

## TIME Task Force Board of Directors – Jan. 2016 Retreat Minutes

### Agency Updates

#### **ARC:**

- Jane Hayse, Director of the Center for Livable Communities, is retiring. Mike Alexander will take over her position.
- With the new state transportation bill, TIME funding may become available.

#### **Fire:**

- Jeff Crump, TIME's new Director of Fire, is a strong supporter of TIME and quick clearance, signaling greater involvement from DeKalb County. DeKalb's hazmat group reported issues on I-285 at I-20, and GDOT was very responsive to their suggested improvements. DeKalb Fire is interested in have another meeting with GDOT and TIME (need dates/times).

#### **Law Enforcement:**

- Gary D. Stiles was sworn in as Fulton County Chief of Police, ending his interim term.

#### **EMS:**

- A TIME presentation to the state's EMS advisory council at the end of 2015 has increased interest in TIME-related issues for the EMS community. More follow-up is necessary with the larger EMS agencies to pursue SHRP2 training for EMS personnel.

#### **GEMA:**

- Charlie Dawson is now leading the agency's hazard mitigation function.
- There is a FEMA airline disaster tabletop session taking place in Gwinnett on Feb. 3.

#### **GDOT:**

- The state increase in gas tax and the passage of a federal transportation bill place Georgia in a better financial position than many other states.
- Georgia is within one year of opening its first reversible managed lane system. GDOT has visited Virginia to study their operational processes.
- This year, GDOT will launch its contractor-operated RAM (Roadside Assistance and Maintenance) program, a "HERO lite" system for interstates outside of metro Atlanta. This program is under development now and will be in procurement soon. Operations will include some basic maintenance functions as well as traffic control and clearing lanes within 50-mile routes. This could be a means of expanding TIME and TRIP.
- The Governor started speaking about a 10-year funding update. He has a heavy focus on managed lanes on I-285, 400 and I-20. Managed and express lanes will be coming as well as truck-only lanes. Also discussed are other separate truck/tractor trailer projects for safety and operations between Macon and Atlanta. GDOT has a planning group working on these and other objectives.
- TIME and Go Live should be working together to reach responder agencies leading to the opening of the managed lanes on I-75 in Henry.
- Watch for plans to restructure the interchanges of I-285 and I-20 on both sides of Atlanta as well as I-95 and I-16.
- The 400/I-285 rebuild will be contracted soon.
- The TMC operations floor is now ready. A TIME Board meeting and/or quarterly meeting could be held there. SRTA will be moving into the areas that are currently unoccupied.
- The safety improvement suggestions/requests solicited by TIME have been advanced internally to program managers in charge of project development consideration.

### **MCCD / Training Committee:**

- The new Stop the Threat program will be rolled out daily to complete safety inspections and target driver behavior, increasing the visibility on interstates.
- 60 officers are being hired statewide. The Savannah Port Authority is assisting with some of the financial support for this effort.
- Capt. Fulton is working to involve more MCCD officers in TIME to maintain their participation.
- TIME was featured in the national publication, *Guardian*, from the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance.
- The Training Committee will be identifying and prioritizing training efforts. Offering SHRP2 will continue to be a chief focus.

### **SHRP2 / TIM Teams:**

- The SHRP2 train-the-trainer at GPSTC resulted in more SHRP2 training sessions throughout south Georgia. Fire responders have been very receptive.
- Interest has been restored to have more training and TIM meetings in Bartow and Catoosa Counties, including TDOT participation, following the new MOU in that area.
- Rory has been asked to deliver TIM info during the upcoming Ga. Fire Chiefs Association meeting.
- During the recent FHWA SHRP2 symposium, the following were some of the topics discussed:
  - It is possible that the number of Ga. responders could be adjusted, if it is inaccurate.
  - There might be regularly scheduled, possibly quarterly, meetings for trainers.
  - Adjustments are forthcoming to the training, including the web-based version.
  - There will be more tracking of secondary incidents
  - Incentives and/or other support (funding) might be offered to promote trainers.
  - Maps of available SHRP2 trainers could be produced.
  - Trainers who are inactive might be dropped.
  - 511 and 911 operators could be a training focus.
  - An expanded focus is necessary to make SHRP2 mandatory.

### **Towing / Operations Committee:**

- The new fair towing federal legislation appears to have finally resolved overweight towing for the sake of clearing roadway incidents without concerns about permits. Andrew will be meeting with permit-related state personnel to address issues related to Georgia's emergency towing permits. TRAG will also continue to work on this issue along with MCCD personnel.
- There will be a continued effort to improve abandoned vehicle procedures to improve their removal.

### **HERO:**

- TIME's influence has been evident in the effectiveness of the recent winter weather operations, showing itself as influential across agencies.
- The new HERO administration will be making contact with local agencies that haven't been reached lately to improve communications and operations. Outreach sessions were conducted recently with Gwinnett County responders. SHRP2 could be a tool to increase these interactions.
- A quick-strike vehicle is being developed, but HERO routes are firmly set for now.
- There may be a need to discuss an incentivized or other quick-clearance focused program with GRTA and SRTA to focus on buses in the managed lane areas. It is possible that TRIP companies could factor into this solution.
- HERO now has two new assistant managers – Rob Whaley and Andre Todd.

### **Communications Committee:**

- The committee will be looking for more opportunities to present TIME and TIM messages in non-traditional settings. New marketing materials will be necessary to support this effort.

**TIME Action Items**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Tasks / Actions</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>	<b>Deadline</b>
Board Apprentices / Alternates	Identify potential apprentice-type future Board members.	TIME Board Members	Immediate
Quarterly Meetings	Invite at least two attendees from within each discipline.	TIME Board Members	Immediate
Mandatory SHRP2 Training	Investigate what it would take to mandate SHRP2 training within each discipline.	TIME Board Members	February 23 <sup>rd</sup> Board Meeting
Annual Conference	Identify potential open (no conflicts) dates for TIME annual conference – Sept. and Oct.	TIME Board Members	February 23 <sup>rd</sup> Board Meeting
DeKalb Co. Outreach	Schedule another meeting with DeKalb Co. Fire, TIME and GDOT.	Operations Comm. & Rory	
EMS Training	Continue follow-up for SHRP2 EMS training.	Training Comm. & Rory with Keith	
Towing / Permits	Discuss the state’s approach to new overweight towing laws.	Operations Comm. & Chris with Andrew	

**Focus for upcoming Board meetings:**

- March – Towing and Recovery (Chris)
- April – Law Enforcement (Clarence)

**Topics for Quarterly Meeting (Feb.):**

- Drone discussion (Alabama and Cobb County) – Christine & Rory
- Incident debriefing (Ga. 400 / Publix truck; Cartersville incident) – Rory
- Ga. 400 / I-285 Managed Lanes project update – Andrew & John
- Training updates – Gwen
- Board updates – Christine
- Committee updates – Heather, John, Carla

**TIME's 2016 Primary Goals and Priorities:**

Goal	Tasks	Responsibility	Deadline
TIM Assessment	Redo the TIM Assessment using 2015 data. The assessment should be used as one tool to determine counties to target. A Board discussion should occur to finalize priorities using a proactive approach based on upcoming initiatives such as reversible express lanes.	Christine	February Board Meeting
TIME-Sponsored Trainers	Have TIME-sponsored, TIME-supported SHRP2 trainers supplied with kits (maps, cars, thumb drives, etc.).	TIME -	
Statewide TIME Task Force	Advance a version of TIME through TIM champions in other Ga. metro areas and travel corridors.	TIME -	
New 10-Year Strategic Vision	Conduct outreach sessions to develop a new slate of TIM-related goals / objectives	TIME -	
Mandatory SHRP2 Training	Investigate methods to have all personnel in a given discipline/agency/industry receive SHRP2 training as a requirement.	TIME -	
Promote ORP in Private Sector	Devise strategies and deliver ORP and TIM-related messages to civic groups, professional organizations, CERTs, etc.	TIME -	

**TIME's 2016 Secondary Goals and Priorities:**

Goal	Tasks	Responsibility	Deadline
Map of ORP endorsers	Create a map showing the location and identity of all Open Roads Policy endorsers.	Communications Committee & Jeff C.	
Investigate SHRP2 Tactics	Talk to other states to develop more successful strategies for SHRP2 training	Operations Committee & Christine S.	
SHRP2 – POST	Connect SHRP2 training with POST certification / cross reference training already completed	Training Committee & Rory H., Gwen F.	
Web-based SHRP2	Promote web-based SHRP2 training through the TIME site	Communications Committee & Jeff C.	
TIM Team Champions	Include TIM Teams in the TIME Organizational Chart	Communications Committee & Jeff C.	
Over limit Towing Permits	Assist the towing community in not getting citations for over limit towing.	Andrew, Gwen & Chris	