First Coast TIM Meeting Tuesday, May 19, 2009

Meeting Minutes

The list of meeting attendees and the Meeting Agenda are attached to these meeting minutes.

- Donna Danson began the meeting by welcoming everyone and asking that they fill in all of the information on the sign in sheet. The contact database will be updated and the information on the sign in sheet will assist with this effort.
- Next, Donna stated the purpose of the meeting. This meeting is meant to get all of the TIM Team Members together, improve communications, go over recent incidents and try to find ways to improve.
- Donna then asked if anyone had any objections to the minutes that had been e-mailed out for the previous meeting. No objections were made.
- Next on the Agenda was the Construction Update.
 - 1. Mike Goldman passed out two handouts, which are attached to these minutes.
 - Mike mentioned that since the Brannan Field-Chafee realignment to connect to SR 23 has been done that there have been a number of traffic back ups on SR 23. FDOT Traffic Operations is looking into this to see what can be done.
 - 3. The Hart Bridge closures have been going fine. The bridge will be open this weekend for the Downtown Festival.
 - 4. The Stockton Street ramp to I-10 EB will be closed beginning June 1, 2009 and will stay closed until project completion in the Winter of 2011.
 - 5. Jay Farhat with JSO mentioned that the detour area is prone to flooding and the rainy season is coming up. Mike mentioned that FDOT had their pumps ready to pump out this area in case of flooding.
 - 6. Kenton Brown with DEP asked Mike to look into the need to remove 3 drums that were left sitting at Southside and JTB. It is believed that these drums were left from a construction storage site that Superior had been using. Mike asked Michelle Sanders to check into this and also stated that he would make a call to Superior to try to get them removed.
 - 7. The Project to install the signage for the re-naming of SR 9A to I-295 has been delay until 2011.
 - 8. Mike asked what the policy is for closing bridges during storms. JSO stated that bridges are to be closed when sustained winds exceed 40 mph or at the discretion of the Officer on site. Jay Farhat mentioned that although some bridges are opened just after the wind has decreased below 40 mph sustained, larger roadways such as I-295 are not immediately reopened. This is due to the amount of effort required to open and close the Roadway.
 - 9. Mike mentioned that there were several rumors and mis-communications during Tropical Storm Faye last year in regard to bridge closures. The opinion of the group was to not believe anything unless it is coming directly from the Emergency Operations Center. Also, any requests for information, from media or others, should be directed to the Public Information Section of the Emergency Operations Center. Ed Ward mentioned that the confusion with Bridges being closed at a specific time may be attributed to the fact that they "lock down" the moveable bridges at a prescribed time. He feels that some people may be misunderstanding this to mean that the bridge is closed to traffic when it is actually being closed to Marine traffic.

- The Emergency Operations Center update was next on the agenda. Ed Ward provided an update on Emergency Operations
 - 1. Ed mentioned that due to the budget constraints the Regional Security Taskforce is being held monthly by teleconference.
 - 2. Ed mentioned that they are still dealing with the effects of the floods in the west part of the District. FEMA is still working in many of these areas.
 - 3. He also mentioned that he had recently attended the Blue Cross Blue Shield Employee Awareness meeting.
 - 4. The Statewide Hurricane Conference is scheduled for May 28th and May 29th and then continuing June 1st through the 3rd.
 - 5. Mike Goldman asked Ed to go over the procedures for using contra-flow during hurricane evacuations. Ed stated that the only way that contra-flow can be used is at the direction of the governor. It is intended to be used for landfall of a category 3 or higher hurricane, when there is not enough time for evacuation of all residents. Ed mentioned that I-95 is not a contra-flow route, but I-10 is from Jacksonville to just west of I-75.
- Donna provided a spreadsheet of the incidents since the last TIM meeting. Ed Ward tracks the incidents and maintains the spreadsheet. This spreadsheet has been attached for reference.
 - 1. Kenton mentioned that the April 2nd accident on I-295 had the potential to be much worse due to the trailer being filled with household supplies. Apparently the wrecker operator picked up the back of the trailer and dumped the bottles of household chemicals onto the ground. The containers could have busted and allowed chemicals to mix which could have caused major problems. The fire department should have been involved to warn of the potential issues with the chemicals.
 - 2. Charlie Wallace stated that this is a good example of the importance of the Incident Command System. If the Incident Command System is in place and being followed then this type of incident would potentially be diverted.
 - Donna stated that she would check to see what towing agency was involved. She also asked everyone to let her know immediately when issues such as this occur, so that she can investigate to find out what happened and what we can do to prevent it from happening again.
- Donna asked if there were any agencies not listed on the agenda that may have anything to discuss. No one had anything that they wanted to discuss.
 - 1. Donna did want to mention that FHP has designated May as Motorcycle Safety Month and that they have had two crackdowns on Aggressive Driving in the past two months.
- Next, Donna asked Craig Carnes to provide ITS and 511 updates
 - Craig stated that although the concentration has previously been to put ITS devices on the interstates, that the focus is now being turned to connecting local agency partners to the ITS system.
 - 2. A fiber connection will be made from I-95 FDOT fiber to the Jacksonville International Airport. This will be used to exchange information, such as parking availability and 511 information and videos for travelers to see any traffic congestion or incidents while they are still in the Airport. These videos will be available on LCD TV screens in the baggage area, where there are currently 511 kiosks to check for travel information.
 - There are also quite a few local roadways being designed to have new signal controllers and CCTV coverage to allow for dynamic real-time signal changes due to incidents or congestion. These roadways include portions of US 17, SR 21, SR 13, and SR 200 in Nassau County.
 - 4. Interstates are still very important for ITS coverage. The next project on I-95, the Phase VI Project, will be starting construction in the next few months. This project will install fiber optic cable, dynamic message signs, CCTVs and vehicle detectors on I-95 from the southern interchange with I-295, south to the County Line. Another project will be beginning the design stage in the next month. This project is the Phase VII Project, and will install

fiber optic cable, dynamic message signs, CCTVs and vehicle detectors on SR 9A from Monument Road, north to the I-95 interchange.

- Next on the agenda, was an update on 511 by Derrick Odom.
 - 1. TMCs throughout the State are helping the Coast Guard by posting messages on the DMS signs for National Safe Boating Week.
 - 2. The TMC is asking all construction projects to keep them updated on any activities which will impact traffic. Messages are being posted on the DMS and on 511 to alert motorists to these impacts to travel.
 - 3. A new version of the Statewide 511 System will be available soon which will allow video sharing between agencies, which will be very helpful during evacuations.
- Next on the agenda, were the announcements.
 - Donna announced that there will be a training coming up, tentatively scheduled for July 21st, which will provide training on quick clearance techniques and safety. The training will be an 8 hour training and lunch will be provided. This training will take the place of the next TIM Team Meeting.
 - 2. The RISC contract is operational, but has not had to be used yet.
 - 3. The Road Rangers appear to be funded for next year. More details will be provided once the state budget is signed.
 - 4. Chief Carrick and others have been putting together Safety Training Modules for use by local agencies. Last Friday a video was made as part of the materials for the training.
- Next Donna asked Bruce Hill from the Division of Forestry (DOF) to share information on Smoke Hazards caused by wildfires and prescribed burns. Bruce passed out the Highway Safety Smoke Management Interagency Agreement between the Division of Forestry, the Florida Department of Transportation, and Florida Highway Patrol as reference to the discussion.
 - When prescribed burns or wildfires will affect a roadway due to fire or smoke, the DOF contacts FHP to inform them of the situation. DOF supervisors will then place temporary signage on the roadway to inform motorists of the condition. FDOT will then place more permanent signing if needed.
 - Jim Brenner then discussed recent studies that have shown that white out conditions can be cause when smoke, which contains moisture, is in the air and the dew point is reached. This usually occurs in the hours just before sunrise. The area can appear to be clear with high visibility until the dew point is reached at which time white out conditions can happen very quickly.
 - 3. For further information visit the State Website at www.fl-dof.com.
- Donna asked if anyone had anything else
- There were no further questions and the Meeting was adjourned.

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NOTICE TO TRAVELING PUBLIC

from the Florida Department of Transportation

Due to construction activities associated with the I-10/I-95 Interchange Reconstruction

The on-ramp to I-10 eastbound from Stockton Street will close on or about June 1, 2009 and will remain closed until project completion in winter 2011

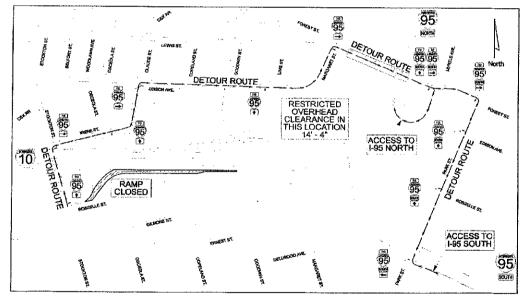
Critical facts that you should know:

- Traffic traveling to I-95 northbound will be detoured to Irene Street, then Claude Street to Edison Avenue, then Forest Street, utilizing the I-95 northbound on-ramp at Forest Street and Myrtle Avenue (See map below)
- Traffic traveling to I-95 southbound will be detoured to Irene Street, then Claude Street to Edison Avenue, then Forest Street to Park Street to I-95 southbound (See map below)
- + Overhead clearance at Forest Street under I-95 is 14'- 4" (See map below)
- + Traffic should allow for 10 minutes of additional travel time to account for this detour
- + Access to I-95 southbound ONLY from Stockton Street will be restored in the fall 2009

Signs will soon be posted at the Stockton Street ramp giving the specific date of the closing. For further information concerning this ramp closure please visit the project website at:

www.thebigi.info

You may also contact the FDOT's public information officer: Michael Goldman at (904) 360-5457



- JTB/SR-9A INTERCHANGE. (FIN 209278-1)
 Superior Construction Co, \$88.4 mil, 4 years construction.
 Construction commenced July 2005. Project is 99% complete (\$) with 86% time utilized. The project is scheduled for completion fall 2009. JTB W. to 9A S. ramp opened July 28, 2008. 9A N. to JTB W. ramp opened Aug. 4, 2008. 9A S. to JTB E. ramp opened Oct.17, 2008. JTB E. ramp to 9A N. opened Dec. 24, 2008.
- 2 JTB (SR-202) LANE ADDITION. (FIN 209733-4) Kernan to San Pablo. J.B. Coxwell at \$28.1 mil. Construction commenced July 9, 2007. Projected completion winter 2009. Project is 84% complete with 73% time utilized.
- I-10/I-95 INTERCHANGE. (FIN 213243-1)
 The Big I, Archer-Western, \$152.1 million, 6 years construction,
 2005 thru early 2011. EPA Superfund ash site. Project is 80% complete with
 70% time utilized. Oct.2007 traffic shift, I-95 North to temp. ramp and new bridges.
 Apr. 12, 2008, I-10 to I-95 North traffic shift to temp. ramp. I-95 N. to I-10 W. ramp opened Aug. 16, 2008. I-95 South traffic shift Dec. 20, 2008.
- I-295/I-95/SR-9A NORTH ENHANCEMENTS. (FIN 213323-4)
 Superior, \$45.9 mil. Project is 70% complete with 56% time utilized. Completion projected summer 2010.
- I-10 INTERCHANGE AT BRANAN FIELD/CHAFEE. (FIN 209659-5)
 Superior. The \$61.6 mil. project commenced Jan. 2007. Project is on schedule,
 98% complete with 83% time utilized. Completion projected for summer 2009.
- US-17 DR. INLET BRIDGE. (FIN 208207-1)
 Archer-Western, \$31.9 mil. Project commenced Nov 12, 2007.
 Projected completion winter 2010. Project is 66% complete with 51% time utilized.
- PAINTING DAMES POINT BRIDGE. (FIN 209722-4)
 ABHE AND SVOBODA, \$13 MIL. Project started Feb 21, 2007 with completion fall 2009. Painting commenced May 28. Project is 84% complete with 78% time utilized. SA for vibration monitoring increase \$1.905 mil. and 192 days.
- 8. SR 10, BEAVER STREET TRAFFIC SIGNALS. (FIN 209265-6)
 Hinson at \$350k. Project commenced Feb. 2009 with a spring 2009 completion.
 Project is 39% complete with 59% time utilized.
- SR-211 ST. JOHNS AVE. RESURFACING. San Juan to Edison. (FIN 208628-2/ 209342-5) Gibbs & Register at \$2.5 mil. Project start Aug. 26. Completion projected summer 2009. Project is 70% complete with 86% time utilized.

- SR-21 RESURFACING/TRAFFIC SIGNALS. Spencer to c/l. (FIN 208230-1).
 Hubbard. The \$4.43 mil. project commenced January 2009. Projected completion winter 2009. Project is 11% complete with 32% time utilized.
- 11. SISTERS CREEK FENDERS (SR-105). (FIN 209607-3) Coastal Marine Construction. The 3.6 mil. project commenced April 14 with completion projected for summer 2009. Project is 90% complete with 100% time utilized. Jan. 12, 2009 start piling underneath bridge with 20 min.closures.
- HART BRIDGE PAINTING. (FIN 209720-3) M&J Painting.
 The \$26.3 mil. project commenced February 9, 2009. Projected completion early 2011. Project is 6% complete with 11% time utilized.
- I-10 LANE ADDITION. (FIN 213272-4) Hubbard.
 The \$57.8 mil. project commenced January 10, 2009. Projected completion winter 2012. Project is 15% complete with 9% time utilized.
- 14. SR-9A/HECKSCHER INTERCHANGE. (FIN 209168-6) Archer-Western. The \$12.68 mil Port Authority project commenced 4/22/2008 with a summer 2009 projected completion. FDOT participation limited to \$9,853,197. Project is 60% complete with 100% time utilized.
- A1A RESURFACING, Mayport Rd. to Ferry. (FIN 208512-2).
 Duval Asphalt at \$2.53 mil. Commenced April 27, 2009. Projected completion fall 2009.
- SR-A1A RESURFACING/SIGNALS. St. Johns line to 9th Ave. (FIN 208981-2 and 209361-2,3, and 4). Callaway at \$7.67 mil. Project start January 5, 2009, with a winter 2009 completion. Open House held December 17. City project low bidder at \$2.45 mil. Project is 19% complete with 44% time utilized.
- SR-A1A TRAFFIC SIGNALS. (7th St. to NS Mayport) (FIN 208828-3)
 Hinson at \$1.9 mil. Work commenced January 2009 with late summer 2009 completion. Project is 28% complete with 45% time utilized.
- SR-21 REPLACE BLACK CREEK BRIDGES. (FIN 208233-2)
 Leware at \$6.16 mil. Accelerated award. Work commenced January 19, 2009.
 Projected completion spring 2010. Project is 20% complete with 23% time utilized.
- SR-15, NEW KINGS RD. INTERSECTION at Edgewood Ave. (FIN 209642-4)
 Semper Fi. The \$721k project commenced Mar. 2009. Completion fall 2009.
 Project is 50% complete with 47% time utilized.

- SR-105 SHAD CREEK BRIDGE REPLACEMENT. (FIN 209253-2)
 Superior at \$4.23 mil. Start June, 2009. Projected completion early 2011.
- US-17 RESURFACING. I-95 to GA. Line. (FIN 210673-2)
 Duval Asphalt at \$537k. Project start May 4, 2009. Projected completion Aug. 2009.
- SR-13 MAST ARM REPAIRS. (FIN 410216-1)
 United Pest Control at \$260k. Projected start July 2009. Projected completion early 2010.
- I-10 RIGID PAVEMENT REPAIRS. Lane to Stockton. (FIN 213113-2)
 Russell Eng. Inc. at \$11.53 mil. Start June 2009. Projected completion early 2012.
- US-17 RESURFACING. CR-220 to Creighton. (FIN 208207-3)
 Hubbard at \$2.73 mil. Start May 20, 2009. Projected completion winter 2009.
- SR-224 KINGSLEY AVE. TRAFFIC SIGNALS. Dr. Lake Dr. and Debarry. (FIN 208236-3) Traffic Control Devices at \$ 581k. Start Aug. 2009. Projected completion late 2009.

- Jul. 2009. SR-9A Resurfacing. Main St. to New Berlin Rd. FIN 213346-3. Est. \$8.88 mil.
- Aug. 2009. SR 152 Baymeadows Rd. Traffic Signals. US-1 to SR 115. FIN 209166-4. Est. \$1.79 mil.
 - SR-10A Arlington Expw. Southside Connector Sears Entrance. Traffic Signals. FIN 209650-4 Est. \$1.87 mil.
- Sep. 2009. SR-105 Heckscher Resurfacing. FIN 209129-2. Est. \$1.63 mil.
- Oct. 2009. SR-202 JTB. ICWW Fender System. FIN 209506-2. Est. \$4.43 mil.

SR-105 Sisters Creek Br. Cathodic Protection. FIN 209607-4. Est. \$3.78 mil.

SR-21 Traffic Control Devices. Old Jennings Rd. to Collins Rd. FIN 425985-1 and 425988-1. Est. \$1.73 mil.

SR-21 Sidewalk. Collins to Townsend. FIN 209698-1. Est. \$635k.

Nov. 2009. SR-9A Overhead Signs. FIN 209278-4. Est. \$3.68 mil.

SR-126 Emerson. Signals. FIN 209656-3. Est. \$530k.

- Dec. 2009. US-1 New Kings Rd. Sidewalk. Hema to Richardson. FIN 424731-1. Est. \$477k.
- Jan. 2010. Lessie Rd. Bridge. Little St. Mary's Riv. FIN 212594-1. Est. \$3,36 mil.

SR-105 Heckscher Resurfacing. New Berlin to Blount Is. FIN 209336-5. Est. \$2.36 mil.

SR-200 Port Fernandina Signals. FIN 210704-1. Est. \$1.46 mil.

Feb. 2010. SR-111 Tellulah Resurfacing. Moncrief Creek Br. to Main St. FIN 209451-3. Est. \$2.57 mil.

SR-200/US-301 Resurfacing. SR-90 to Nassau C/L. FIN 209537-6. Est. \$2.73 mil.

SR-15/US-17 Traffic Control Devices. Holly Point to Collins. FIN 425986-1 and 425987-1. Est. 550k.

Mar. 2010. SR-A1A Resurfacing. Nassau Sound Br. to Atlantic. FIN 210597-2. Est. \$10.66 mil.

Highway Ave. Cedar Creek Br. Replacement. FIN 212109-1. Est. \$2.63 mil.

Apr. 2010. I-95 Myrtle Ave. Bridge Rehab. FIN 213337-3. Est, \$515k.

May 2010. SR-9A Dames Point Br. Shear Lock & Exp. Jt. FIN 424439-1. Est. 1.6 mil.

I-95 Landscaping. Lem Turner to Heckscher. FIN 213245-2. Est. \$1.89 mil.

US-1 Phillips Hwy. Signals/DMS/Cameras. Design-Build. FIN 426000-1. Est. \$1.8 mil.





NEWS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE MAY 14, 2009

CONTACT: LIEUTENANT BILL LEEPER FLORIDA HIGHWAY PATROL (904) 695-4104

FLORIDA HIGHWAY PATROL ANNOUNCES RESULTS OF AGGRESSIVE DRIVING CRACKDOWN

~ Troopers focus on specific violations to prevent crashes and save lives ~

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. – Col. John Czernis, director of the Florida Highway Patrol, announced the results of Operation Safe Ride, an aggressive driving crackdown that FHP conducted on March 18-21 and April 22-25. The FHP's efforts to address growing concerns over speeding motorists, aggressive drivers, and those who fail to use turn signals are part of a long-term traffic safety campaign that focuses on individuals that violate traffic laws in an effort to prevent deaths and injuries on Florida's roadways and change driving behavior.

All available troopers focused enforcement efforts on Florida's turnpike and every interstate and major state road where speeding and aggressive driving are prevalent. They used tools such as RADAR, LASER, motorcycles and marked and unmarked Patrol vehicles to track violators as well as aircraft to spot violators from the air and direct troopers to initiate appropriate enforcement action.

"During Operation Safe Ride our troopers focused on driving practices that put motorists at higher risk for a crash," said Czernis. "Aggressive driving has become all too common. These drivers not only put themselves in harm's way, but they also increase risk for everyone around them."

Operation Safe Ride resulted in 22,185 citations: 10,550 for speeding; 1,804 for safety belt related offenses; 199 for Driving Under the Influence; and 216 for turn signal related offenses. The Patrol also identified 344 aggressive drivers during the operation. These statewide, unannounced aggressive driving crackdowns will continue throughout the year to make sure that motorists understand the importance of driving safely and the consequences of poor driving behavior.

The members of the Florida Highway Patrol would like to remind everyone that is the law to Move Over when approaching any authorized emergency vehicle or wrecker displaying rotating or flashing lights stopped on the side of a roadway. Also, remember that *FHP (*347) dialed from you cell phone contacts FHP should you need to report an aggressive driver or require roadside assistance.

The Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles is charged with the mission of providing highway safety and security through excellence in service, education and enforcement. The Department is leading the way to a Safer Florida by way of three major components: driver licenses, vehicle tags and titles and the Florida Highway Patrol. To learn more about DHSMV and the services offered, visit www.flhsmv.gov.

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NEWS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE MAY 8, 2009

CONTACT: LT. BILL LEEPER (904) 695-4104

DEPARTMENT REMINDS MOTORISTS TO SHARE THE ROAD

~ May is Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month ~

JACKSONVILLE, Fla.—The Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles has joined with other highway safety, law enforcement and motorcycle organizations to designate the month of May as *Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month*.

There are currently more than 950,000 licensed motorcyclists in Florida, an increase of more than 10 percent over the last two years. Unfortunately, the increase in motorcyclists has also resulted in an increase of motorcycle related crashes and fatalities. In 2007, 517 motorcyclists were killed and 8,186 were injured in crashes.

"Working together we can reverse this trend and save lives. We encourage motorcyclists to take the necessary precautions to ensure both visibility and safety when on the road, and we remind drivers to share the road and always be aware of others around you," said DHSMV Executive Director Electra Theodorides-Bustle.

Drivers and riders share responsibility for saving lives. Drivers should share the road - giving motorcycles a full lane of travel - and motorcycle riders should *Ride Proud*, *Dress Loud* using visibility and conspicuity as a means to stay safe. To stress the importance of motorcycle safety, Florida implemented requirements in July 2008 mandating that all new riders pass a Basic Rider Course before a motorcycle endorsement is issued. In the first year of implementation, 40,894 newly licensed motorcyclists successfully completed a course.

Statistics from 2007 show that while only 3.6 percent of vehicle crashes in Florida involved motorcycles, more than 16 percent of all traffic fatalities were motorcyclists.

"The Florida Highway Patrol is committed to keeping our roadways safe for all motorists in Florida," said Colonel John Czernis, director of the Florida Highway Patrol. "All drivers have a responsibility to be safe and respectful of each other. Approximately one-half of all motorcycle crashes involve another motor vehicle, and two-thirds of those crashes are caused by the vehicle driver, not the motorcyclist. So be alert, be respectful and be ready."

For more information on motorcycle safety, laws and more, visit the Department's Web site at http://motorcycles.filhsmv.gov/.

DHSMV also reminds everyone to register their Emergency Contact Information at www.flhsmv.gov/eci. The ECI system gives law enforcement immediate access to contact information in cases of an emergency, which makes it easier to contact a family member or friend.

An AGREEMENT made pursuant to Section 163.01, Florida Statutes (F.S.), by the STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES, DIVISION OF FORESTRY ("DOF"), the STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ("DOT"), and the STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAY SAFETY AND MOTOR VEHICLES, HIGHWAY PATROL ("FHP") providing for cooperative efforts in WARNING and INFORMING Florida's public concerning roadway visibility hazards/distractions resulting from wildfire and prescribed burning. Representatives from these agencies will collectively be identified as the Highway Safety Smoke Management Task Force.

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS DOF, DOT, and FHP, having mutual concerns, responsibilities, and duties relating to smoke intrusions from wildfire and prescribed burning on Florida's state highways, these agencies desire to enter into an AGREEMENT to accomplish their mutual objectives and to cooperate in protecting the lives and property of the citizens of Florida:

STATUTORY RESPONSIBILITIES

- 1.1 DOF has the primary responsibility for prevention, detection, and suppression of wildland fires wherever they may occur. DOF shall provide leadership and direction in the evaluation, coordination, allocation of fire suppression resources, and monitoring of wildfire management and protection, in accordance with Sections 590.01 590.125, F.S.
- 1.2 DOT has sole authority and responsibility for the placement of all traffic control devices on Florida's state highways to warn motorists of the presence of hazards in accordance with Section 316.006(1), F.S.
- 1.3 FHP has the authority and responsibility to patrol the state highways and regulate, control, and direct the movement of traffic thereon in accordance with Section 321.05(1), F.S.

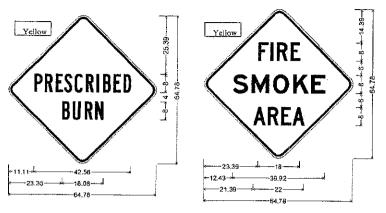
NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual benefits flowing to each party hereto and the state of Florida, the parties agree as follows:

- 2.1 DOF will notify FHP whenever DOF has knowledge that smoke may impact traffic on the state highway system. The information supplied by DOF will include the DOF contact person, state road number, the location of the hazard (which should include visible landmarks, e.g., "south of toll plaza X", or "north of mile marker Y"), and the extent to which visibility is or may be restricted.
- 2.2 FHP will respond to smoke hazards on Florida's state highways, and evaluate the need for precautions necessary to minimize loss of life and property. DOT will assist as requested by FHP.
- 2.3 DOT has supplied to DOF, and will continue to supply as needed, 48" x 48" temporary orange mesh warning signs or incident management pink retroreflective "REDUCE SPEED" temporary signs for use during smoke emergencies. In accordance with state standards, the temporary traffic control warning signs (orange signs) read as follows: "REDUCE SMOKE SPEED". DOT will maintain specifications for smoke on the highway signs. All signs placed on rights-of-way will comply with DOT policy.
- 2.4 DOF is authorized, but not required, by this AGREEMENT to place orange signs or incident management pink retroreflective "REDUCE SPEED" temporary signs (pink signs) to warn motorists of an existing smoke hazard. When in possession of orange or pink signs, and when there is adequate time DOF may place these signs at appropriate locations along the state highway system. When DOF posts the orange or pink signs, the FHP will be notified when and where these temporary signs have been placed, so that FHP can immediately review the conditions to determine whether additional assistance and signage is necessary by FHP and DOT. DOF will coordinate the removal of the temporary traffic control warning signs (orange or pink) with FHP.
- 2.5 DOF will distribute specifications for 48" x 48" temporary warning signs that will be made of yellow reflective roll-up vinyl (yellow signs), in accordance with DOT specifications, that may be used as a precautionary measure by prescribed fire practitioners, including DOF, when burning in the vicinity of public roadways. The yellow signs read as follows: "PRESCRIBED BURN" and "FIRE SMOKE AREA". Although use of these yellow signs is optional, the DOT, DOF, and FHP will strongly encourage prescribed fire practitioners to use the yellow signs along non-limited access public roadways. Prescribed fire practitioners may not place yellow signs on limited access public roadways. With at least 48 hours notice and delivery of the yellow signs from the prescribed fire practitioner, the DOT will place the signs along limited access public roadways prior to ignition of prescribed fires, and remove signs after completion of the burn. Additionally, DOF will advise prescribed fire practitioners on the conditions of use and placement of these signs.
- 2.6 The orange mesh "REDUCE SMOKE SPEED" warning signs, pink retroreflective "REDUCE SPEED" temporary signs, yellow "PRESCRIBED BURN" signs and yellow "FIRE SMOKE AREA" signs referenced in the AGREEMENT are depicted in ATTACHMENT 1 thereto.

- 2.7 DOF will ensure that the contents of this AGREEMENT are reviewed in the Florida Certified Burner Program, dealing with the mitigation of smoke on Florida public roadways. This will include information on contracting with off duty law enforcement personnel to assist during prescribed fires.
- 2.8 The Highway Safety Smoke Management Task Force will be responsible for the developing and updating a pamphlet and website that describes the signs and their meaning. The primary purpose of this pamphlet is to instruct motorists as to what they should do in the event they are confronted with a smoke hazard on Florida's public roadways. This information will reflect the information in the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles drivers' manual.
- 2.9 The Highway Safety Smoke Management Task Force will meet as necessary and review concerns that may develop during the implementation of this AGREEMENT, and suggest changes that will improve overall efficiency. A meeting may be called by any of the agencies included in this AGREEMENT. Modifications to this AGREEMENT shall be valid only upon execution of a formal written amendment to the AGREEMENT.
- 2.10 This AGREEMENT supersedes all previous Highway Safety Smoke Management Interagency Agreements between DOF, DOT and FHP. This AGREEMENT embodies the entire agreement of the parties. There are no promises, terms, conditions, or obligations other than those contained herein.
- 2.11 This AGREEMENT is effective and shall begin upon signing by all the parties and will remain in effect until terminated. This AGREEMENT may be canceled at any time by the parties involved. The party desiring to effect cancellation will give the other parties at least ninety (90) days written notice.

ATTACHMENT 1

Temporary Retroreflective Yellow Roll-up Warning signs (yellow signs) to be used by Prescribed Burn Practitioners to inform the public about a burn in progress.



Temporary Traffic Control Warning signs to be used when roadway visibility has been restricted by smoke. A roll up REDUCE SPEED sign made of retroreflective incident management pink roll up vinyl may be used now, as it will eventually replace the REDUCE SMOKE SPEED orange mesh sign. No new mesh signs are to be manufactured.

