

**Florida Innovative Technology Deployments (ITD)
Team Meeting Notes
Thursday, May 18, 2017 – 10 a.m.**



Attendees:

Marie Tucker, FDOT Traffic Engineering
Jeff Frost, FDOT Traffic Engineering
Ken Richards, DOR
Tisha Keller, Florida Trucking
Tim Rutherford, DACS/Ag Law
Jeff Pouliotte/ FDOT Office of Maintenance
Amanda Shaver, HNTB

David Binder / IIS
Paul Clanch, Help Inc
Paul Clark / FDOT

Phone:

AGENDA ITEMS:

Welcome and Introductions

Marie Tucker welcomed everyone to the meeting and everyone went around the room/phone and introduced themselves. Marie facilitated the meeting.

Current Project updates and/or discussion

Pre-Clearance at Motor Carrier Compliance Weigh Stations

Paul Clark:

MCSAW Pre pass bypass activity has increased by 40K in April compared to the same period last year, Pull in rate increased by about 50K. Increase in truck traffic. Annual bypass number on track to have a record breaking year system. Drivewyze had increase the footprint from 27K last year to 71K higher than the same period last year. Ran a detail with Law Enforcement for illegal activities at Flagler scales, we had 169 illegal bypasses in 1 hour. Similar numbers in Pensacola. We are determining best way to approach. May be written as a UCC Citation. Making Legislative proposals in next session.

Tisha - Are you working on truck traffic study?

Paul – We are providing data. Transtat may be doing a study. We are visiting business rules for data retention. The goal is to have data repository for report generating.

Pre-clearance at Agriculture Sites

Major Tim Rutherford:

AgPass Bypass and Pull-in Activity increased in March and April's numbers for the same period as last year. The yearly totals steadily increasing.

Increase in Drivewyze bypass and pull-in activity in April. Truck traffic is healthy.

Reported news that a Ag Law Enforcement apprehended a murder suspect in a commercial vehicle. The TRS system notified officers of stolen truck via tag. Officer and backup apprehended person with a warrant for stolen truck and murder suspect. A weapon was found in the truck. The TRS system alerted on a bobtail vehicle.

Marie – is this on FDACS Website?

Major Tim Rutherford – I don't know, it was in the news.

Marie – May highlight in quarterly newsletter

Automated Permitting System Utilization

Veronica (Ronnie) Martin was out

Jeff Pouliotte:

Discussing Legislative Session. Statute was passed for Natural Gas Vehicles to make them legal. We were temporarily permitting them while doing a study to prove the bridges could support loads. Senate and house passed bill. We had a LBR through CVISN. Analytical model to be expanded. This will speed processing permits and reduce errors. One that failed in the session, GPS routing funded by department not approved.

FASTact issues, they passed the FASTact 2 years ago. Two vehicles are an issue. One is FASTact emergency vehicles. Study showed 444 bridges and they are only allowed to travel on the interstate. Federal agency was signage for loads. We responded by email advising post to restrict. A national committee is studying national issue to permit as better way. Also issue with heavy haul wreckers. The law is so confusing it can't be enforced and temporarily on hold. None of bridges on interstate and local bridges using speed reduction have an issue.

Regarding Platooning effort, we received call from Troy Thompson concerned about our ability to permit those even during tests. Per statute language, due to electronically tethered it is the same as long truck. Its been sent to legal office for review. Trying clear impediments to legally test options.

Tisha – So you are saying from permit perspective, it's the same as a physically connected load?

Jeff - Legally that's the argument we are making. Legal department is reviewing.

Tisha – Ronnie's ISO container coming out of port get fixed? Waiting for legislative approval?

Jeff – Statute passed but not familiar regarding ISO. They can travel safely in FL. Send an email for response.

BOL (Bill of Lading) Program

Ken Richards:

Phase 7 indicates our next CVISN recovery YTD at \$10,600,000. A little soft compared to previous year but still good per FTE.

EBOL program – Still working on portal. Web based, soliciting trucking companies to provide information. Should be ready to go towards year end. Then we will be interested in more activity.

Will work with Major Tim Rutherford on speaking with officers on what a good bill of lading is. Training will be in August or September.

Tisha – Is there a direct contact for Trucking questions?

Ken- you can contact me or call technical assistance and dispute resolution.

Jeff Pouliette – Platooning question for Tisha. FHA is involved?

Tisha – Pelaton at CVISN made presentation, platooning is for not busy low traffic roads. Not I75 or I4 or South Florida. Overnight trips are main use.

Industry had a talking session. Tech Industry is really involved. Trucking industry is watching. Some companies manufacturers are investing in level 4 technology.

Jeff Poolette shares remote/automated earth mover story. You cannot put 2 trucks at 20-30 feet apart because of bridge load.

Tisha – discusses automation and trucking industry adding vehicles to road not remove them.

Jeff Poolette – Discusses GPS that did not pass and hands free.

Trucking Industry Update

Tisha Keller:

Really concerned, Troy was adamant for bill to pass. Tisha asked if HSMV can be discussed in special session.

What happens if MCSAW is not compliant.

Paul – before action is taken, a warning letter to get compliant is issued.

Tisha – they have received the warning letter. Will get in touch with Troy.

Trucking had a good round up. Gathering carries to discuss weigh station of the future with Paul on July 20th. Vision session for FL Weigh stations.

Continuing to push at Secretary and Freight/Rail office level, is truck parking. DOT thinks they have is solved. They don't think there is capacity issue. You can't count all truck spaces. Counting TPASS as great first step to identify you have zero spaces. Tisha advised Ricky Fitzgerald, no capacity.

Marie is advising of handout given to Ricky.

Tisha – Still pushing Parking space, P3. I4 parking huge issue.

Paul – adding capacity at Marion County.

Tisha – Political issue – DOT will not buy property to pave.

Paul – AL has truck parking without facilities for parking only on roadside. Other alternatives are available.

Tisha – Started talking about truck parking coalition. We are serving on most planning committees to send consistent message. Truck driving championship June 14-17 in Daytona Beach. Annual Conference August 3 & 4th. Government rate available. Unknown speakers yet.

Other Items

1. Paul: We are planning a workshop on July 20th at the Burns building to design weigh stations of the future. All facilities are interconnected. Concept and discussions include mainline whims and camera systems. Electronic bypass will be discussed. How do we do it? RFID?

There is a statewide master plan to be on statewide fiber optics. First area will be D3 next year. We have a master plan to move forward. We want Major Rutherford's people invited to discussion. We will address work program instructions. We will have a data server at weigh stations, master server at the TERL. Anybody that can meet standards can plug into our system for data fluidity. You will see changes coming. We will marry systems and be transparent. July 20th will be ready to get bid documents cost estimates and move forward.

Dave – FL for better Transporting Meeting July 19-21.

Paul – we are inviting CVISN members, Ricky Fitzgerald, Joe Jorels, freight coordinators. These people need to understand the enforcement and operation sides fitting together.

Tisha – ILCs DOT have invested in, setting up those as component. Coming out of ports if your heavy, from enforcement on behalf of industry and safety, cargo thefts. Could you time inspection to be tied to rest break at weigh station.

Paul - Container number database will be backbone. Data is there. Develop data retention requirements. Need to update antiquated equipment and make the investment. Need the documentation in place. I have learned a lot about writing grants. Intelligent weigh system is supported by management. Lets

Tisha – Container number database used in enforcement, will this trigger speed enforcement.

Paul – I will issue a + or – 5%. That is not intention of system is used for “gotcha” speeding more for hours of service.

Tisha – Will need to discuss privacy issues. Hours of service will be address by ELD. At CVISN we discussed integrating permits, size and weight into ELD.

Paul – we have discussed electronic license plates. Chip a plate? It would help everybody. My goal is expediting process and freight. We have discussed working group for statute modification for next year.

2. Marie: we are all aware of Title VI issues, ITD grant. We have a meeting with new chief engineer to address issues. Goal for our new Secretary to write the new USDOT Secretary to inquire about Title VI requirements.

Next ITD Meeting

August 22, 2017