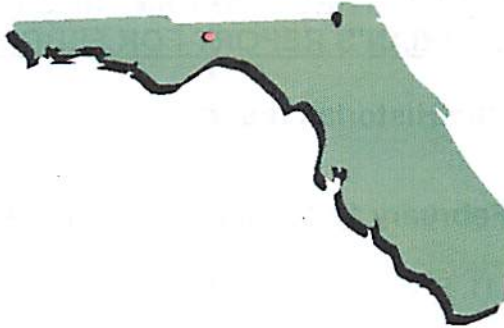


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## Florida Utilities Coordinating Committee

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### WINTER MEETING

Hilton, Ocala, Florida February 3-5, 2010

**Chairman**  
Don Anthony  
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**Vice Chairman**  
Juan J. Lopez  
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**Secretary**  
T.K. Christie  
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**Historian**  
Tom Duggar  
850-599-1543

**Chairman Don Anthony called the meeting to order at 8:14 A.M on Friday, February 5, 2010.** The Chairman welcomed everyone and gave his opening remarks. The Chairman introduced Jerrold Witt, who gave the Invocation followed by the Tribute to the Flag. The Chairman introduced the officers, Juan J. Lopez, Vice Chairman, T.K. Christie, Secretary, Vinnie Lavallette, Treasurer and Tom Duggar, Historian. Self-introductions of those in attendance were conducted at this Business Meeting. The Chairman introduced Secretary T.K. Christie.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT** – T.K. Christie reported that the minutes from the Fall Meeting in Howey-in-the-Hills, are currently posted on the FUCC web site. T.K. Christie read the minutes and a motion was made and seconded by the group to approve the minutes as posted and to waive the reading of the Secretary's Minutes. They were approved as written. The group was reminded to submit their subcommittee reports to the Secretary at [t.k.christie@pgnmail.com](mailto:t.k.christie@pgnmail.com) as soon as possible and to write them in layman's terms so they can be more understandable to others that may not be as familiar with the terminology used by their committees. The group was reminded of the E-mail Group for FUCC. To become a member of the group you should send an E-Mail to [FUCC@callsunshine.com](mailto:FUCC@callsunshine.com). In the subject line, type the word: subscribe, you will automatically be added to the group and will be receiving all future electronic mail outs. The FUCC web site is up and running at the old address: <http://www.fucc.org>.

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## **FLORIDA UTILITIES COORDINATING COMMITTEE HISTORIAN'S REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 5, 2010**

**Mr. Tom Duggar read the Historian report.**

### **FIFTY YEARS AGO – February 12, 1960, Lehigh Acres Auditorium, Ft Myers, Fl.**

**ATTENDANCE:** Telephone 11, Power 7, Fla. RR & PU Comm. 1. A TOTAL OF 19.

**CHAIRMAN** - A. Tabanelli, Southeastern Telephone Company  
**Vice-Chairman** – Ken Williams, Intercounty Telephone and Telegraph Co.  
**SECRETARY** – B. L. Griffin, Florida Power Corporation

The chairman asked for any discussion of Old Business, whereupon it was pointed out that recent instructions from the State Road Department provided for a permit to be approved if another utility fails to reply to the letter of intent within a reasonable time. This ruling was made to prevent any unnecessary delays because of another party failing to answer a letter. It was recommended that letters of intent be written with a provision at the bottom of the page for the addressee to sign and return. These could be mailed to the address who would then only be required to sign and return the letter without having to write an answer. This would eliminate considerable paper work for all concerned. The suggestion was met with unanimous approval.

A brief history of the development of Lehigh Ares Sub-division and of its surrounding area was presented.

It was asked if anyone had considered joint use of one anchor with a double eye. It was mentioned that the Bell System had very often used anchors jointly since they felt the matter was covered under existing contracts. It was pointed out that in most cases it was not practical for both Power Company and Telephone Company to use the same anchor because of design difficulties.

The Chairman ask if any local joint use organizations between Telephone and Power Companies has been established. It was noted one had recently been set up in Tampa between General Telephone Company, Tampa Electric Company and Florida Power and Light Company.

An interesting discussion on safety problems concerning Joint construction was held along with a very interesting slide presentation.

### **TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO: February 1, 1985, Tampa Hilton, Tampa Fl.**

**ATTENDANCE:** Telephone 20, Power 24, FDOT 20, Gas 3, Counties 4, Cities 6, Cable TV 2, One Call Centers 3. A TOTAL OF 82.

**CHAIRMAN** – J.L. "Jim" Dunning, Gulf Power Company  
**VICE CHAIRMAN** – R. J. McConville, United Telephone  
**SECRETARY** – Mike Flanery, Pinellas county Water

Members who attended that meeting that are still active in the FUCC are Dennis LaBelle, Thomas Duggar, and Walt Childs.

Private Facilities Study reported a list of problems caused by proliferation of private facilities has been made, meeting planned to work out solutions.

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Tree trimming issues were discussed by The Telephone and Power Groups.

Dennis LaBelle, who is a member of the ASHTO Subcommittee on Utilities, reported ASHTO was unaware of diversity of utility setback standards. Dennis is acquiring copies of utility guides to determine amount of disparity nationwide. Over 100 manuals involved. Other manuals that interface with Green Book must also be revised. As a member of Transportation Research Board, Dennis is Chairman of a committee to fund research money and asked for ideas.

A presentation was presented by the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers on its responsibilities for permits and enforcement in the Regulatory Section. A review of the History of the Army Corp involvement with harbors and channels and the Clean Water Act.

New business; the committee was advised, a meeting was held between Utility Contractors and the D.O.T., which resulted in a recommendation that utilities complete all relocations before the road contractor begins work. This raised many significant problems regarding utilities clearing of right-of-ways, such as portions of houses and construction conflicts. It was advised this recommendation would have to pass through D.O.T. office in Tallahassee for implementation, but had not yet been presented.

## Treasurers Report

**Beginning Balance as of 9-30-09** \$ 9,583.60

**Deposits made since 9-30-09** \$ 2,813.60

### Income

Booth Rentals	2 at \$ 250
Pre- Registration	65 at \$ 50 each
On site	7 at \$ 60 each
On site	3 at \$ 50 each
Comp	3 at \$ 0.0 each
WS	2 at \$ 30 each

\$ 4,380.00

### Expenses

Acteva fees	7 at \$ 60 each
Hotel fee	\$ 3,372.43
Gratuity	\$ 20.00
Door Prizes	\$ 115.00
Meet the Presenters	\$ 422.19
Planner Fees & Supplies	\$ 2,050.00

\$ 6,181.12

**Ending Balance** \$ 14,976.08

It is very important to the FUCC that everyone register via ACTEVA. Search word is "FUCC." When you reach the site, there will be four selections. If you have prepaid, please use the appropriate selection, there is No Charge, only the registration. With this electronic registrations, the Committee can plan for the meals and breaks at each meeting. Vinnie also suggested that anyone having trouble with the web site can simply send her a check for registration.

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## Sunshine State One Call of Florida by Kathy Thrash.

### APRIL IS SAFE DIGGING MONTH

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### GOLF TOURNAMENT

The golf tournament scheduled for May 21<sup>st</sup> at Victoria Hills Country Club. Cost to golf is \$65 per person. Sponsorships start at \$150. Visit [www.callsunshine.com](http://www.callsunshine.com) for registration information.

### ADVERTISING

Joey Logano will be our spokesman for another year! New commercials, print ads and billboards are coming soon, plus we'll be giving away growth charts featuring Logano at the Daytona 500 February 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>.

### LEGISLATION

Senate and House Bill Drafting have completed work on *The Underground Facility Damage Prevention and Safety Act*, Chapter 556, Florida Statutes. In the Senate it is Bill Number 982. In the House it is Bill Number 691. To view either bill, visit [www.flsenate.gov](http://www.flsenate.gov) and enter the appropriate bill number. Both bills are identical.

### UPCOMING EVENTS – Visit our calendar for a full event listing

- February 18 – 19: Board and Committee Meetings
- May 19: Committee Meetings
- May 20: Annual and Board Meetings
- May 21: Annual Golf Tournament
- ITE always available 24/7/365 when the call center is closed

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## CALL CENTER STATISTICS

- Incoming ticket volume for January 2010 was down 8% from January of last year, down 17% for the fiscal year-to-date and up 8% from last month.
- Outgoing transmission volume for January 2010 was down 12% from January of last year, down 24% for the fiscal year-to-date and up 7% from last month. Positive response system late notice transmissions totaled 22,862 (5%) for January 2010 and 200,146 (5%) for the fiscal year-to-date.
- Incoming ticket volume for January 2010 was approximately 68% ITE and 32% phone and 67% ITE and 33% phone for the fiscal year-to-date.
- SSOCOF Total Membership for January 2010 was 878 primary and 54 associate.

## FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION REPORTS

### **District One – Walt Childs, District Utility Administrator**

Our local utility groups continue to meet on a monthly basis. At the Local Group Meetings, we hand out our current work program and update everyone on the issues and problems that need to be worked on. We also are planning our next District Utility Liaison Conference in June probably in the Sarasota area.

**District Two** - No report given or received.

**District Three** - No report given or received.

### **District Four – Tim Brock, District Utility Engineer**

We are sending the executed utility work schedules electronically by means of an application called, File-Transfer-Application (FTA). We also send the record plans reflecting the utility work schedules. These are sent to the respective utility agencies at the time just prior to the advertisement of the project.

We also continue to submit the monthly utility production and letting list. Looking into each project's timelines and current issues for all projects in District Four. It is sent out electronically and I continue to manage the mailing distribution list.

Our I-595 project will be in "Full Construction" this year in all construction zones.

### **District Five – Ty Garner, District Utility Administrator**

Ty introduced the District Five staff, Robert Ache, Roy Brantley, Staci Nester, and Heidi Trivett. Please thank DOT Secretary Stephanie Kopelousos for allowing the entire district staff come to the meeting as it was very beneficial.

Mentioned may not have the money for the next round of stimulus projects but if received, below are the projects that will go:

- 239496-2 John Young Parkway Extension
- 408464-1 I-4 from SR 44 to west of I-95
- 239304-1 SR 500
- 238423-1 SR 25/US 27 North of Lake Louisa to North of Boggy Marsh
- 407573-1 I-4 at SR 46

Annual Liaison Conference to be held June 2, 2010 at the Turnpike Office at the Turkey Lake Service Plaza. No cost for the meeting but lunch will be on your own. Please send agenda items or speaker suggestions to Staci Nester at (386)943-5250 or [Staci.Nester@dot.state.fl.us](mailto:Staci.Nester@dot.state.fl.us)

Must plot utility facilities to scale on cross sections or they will be rejected.  
Last but not least, Gary Bass says hi and he misses everyone.

**District Six** – No report given or received.

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## **District Seven – Sally Prescott, District Utility Administrator.**

Reported by David Summers, PBS&J.

Local groups meeting monthly, schedule is on the FDOT Utility Central Office website under "District News". Meetings just began to pick a time and place for the District Seven Spring Liaison Meeting.

Jobs for Main Street America – As soon as the project list is finalized, we will be contacting the UAO's involved.

FDOT Central Office- Tom Bane, FDOT State Utility Engineer - No report received.

## **TURNPIKE ENTERPRISE DISTRICT – Jim Kervin, Turnpike Utility Engineer**

Jim Kervin provided project updates on some of the major projects.

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## **FLORIDA'S TURNPIKE ENTERPRISE PROJECT UPDATE**

**FPID 406090-1:** The existing Mainline Toll Plaza on the Beachline (SR 528) in Orange County will be upgraded with express lanes. Construction is complete.

**FPID 422330-1:** This project will widen the Beachline (SR 528) in Orange County from 4 to 6 lanes from the Turnpike Interchange to Boggy Creek Road. Construction is nearing completion.

**FPID 406146-1:** This project will widen the Turnpike mainline from 4 to 8 lanes from Beulah Road to SR 50, approximately 4 miles, in Orange County. Construction began early 2009. Anticipated construction completion is in 2012.

**FPID 406148-1:** This project will widen the Turnpike mainline from 4 to 8 lanes from I-4 to Gotha Road in Orange County for approximately 4 miles. Construction is underway. Anticipated construction completion is Fall 2010.

**FPID 406148-3:** This project will widen the Turnpike mainline from 4 to 8 lanes from Gotha Road to Beulah Road in Orange County. Construction is underway. Anticipated construction completion is Fall 2010.

**FPID 423202-1/423203-1/423203-3:** This project includes resurfacing of the SR 417 (Southern Connector) and Design Criteria Upgrades from MP 0.5 to MP 5.8 in Orange and Osceola Counties. Design is underway. Construction start is anticipated for 2010.

**FPID 421203-1:** This project entails bridge painting of two SR 417 (Southern Connector) bridges over US 192 (International Drive) in Osceola County. Design is underway. The project is anticipated to let in July 2010.

**FPID 419331-1:** This project is part of the Turnpike's continuing Canal Protection Program consisting of installation of roadside barriers in areas of water hazards in Indian River County. It is anticipated to let in July 2010.

**FPID 406144-4:** This project includes the upgrade of the Florida Turnpike at the Lake Worth Road Interchange in Palm Beach County. Construction is underway. Anticipated construction completion is Summer 2011.

**FPID 406095-8:** This project is the resurfacing of the Turnpike Mainline from Miramar Parkway to Griffin

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Road in Broward County. Design is currently underway. It is anticipated to let in July 2010.

**FPID 406094-1:** This project will widen the *southbound* lanes of the Turnpike Mainline from Griffin Road to Sunrise Blvd. in Broward County. Construction will be complete early 2010.

**FPID 406097-1:** This project will widen the *southbound* lanes of the Turnpike Mainline from Sunrise Blvd. to Atlantic Blvd. in Broward County. Construction will be complete early 2010.

**FPID 406094-4:** This project will widen the *northbound* lanes of the Turnpike Mainline from Peters Rd. to Sunrise Blvd. in Broward County. Construction began September 2009.

**FPID 406097-4:** This project will widen the *northbound* lanes of the Turnpike Mainline from Sunrise Blvd. to Atlantic Blvd. in Broward County. Letting is anticipated February 2010.

**FPID 406104-1 and 415905-1:** This project will add a new interchange at NW 74<sup>th</sup> Street and the HEFT in Miami-Dade County and includes additional toll plaza lanes with Sunpass Express Lanes at the existing Okeechobee Mainline Plaza. Construction is nearing completion.

**FPID 423201-1:** The project includes resurfacing of the Turnpike's Miami-Dade Spur from MP 0.4 to 3.3. Design is currently underway. It is anticipated to let in July 2010.

## Florida Turnpike Utility Staff

James G. Kervin, Turnpike Utility Administrator/Project Manager

Lawrence R. Hayduk, Turnpike Utility Manager

Deanna H. Campbell, Turnpike Utility & Rail Coordinator

## **FUCC MEETING PRESENTATION**

### WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSIONS

February 3, 2010 8:00 A.M.

Design Build Meeting

Permitting Meeting

UCC Meeting

## **FUCC MEETING PRESENTATION**

### WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Wednesday, February 3, 2010 at 1:30 P.M.

Chairman Don Anthony opened the afternoon session by welcoming everyone. He thanked Dennis & Margie Labelle for all their efforts in putting together this conference. The Chairman also announced the time and location of the "Meet the Presenters" meeting.

The Chairman announced that the Steering Committee Meeting will be Thursday afternoon immediately after the end of the afternoon session.

Chairman Don Anthony then introduced the presenters for today's "Design Build Workshop" afternoon session which were Vinnie LaVallette and Tim Brock.

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Mrs. LaVallette and Mr. Brock discussed the new formed Design Build Subcommittee and described that Design Build is one alternative contracting method that DOT has chosen for some projects.

More info can be found at <http://www.dot.fl.us/construction/DesignBuild>

There were good questions asked and a lot of involvement.

Chairman Don Anthony announced this was the conclusion of the afternoon session.

He also reminded everyone of the "Meet the Presenters" meeting.

## FUCC INTEREST/SUBCOMMITTEE GROUPS MEETINGS

Thursday, February 4, 2010 8:00 AM to 12:00 Noon

### THURSDAY MORNING SESSION

FUCC Banquet Planning Committee

Joint Use Committee

UAM Committee

Conflict Matrix Committee

Nominations/Awards

Power Interest Group

Underground Interest Group

Telecommunication Interest Group

## FUCC MEETING PRESENTATION

Thursday, February 4, 2010 at 1:00 PM

### THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

#### **FDOT Forum – Tom Bane**

Tom Bane opened the Forum and asked members if they had any questions.

There were 3 topics/questions.

1. Utility Work Schedule Question – Power Interest Group asked DUE's to not alter executed UWS & return executed UWS to the UAO? **Tom Bane will bring this issue up in his District Meeting.**
2. Utility Work Schedules on Design/Build Projects – What are DOT's thoughts on a UWS for Design Build projects? **Design Build projects do not require a UWS but it is encouraged.**
3. Design Build Subcommittee – Can the UAO's facilities be added to the concept plans in the RFP or add to the minimum requirements and have UAO's meet with the short-listed firms in a common meeting? Can these be added to the Design Build Process? **Tom Bane would like a request from the FUCC in regards to the questions above. Dave Kuhlman will draft the letter.**
4. Sun Rail is being setup as its own DOT District. Former Maintenance Engineer in District 5 will head up the project.

Chairman Don Anthony opened the afternoon session at 1:45 pm and thanked the FUCC planners Dennis and Margie Labelle. The Chairman reminded everyone about the UAM Core Committee would meet after the afternoon session and then the Steering Committee would meet. Also the "Meet the Presenters" meeting was in room at 407 from 5:00pm – 7:00pm.

The Chairman introduced Frank Reams with the Kenton Group for the Combined Interest Afternoon Session.



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Mr. Reams discussed the history of AT&T, phone, and telecommunications.

The next presenter was Mark Popp with Balfour Beatty Construction that discussed Relocation Projects from a Contractor's Perspective.

## **STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING**

Vice Chairman, Juan J. Lopez opened the meeting on Thursday, February 4, 2010.

There were 5 main topics of discussion.

- Combining the Joint Use Subcommittee and the NJUNS users group into a new subcommittee because they discuss similar topics of interest. A new subcommittee name to be submitted by the two groups.
- Amend the by-laws related to the awards/nominations subcommittee. This will be discussed under New Business but it is in reference to changing the make up of the subcommittee to previous Malcolm Yancey and John J. Farkas award winners that are active members of the FUCC.
- UAM subcommittee has been meeting for two years and working very hard with the FDOT to re-write the UAM. FDOT has informed the UAM Subcommittee that they will proceed with Rule Making despite some unresolved areas. A recommendation to send a letter is to be written by the FUCC Chairman stating that the FUCC-UAM Subcommittee is in disagreement with the UAM and is unacceptable and for the FDOT to include the UAM Subcommittee in all upcoming FDOT Workshops.
- Discussion regarding the attendance of FDOT personnel at the FUCC Meetings. Recommendation for the FUCC Chairman to send a letter to FDOT requesting, as "Mission Critical" the attendance of Maintenance, Construction, Utility Coordination, & Utility Permitting personnel to attend the FUCC Meetings.
- Lengthy discussion about going from 4 FUCC Meetings per year to 3 meetings per year. David Kuhlman put together a "pro-con" list which was discussed at length. A vote was made to table the matter until the Spring Meeting in Port Canaveral and to discuss it further at the meeting but also bring two very important pieces of information to the meeting.
  - What are our existing commitments and the financial impact to changing the meetings to 3 per year?
  - When/What times of the year would we meet if we go to 3 meetings per year?

## **FUCC BUSINESS MEETING**

Friday, February 5, 2010

Chairman Don Anthony opened the session at 8:14 AM by welcoming everyone. Chairman Don Anthony then introduced Jerold Whitt who gave the invocation and led the members to a tribute to the flag. The Chairman then introduced Secretary T.K. Christie, who began to read the minutes of the Summer FUCC Meeting, but a motion was made to forget the reading of the minutes and accept them as written on the Web site.

Historian Report was given by Tom Duggar of Embarq as Historian. Historian report is above.

The Chairman then requested self introductions.

Sunshine State One Call of Florida by Kathy Thrash. Report is above.

Districts gave their reports which are listed above.

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- **Power Interest Group – T.K. Christie (filling in for Shamalini Waeen)**  
26 in attendance with 12 power, 6 DOT, and 8 Consultants.

UWS – A couple of DUE's have changed the UWS then executed it without the UAO's knowledge. This issue was brought up and addressed in the DOT Open Forum.

Stimulus Projects – Suggestion was made to have UAO's attend local MPO Meetings to help guide which projects are funded by stimulus dollars.

Tampa Electric has added a one year provision to their UWS's that makes the UWS expire after one year.

Future Presentation idea included the idea of having DOT do a panel discussion on how to apply for an exception in the new UAM and how to use the RSAP Program.

Tom Bane gave an update on Rule 14-46 and the new 2010 UAM that will be going to rule making soon.

- **Telecom Interest Group – Peter Keel (filling in for Deb Corbin)**

Meeting opened at 9:48AM

Chaired by: Deb Corbin

Secretary: Peter Keel

Introductions:    Utilities: 17    Consultants: 8    FDOT: 3    Total attendance: 28

### **Discussion Topics:**

1. Topics for Telecommunications Education Seminar to be held during the Marco Island Conference
  1. Joint Bore – situations & resolutions
  2. Cell Towers
  3. Bridge Attachments
  4. Rights-Of-Way issues

It was decided that "Joint Bore – situations & resolutions" would be the topic for the seminar.

2. Plain Language UAM (PLUAM) concerns:

Current draft of the rewrite has been sent to FDOT Legal. Any challenges will need to occur during "Rule Developing". The following issues were discussed as still needing to be resolved, and should be addressed by the UAM subcommittee during Rule Developing:

- FDOT oversight, section 4.3.1  
The current rewrite revision states that "The UAO shall not begin underground operations until the FDOT representative indicated on the permit is on site or other satisfactory arrangements have been made".

The concern is that delays could be caused if schedules are held up by waiting for an FDOT rep. to be on site.

Suggestion: The wording be changed or eliminated

- 48 hours notification, section 3.3.2  
A provision allowing utilities to perform "short duration" work without a permit or 48 hour notification requirements.

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Example: Changing street lamps, or when corrective action needs to be performed during routine maintenance that extends onto the FDOT ROW.

- Trenchless Installations, section 4.3.12  
The statement: "A depth equal to Ten (10) times the reamer diameter measured from the top of pavement to the top of the reamer."

Is this reasonable? Example: a 4" conduit, requiring a 6" reamer, would have to be at a minimum depth of 5'.

- Sidewalk removal  
Ability to Remove and Replace up to two panels or 10 feet of sidewalk without prior permitting. Previously there was conceptual agreement between Tom Bane, FDOT and the UAM rewrite subcommittee regarding this issue.

There are times, due to limited space, that a pole may need to be placed near or in a sidewalk; there may be a need to repair or gain access to a conduit system underneath a sidewalk

Currently we are required to wait up to 30 days or more for a permit to perform these type activities.

Sidewalk construction standards in place would be followed, as well as notification to the maintenance office prior and upon completion.

Example: Pole Removal (due to pole hardening) – MOT, series 600 would be followed – notification could be provided on same day – work would be performed on previously permitted facilities.

The latest rewrite states: This item was not included in the latest revision.

- Paralleling in the ROW  
Previously there was conceptual agreement between Tom Bane, FDOT and the UAM rewrite subcommittee indicating:

Allowing buried service lines to be placed parallel in the Rights-of-Way for a short distance (maximum 500') without prior permitting or pre-notification.

Many FDOT Rights-of-Way's in Florida don't have utility easements immediately adjacent to them, thereby not allowing utilities to serve anyone not directly across from a serving terminal without first obtaining a permit.

The average FDOT permitting time of 30 days is not sufficient enough to meet Public Service Commission requirements or customer expectations.

Example: This action may be required for a Customer Service request or a small repair where there would be no cutting of pavement or working in a road requiring an MOT.

The latest rewrite states: This item was not included in the latest revision.

It was discussed that a possible cause, that many of the issues were not resolved, was due to the lack of participation from the FDOT Maintenance Department. Their participation is desired, specifically in the UAM subcommittee meetings. The Chair, Deb Corbin, will bring this recommendation to the steering committee meeting being held later today.

### 3. Design Build Projects:

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Design build projects were discussed. It was noted that in the past, construction/reconstruction projects with major utility involvement were not recommended for Design Build contracting. It appears that due to the quick need to have projects qualify for Federal Stimulus funding, agencies are using this method more – even on projects with major utility involvement. It was strongly suggested that the utilities need to be engaged in the beginning of the conceptual and design stage of the project, before the project is given to a contractor, to ensure that their facilities are properly addressed and that they have sufficient time to resolve any conflicts. Any unresolved issues or concerns should be addressed with the agency prior to the project being given to the contractor.

#### 4. Electronic Permitting:

It was discussed how the various utilities were currently being asked to submit their permits. It was noted that permits were being submitted in various forms (i.e.: all hard copies with original signatures, mixture of electronic and hard copy, all electronic).

It was discussed that electronic permit filing was currently the process in Georgia and that there was a pilot being tested for electronic filing in Texas.

It was suggested that this issue be given to Henry Bowlin to address during the Permit subcommittee (Henry is the Chair).

#### 5. Open Forum Discussion:

##### Stimulus projects

- o A list of approved stimulus projects, American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) and Jobs for Main Street America (JMSA), is located on the FDOT website.

##### Permits Issues

- o Permit issues need to be directed up through the DOT District chain of command
- o If you have any permit issues with the FDOT, send specifics to Henry Bowlin, chairman of the Permitting Subcommittee.

Example:           Unfair practices  
                          Inconsistencies between the Districts

Meeting was adjourned at 11:18AM.      Meeting minutes prepared by: Peter Keel

- **Underground – Louise Hom**  
No report was given.
- **UAM Subcommittee – Bryan Lantz**  
No report was given
- **Joint Use Subcommittee – John Pugh**  
12 in attendance.
  - They discussed bringing in NJUNS and whether NJUNS being separate or a part of the Joint Use Committee. This was brought up in the Steering Committee.
  - Discussion about the setup of NJUNS and to form a committee with a Secretary, Chair, and Vice Chair.
  - Discussed no franchises anymore, mapping into could be added to program.
  - Talked about pole tagging. Georgia has one that works well.
  - Discussion about how good is the information from NJUNS and will it help get everyone

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jobs done better or just slow progress.

- They discussed setting lat/long standards for a more accurate pole information, like developing GIS information into it. Some power companies have this GIS information.
- They had a discussion of all the different reporting information that could take advantage in NJUNS.
- The group got some information on companies using NJUNS in state of Florida. There are 60 companies and 110 member codes currently.
- They had a discussion on Copper theft. It's still going on in the Industry and finding ways to defeat them, like running copper inside poles that have been changed half way up pole.
- Discussion on guy markers, during projects they will be checked and replaced if needed. Most companies check during normal company business not on separate jobs or during pole inventory.
- Educational Workshop Idea – Overview of NJUNS.

### • **Permitting Subcommittee – Gary Monday (filling in for Henry Bowlin)**

Attendance 14. Meeting called to order 10:05am by Gary Monday substituting for Henry Bowlin (on assignment)

**Brian Lantz (Verizon) – UAM committee Chairman** brought attendees up to date on present UAM rewrite issues pertaining to Utility Permitting. Explained that the issues will be brought forward once again during the rule making process of the UAM, and that he is requesting a letter from the FUCC leadership to the FDOT that “The FUCC does not agree with the present language of the UAM, and wishes to have additional planning meetings to resolve the issues at hand prior to rule making” This was accepted by the membership during the Friday FUCC meeting, to have this letter sent.

**Allen Aten (Century Link)–** Commented that a package sent to the FDOT Mtce Engineer from Henry Bowlin with Utility concerns after the last FUCC meeting has still gone unresponded to by the FDOT at the time of this meeting. Allen will check with Henry Bowlin if a follow up is required.

**Tom Bane (FDOT C.O.)-** Commented that his office has sent out a questionnaire Q.A.R. to the FDOT Mtce Districts to respond to questions regarding Utility Permitting within the State. This questionnaire is due back shortly, with Tom Bane committing to a final report in three months. (He mentioned a draft report will be completed within the next two weeks)

**Tom Bane and Ken Weldon (FDOT C.O., retired FDOT)-** Both commented on the issues of inconsistent permit requirements from the FDOT Mtce districts within the State as the number one complaint of the Utilities. Tom Bane said that issue has been brought to the FDOT Chief Engineers attention and steps are being taken to remedy the situation. Both said if issues pertain to one district please follow the chain of command in that District to resolve the problem first.

**Electronic Submittal of Permits and Plan mark ups-** Discussion was had on this subject as some FDOT Districts allow this and others not. Ken Weldon mentioned a study done a few years ago in FDOT District One and Seven that it may be helpful to understanding the FDOT problem in moving forward on this issue. All at the meeting were in favor of electronic submittal and question why the FDOT doesn't move forward on this issue.....

**UAO's Problems-** A few UAO problems were brought up involving permitting, one was an approved permit being stopped in the field due to an improper M.O.T. after the MOT was presented in the permit. The FDOT position on that is always on the side of Safety First,.....It was also brought up again that the FDOT Mtce Districts should be represented at the FUCC meetings and if not for the entire meeting can a local Mtce group come to the permitting sub committee. Possibly a letter can be sent by the Committee chairperson to the FDOT Mtce district prior to the FUCC meeting with the agenda for the permitting meeting time and place.

**Ty Garner (FDOT D.U.E District Five)** commented that at their upcoming District Liaison meeting the subject of District Utility Permitting will be addressed and a presentation made. Time and Place of

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Meeting to be announced.

- **E-Business – John Murphy**  
Local UCC Meeting info is being added to the website.
- **Conflict Matrix – Tim Brock**  
No report given.
- **UCC – Dennis LaBelle**  
4 out of 5 completed. Legal module is outlined and learning objective is being developed. Current training, Ft. Lauderdale, and Winter Haven.  
Working on getting CEU credits approved for Professional Engineers. Training schedule for Design Module is full through March. We need to spread out the training throughout the year.
- **Steering Committee – Juan Lopez** As reported above
- **Conference Planning – Dennis LaBelle**  
Next conference is at the Radisson at the Port, Cape Canaveral, and then summer is Marco Island Hilton, Mission Inn in the Fall, and Ocala Hilton in Winter 2011.
- **Program Planning – Dennis LaBelle**  
Utility Permitting Workshop – Spring Meeting  
Railroad Permitting Workshop – Summer Meeting  
Presentations – Gas, Water/Sewer Operations  
Notices – Please forward meeting notices to the local UCC's.  
Educational Seminar – Power – Underground Conversions, Smart Grid.  
Telecommunications – Joint Boring  
Underground – Pipe Bursting
- **Certificates – Dennis LaBelle**  
Need to find out what we are missing?  
Has the UCC program training been effective?  
Are there elements that in the training to help in everyday work?  
What about making the certification, one of the qualifications for hiring?
- **OLD BUSINESS**  
None
- **NEW BUSINESS**  
None

A motion was made to amend the bylaws for award committee in Section 7, Paragraph 3A. Revise from committee consisting of a cross-section to consisting of previous award winners that are active members. Motion passed.  
There was a 5 minute meeting with past award winners after the meeting.

Motion to adjourn by Ron Popp, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jodi Rano and meeting adjourned.

Chairman Don Anthony thanked all in attendance and in particular Dennis and Margie Labelle for the conference.