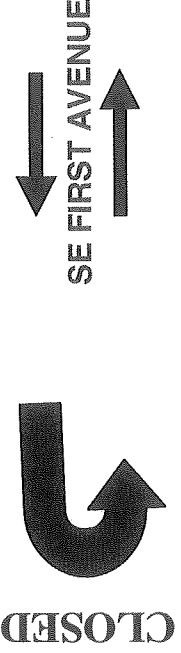
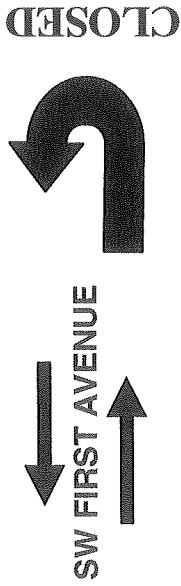
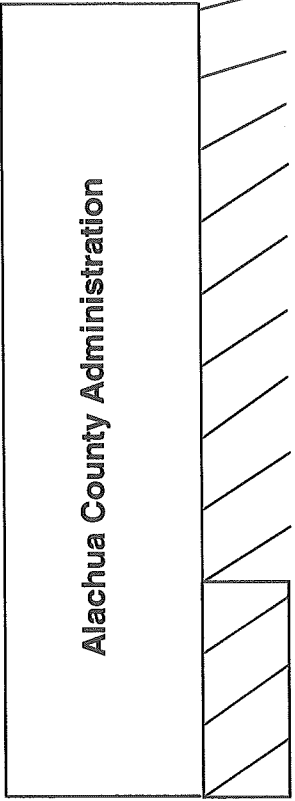
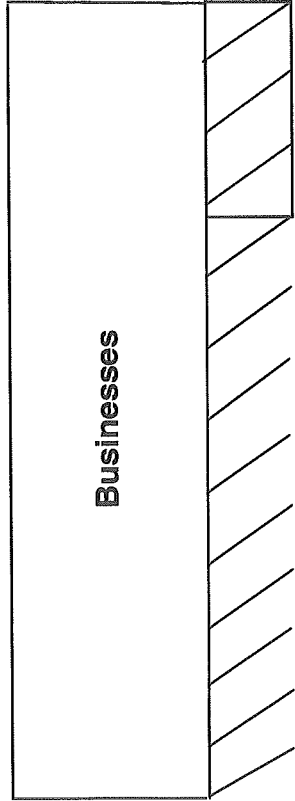


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PARKING ON SOUTH FIRST AVENUE

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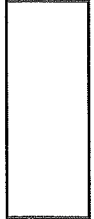
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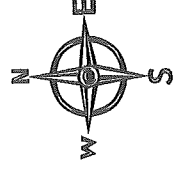
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Temporarily Closed
Parking Spaces



DATE	UNIT	INCIDENT	LOCATION	LENGTH OF CLOSURE	DEATHS	90 MIN GOAL MET
12/15/2010	GAINESVILLE	ACCIDENT	U.S. 301 @ C.R. 1469 IN WALDO. 2 SEMI TRUCKS HAVE CRASHED. APPROX. 50 GAL OF DIESEL SPILLED ON THE ROADWAY.	UNK	0	UNK
12/20/2010	FHP	ACCIDENT	U.S. 19 S.B. IN OLD TOWN. DRIVER ENTERING HWY FROM TAMMY'S SAND BAR PULLED IN FRONT OF A VEHICLE ON U.S. 19. DRIVER DUI.	UNK	0	UNK
12/20/2010	GAINESVILLE	ACCIDENT	U.S. 301 S.B. NEAR ALACHUA C.R. 325. CRASH INVOLVING MULTIPLE SEMI TRUCKS WITH ONE ON FIRE HAS CLOSED THE S.B. LANES.	4.75 HOURS	0	NO
12/21/2010	FHP	ACCIDENT	S.R. 26 E.B. @ C.R. 307 IN GILCHRIST CO. DRIVER RAN INTO THE REAR OF A VEHICLE STOPPED TO MAKE A LEFT TURN.	UNK	0	UNK
12/22/2010	GAINESVILLE	FIRE	U.S. 301 S OF HAWTHORNE HAS EXTREME SMOKE FROM A WILDFIRE. SMOKE SIGNS HAVE BEEN PLACED.	UNK	N/A	N/A
12/25/2010	GAINESVILLE	ACCIDENT	N.W. 13TH ST IN GAINESVILLE. BICYCLIST STRUCK BY A VEHICLE.	2 HOURS	0	NO
12/28/2010	GAINESVILLE	ACCIDENT	U.S. 441 S.B. @ I-75 IN ALACHUA. RIGHT LANE BLOCKED DUE TO A VEHICLE CRASH.	.50 HOURS	0	YES
12/30/2010	FHP	ACCIDENT	S.R. 24 @ S.W. 81ST ST. G'VILLE DRIVER TURNING LEFT TURNED IN FRONT OF ANOTHER VEHICLE.	UNK	2	UNK
1/1/2011	FHP	ACCIDENT	S.R. 9A N.B. S OF BAYMEADOWS. DRIVER RAN OFF OF ROADWAY, OVERCORRECTED AND OVERTURNED.	UNK	0	UNK
1/5/2011	CHIEFLAND	ACCIDENT	U.S. 19 N.B. @ FANNING SPRINGS. LOG TRUCK TRAILER DETACHED FROM THE CAB SPILLING LOGS ON THE N.B. LANES.	4 HOURS	0	NO
1/7/2011	FHP	ACCIDENT	U.S. 301 @ TRAIL ST. IN STARKE. DRIVER ENTERED 301 FROM A PRIVATE DRIVE & PULLED INTO THE PATH OF A SEMI TRUCK.	UNK	0	UNK
1/7/2011	GAINESVILLE	MAINTENANCE	U.S. 441 S.B. IN MICANOPY. S.B. LANES BLOCKED BY A FALLEN TREE.	1 HOUR	0	YES
1/18/2011	FHP	ACCIDENT	U.S. 41 @ C.R. 341 NEAR WILLISTON. DRIVER STRUCK A BICYCLIST.	UNK	1	UNK
1/22/2011	FHP	ACCIDENT	S.R. 55 4/10 MI S OF C.R. 358 IN DIXIE CO.. DRIVER FELL ALSEEP DRIVING & RAN OFF THE ROAD AND CRASHED.	UNK	0	UNK
1/24/2011	FHP	ACCIDENT	S.R. 26 W.B. ALACHUA CO. DRIVER LOST CONTROL OF VEHICLE & OVERTURNED EJECTING PASSENGER.	UNK	0	UNK
1/27/2011	FHP	ACCIDENT	S.R. 231 1.7 MI S OF LAKE BUTLER. DRIVER RAN INTO ANOTHER VEHICLE ATTEMPTING TO MAKE A LEFT TURN.	UNK	0	UNK
1/30/2011	GAINESVILLE	ACCIDENT	U.S. 301 @ S.R. 20 IN BRADFORD CO. SEMI & PICK-UP CRASH HAS CLOSED THE N.B. LANES.	UNK	UNK	UNK
2/3/2011	GAINESVILLE	MAINTENANCE	I-75 S.B. @ MM 396. PINE TREE FELL ACROSS THE INTERSTATE. CENTER & OUTSIDE LANES BLOCKED. DOT CREWS REMOVING.	.75 HOURS	N/A	YES
2/4/2011	GAINESVILLE	ACCIDENT	S.R. 100 @ C.R. 18 IN BRADFORD CO. S.B. DRIVER RAN OFF THE ROAD, STRUCK & KILLED AN A.T. & T. WORKER. 2ND REAR END CRASH AT SITE	1.50 HOURS	1	YES
2/6/2011	FHP	ACCIDENT	S.R. 100 @ BARDIN RD. E.B. DRIVER DRIFTED OVER CENTERLINE ON CURVE & STRUCK W.B. VEHICLE HEAD ON.	1 HOUR	0	YES
2/7/2011	CHIEFLAND	ACCIDENT	U.S. 27 @ C.R. 339 IN LEVY CO. SEMI LOAD OF HAY OVERTURNED BLOCKING 1 N.B. LANE. TRAFFIC DETOURING THROUGH THE MEDIAN.	4.50 HOURS	0	NO

ALACHUA TRAFFIC INCIDENT MANAGEMENT TEAM MEETING

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