



# District One Production/Operations Meeting Elizabeth Moore Conference Room October 20, 2008

## MINUTES

### Follow-up items from Previous Meeting:

Cross Drain Failures: see minutes outlined under subheading "Cross Drain Failures".

### New Business:

It has been discovered that there is total displacement of the cross drain on US 27 under a six lane section of roadway. We need a mechanism to address these types of pipe failures. Further discussion follows under subheading "Cross Drain Failures".

### Public Information Officer (PIO) Review of 2008/2009 Letting Plan:

The "Accelerate Florida" plan is in place and construction start dates have advanced. Proactive Public Relations will be necessary. PIOs are planning to initiate communication with elected officials to make them aware of advanced project start dates in their area. This communication tool will be utilized to initiate gained acceptance of projects such as the St. Armand Circle project which is a loop around a business district. The PIOs are asking for specific details to provide to elected officials in the southwest area. The group discussed each job on the 2008/2009 Letting Plan (95 jobs) to determine what kind of public relations each operations center needs from the PIOs and whether in-house flyers or public meetings will be necessary for each job. The PIOs had the opportunity to ask the names of CEIs on specific projects and requested that operations centers send emails to Joanne May and/or Debbie Tower to keep them abreast of information gained from Rural Residency Meetings. Although construction start dates have advanced, environmental issues may delay some of these projects.

### Project Information Signs:

Handout provided of DCE Memorandum No. 05-08 which states the following: Starting with the October 2008 letting, the Project Information Sign shown in Interim Index 600 sheet 13 of 13 is required for all contracts with more than 90 days of contract time. This project specific sign shall be detailed in the plans, with the exceptions of "Season/Year" and "Contractor's name" and paid for under Maintenance of Traffic, Lump Sum, in accordance with specification 102-11.5.

Placement of these signs should be approximately 500 feet in advance of the first advance warning sign or as close to be beginning of the project as practical, on each mainline

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approach. This sign may be omitted if physical constraints prohibit placement of this sign due to its width. The phone number listed on the sign should be that of the respective operations center. A recommendation was made to add a season to the end date posted on the sign to allow for weather days, holidays, etc.

### **Limits of Construction:**

Occasionally mill and resurface jobs result in excess asphalt in the gutter. Due to specifications, a Contractor was due compensation for the removal of excess asphalt in a gutter, as it was outside the limits of construction on that job. A proposal was made to move the limits of construction to the back of the curb. The asphalt in the gutter would then become incidental. The contractor would then be required to determine the quantities of removal. Discussion followed resulting in an additional proposal to move mill and resurface limits in addition to construction limits to the back of the curb/gutter. A design team will review this issue and make a determination.

### **Traffic Level C (non-Polymer) for Turnout Construction:**

The group discussed **reconstruction projects** calling for traffic level D or higher. Oftentimes Contractors are proposing turnout construction at traffic level C. When this occurs, a positive supplemental agreement is generated to compensate the Contractor and as a result an under-run of the traffic level D quantity is used to offset this cost. We are asking that on reconstruction projects when traffic level D or higher is proposed as the mainline, provide a pay item and quantify the turnout construction at a lower traffic level to eliminate the supplemental agreement.

### **Documenting/Resolving Utility Issues during Construction:**

This agenda item is deferred to the next meeting.

### **Cross Drain Failures:**

Video inspections of drainage pipes are conducted in some areas when included in a maintenance contract. However, all maintenance operations centers do not have video contracts because of funding problems. Some repairs to drainage systems can be completed with maintenance contract dollars while other repairs are much more costly. Maintenance responded that they can complete many repairs within a maintenance contract but need additional funds when the project includes wide scale repair and/or replacement or involve full scale main trunk line rehab. Major repairs or replacements are needed for many current drain systems. The trunk line at the inlet on SR 72 has approximately 20 leaks. Main trunk line failures move beyond routine maintenance and are major rehab projects or major drainage improvement projects. Budget line items were discussed to determine where funding could come from to pay for large drainage replacements. Discussion followed to determine when a drainage problem is a maintenance issue or a design issue. It was previously suggested that there needs to be district wide contract in place for project design. A proposal was made to initiate district wide criteria to determine what type of project should be let as a result of the video pipe inspection. This would dictate how a job is programmed in order to fund maintenance projects involving major pipe or drainage failures. Life expectancy of drainage systems was discussed as well as possible causes of failure in advance of the anticipated life expectancy.

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This problem will be discussed at the next CDE Meeting. The State Maintenance Office will be asked to review maintenance of drainage versus major drainage improvement projects. A suggestion will be made at the CDE Meeting to develop a method to address these issues.

**ERC Notification containing "ERP/FTP" server links to Plan Sets:**

In expediting plan reviews, make sure you submit ERP/FTP links to the plans on every ERC notification you send. These links are forwarded to the operation centers to expedite plan reviews. Most ERCs contain links to the ERP/FTP server but a few are still received without the link.

**Agenda Items for Next Meeting:**

1. Documenting/Resolving Utility Issues during Construction

**Next Meeting:**

Date: February 16, 2009

Time: 10:30AM – 12:00 Noon

Place: District Office

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