

# FALL Meeting Notes – November 2 to November 4, 2011

## Mission Inn, Howey-In-the Hills, Florida



## Florida Utilities Coordinating Committee

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### FUCC MORNING SESSION

#### MORNING SESSION - Sessions

- FPL Coordinators – Private Company Meeting
- CenturyLink Meeting – Private Company meeting

### FUCC INTEREST/SUBCOMMITTEE GROUPS MEETINGS

#### MORNING SESSION

##### **Design / Build Sub-Committee – 14 in attendance**

- There was an update to FDOT's "boilerplate" Agreement.
- GIS requirements will be implemented
- The Sub-Committee would like to have reports from the UAOs who have been involved in Design/Build project

##### **Joint Use Committee - Chaired By; John Pugh**

Items regarding Joint Use Poles discussed included:

- Double wood poles – pilot project and transfer of tenants
- White Pole Tags to notify that the pole is designated in INJUS
- USIC is buying located contracts and the designation and actual locates are suffering.
- Pole lines, violating the NEIC codes to have multiple poles in the R/W which could double the number of poles within the R/W.

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### **By-Laws Review** - Chaired By: Steve McLaughlin & Chris McLaughlin

The FUCC By-Laws required a review every five years. Item for consideration in this update include:

- 1) Revisions to the Mission Statement
- 2) Revisions to membership qualifications – automatic & voluntary
- 3) Define sponsorship levels
- 4) Review of the duties of the Secretary
- 5) Define and explain the requirements of the John Farkas Award.

### **UAM / FDOT Standards (Index) Committee** - Chaired By: Bryan Lantz – 18 in attendance

Items discussed:

- 1) No issues with the new Utility Accommodations Manual (UAM) have been brought forward.
- 2) Discussions of Lane Restrictions
- 3) The Fourth Training Module for the FUCC Certification Training
- 4) The request that Concrete collars at manhole within the travel roadway no longer be used. To be investigated, and may require a definition from FDOT of the “travel lane”.
- 5) FDOT’s current CPR mantra.

### **AWARDS / Nomination Subcommittee**

This Subcommittee met on Thursday morning with seven people in attendance. Six of these were past awards winners. The Subcommittee discussed the development of a list of potential candidate for the positions of Secretary, Historian, and Treasures for recommendations to the Chairman, to bring before the membership at the summer 2012 Meeting in Marco Island

The Subcommittee also discussed developing a recommendation list of potential candidate for the most prestigious FUCC award, the Malcolm Yancey award for the purpose of selecting a recipient at the August Meeting. Similarly, we need to develop a list of potential candidate to the Liaison Person of the Year. The Subcommittee reviewed the criteria for selecting these positions and awards.

It was noted that that recipient of the Malcolm Yancey Award must receive a unanimous vote of the committee and this award is only presented every two years. If a unanimous consent cannot be gathered, the award can be held until it next cycle. The recipient or the Liaison Person of the Year must receive a majority of the votes from the Award/Nominating Subcommittee.

Everyone is encouraged to review the requirement for the officers as listed in the By-Laws. The Subcommittee members were requested to submit their recommendations of candidates with a short paragraph stating why the candidate should be selected to the Awards/Nomination Subcommittee. You can e-mail your recommendations to the current chairman, Juan J. Lopez @ lopezj@hillsboroughcounty.org or any of the current officers.

Because of the current makeup of the FUCC officers, the recommended individual for Secretary cannot be from the Power, Gas industries, or a consultants/

The Subcommittee would like to have the list of candidates for all the awards positions by the next meeting, Winter Meeting, in Ocala, February 2012. IT is essential to have each of the award winners identified by the winter meeting so there is enough time to gather the background information and prepare the presentation for the award at the Marco Island Meeting.

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### Power Interest Group - Co-Chair: Michelle Hernandez- Florida Power & Light & Chad Swails- Gulf Electric

Attendance: 16

#### Agenda:

- Review of Section No. VII of FUCC By-Laws
- Discussed purpose/responsibilities of Power Interest Groups
- Discussed Possible Topics for Annual Educational Seminar
- Final Topic due by Feb Conference
- Discussed current issue with obtaining reimbursement from Reimbursable Projects
- Terminology Inconsistencies between DOT and Utilities
- Requirements posted by DOT are vague
- District 4 has check list
  - Power interest group is going to take a look at the checklists and see if we can drill down the actual problem

Problems: Determining Reimbursement Eligibility? Or Determining proper paperwork required to process reimbursement?

#### 1. Documentation Requirements for Reimbursable Project (Requirements)

- a. What are the requirements of the Department to meet their reimbursement requests?
- b. FDOT already has the ability to Audit Project files
- c. TECO is concerned about the placing of project information in Public Records. Invoices are being turned down with request for additional information
- d. What does District 7 requires as "Proof of Payment?"
- e. Tom Bane noted that requests for additional information are for clarification to the Comptroller's office, to be approved by the District Utility Office.
- f. Are guidelines available? They should be in the Agreement (Supporting Documents should clearly identify the reimbursable work.

What is required by the Department to meet their reimbursement requirements?

Federal Highway Administration reimburses the State. FDOT then reimburses each UAO. FDOT can supply guidelines, but implementation is by each Agreement. Tom Bane will provide a link to the Comptroller's office for their requirements.

It appears that most electric companies do not have the details to support their invoices. They use either "Force Account" or "Lump Sum" for their reimbursable work.

#### Lane Closures/ Pacing Plans

- FDOT is reviewing current MOT standards and they plan to have new printed versions out in January 2012
- Pacing Plans
  - Discussed issues with FHP not following plans

#### Proposed ADA Rule Changes

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- Discussed current ADA exception and how the new ADA Rule making does not include the current exception. Dave Kuhlman (Florida Power & Light) will be giving a presentation during afternoon session

### OSHA Crane/Derrick Rule

- Reviewed current policies
- If a contractor requests to de-energize a line and it is not in the work Schedule, it could be a claim for reimbursement of the UAO's cost to the contractor.
- The FDOT's Contractor is responsible for the determination of who is qualified to operate their equipment. The UAO is not the OSHA Police.

### Follow-up Items for February Meeting:

- Review Attached documentation and determine if issues is at State, District or Utility Company level. To be discussed at next meeting
- Email Attendees of Power interest Group to gather possible topics for Annual Education Seminar

### Underground Interest Group - Chaired By: Sandra Cannos, TECO Peoples Gas System

Attendance: 15

The meeting was called to order by Luis Castellanos acting as Chair and Sandra Panos as acting Co-Chair.

After a round of self-introductions Luis discussed the desire to have a new format where the endpoint is resolution.

**Topic:** Non- Utility Contractors are using the APWA utility color codes to mark member operator facilities. The consensus of the group was that only the utility should be using these colors and that pink is designated for design. It was brought to the group's attention that SUE companies so have a code FHWA ASCE SUE C-I-38-02.

#### **Action Items:**

- Research Sue standard FHWA ASCE SUE C-I-38-02- (will be researched and discussed in the next meeting)
- Address it in 556 (long range goal)
- Notify right of way owners (inspectors to assist-verify locating company)
- Educate/PR- voice concerns at local utility groups

**Topic:** Quality of **as-built**. As-built quality is lacking; lines are being damaged that are too deep or as-built cannot help determine where the lines were installed. Shallow lines are a problem.

- Quality of "As Built" plans is most cases not current. Current "as Built" plans should have faculties noted using X –Y=Z Coordinates lacking and in

#### **Action items:**

- Establish standards of recordkeeping based on published data. Ie true xyz coordinates.
- Institute a procedure for counties and cities similar to DOT's process.

#### **Presenter:**

Kathy Thrash- Kathy did a presentation on the upcoming changes to the online ticket system (IRTH) and also introduced their new online training program- Safety Matters.

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### **Telecommunications Interest Group** – Chaired by Don Anthony- Bright House Networks, LLC.

There were twenty three in attendance. Items discussed were:

- Ron Popp; CenturyLink - The City of Cape Coral had issued a reimbursement on a Parcel that disregarding a platted easement.
- Verizon – Hillsborough County is seeking qualification of relocations on Non-Transportation Projects.
- A telecom consultant has been subpoenaed to produce records on a project that is over 4 years old.

### **Permitting Sub-Committee – Henry Bowlin – CenturyLink**

Thanks to everyone who attended the Permitting Committee Meeting - 19 in attendance:

2- FDOT; 7- Consultants; 7- Telecom; 2- Electrics; 1- County.

Agenda:

- Today we discussed Permitting issues in District 3, Electronic Permitting for FDOT Permits, Environmental permitting and Water Management District permitting.
- This Committee is requesting the F.U.C.C. send a letter to the Director of DEP, inviting/requesting they send either a local representative (local to our meeting locations) or someone from Central Office to attend the F.U.C.C. meetings. Their Permitting process and technical specifications need to be reviewed and updated to incorporate current construction methods and materials. We feel this would minimize the need for DEP to request additional information in this area which delays the permit approval.
- We are monitoring a city's request for permits for submerged land/water crossings which normally would be sent to Army Corp. Engineers for review and approval.
- FDOT is reviewing permit special conditions obtained from a QC review, evaluating and validating that the request are necessary for specific conditions.

### **RAILROAD COMMITTEE INTREST GROUP** – Chaired by Catharine Adkins, CXS Railway.

Call to order: A Railroad Subcommittee meeting was held at the Mission Inn located at Howey-in-the-Hills, FL, on November 2, 2011. The meeting convened at 10:00 a.m. Chairperson Bill Braman presiding.

**Members in attendance:** Adam Padgett, T.K. Christie, David Kuhlman, Don Anthony, Art Gilmore, Bryan Lantz, Blake Gross, and Cat Adkins

**Announcements:** Bill Braman has moved to another position at CSX and Cat Adkins will replace Bill as the Railroad Subcommittee chairperson.

**Discussion Items:**

- Scheduling a railroad permitting class at one of the FUCC meetings in 2012.
- Availability of Flagmen
- Providing Educational Workshops relating to railroad matters.
- Reducing the number of Railroad Subcommittee meetings from 4 to 1 a year.

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### FUCC EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOP PRESENTATION

T.K. Christie, Progress Energy Florida, welcomed all who were attending this meeting, noting the follow first timers:

- Joel Chatham, Progress Energy Florida
- Larry Shock, Outsource
- Catharine Adkins, CSX Railroad

T.K. introduced all of the exiting offices. There was a suggestion from the floor, that FUCC develop a Survey to be distributed to the membership asking all to identify three issues, which are “key issues” to be forward as a Panel Discussion for an upcoming meeting’s agenda.

#### UNDERGROUND LOCATION OPTIONS

Joe Sanchez, Florida Gas Transmission Company, introduced the first speaker Todd Briner, P.E., with Terra Technologies, LLC. This is a two year old company created as a solution provider to the utility industry for highway and mass transit projects. There are actually three companies under the Terra Technologies umbrella.

**TERRA MOVE** – A patented process to relocate and existing telecommunications duct bank, 30’ horizontal and 15’ vertical. This process has been used to move a 27 way duct in horizontal direction 30’ off set for a distance of 425 Feet.

**TERRA CAP** – This is a precast product that is placed over an existing installation, consisting of a concrete arch in 8’ panels x 3’ tall as a load bearing arch support. This process has a production rate of 200/day.

**TERA SHIELD** – This is a procedure that places plates under existing ducts for adjustments and temporary supporting during construction projects.

#### REPORT ON FDOT’S ON-LINE PERMITTING

The Second presentation was an update on the FDOT’s study of the ON-LINE PERMITTING process and procedure. Dan San Gregrio, FDDOT’s ITS office reported the Department is developing a “One Stop Permitting Portal” to submit permits to the Department. This was initialed by Tom Bane who noted the FDOT needs to have an on-line process for permitting on State roadways. The On-Line Permitting portal would allow:

- Standardized and streamline processing of Permits.
- Establish a core information interface.
- Queries and search options through “drill down” menus.
- Instructions that are statewide.
- Provide space for questions and Feed-Back responses, on-line
- Track the Status of Request and Permit.
- Permits will be populated through the data provided and can be project specific.
- There are 17 Permitting Agencies within the State Systems.

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- Accomplish the FDOT and State goal of;
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  - **R** – Repeatability

On-Line Utility Permitting will give the State its “Biggest Bang for the Buck.” Tom Bane will remain as the point of contact. Tom noted notes the funding and resources for this program are not currently available, but FDOT Management supports the concept. There are to be no changes in authority, just streamlining the process.

### **ADA Compliance Revisions & Exceptions**

The third presentation of the afternoon was a Power Point, with handouts, given by David Kuhlman, F P & L Company, on the proposed revisions to the ADA Guidelines. David felt that a discussion on the Proposed Guidelines and its impact on existing utility pole are warranted should be a concern to the owner and its tenants. These new Guideline have been published in the Federal Resister on July 26, 2011.

The statements that “All new facilities shall comply with 48” clear width” & “All alterations to facilities shall comply with a 48” clear width” could be interpreted several way by those reviewing permits for compliance. Dean Perkins at FDOT is a good contact person to express concerns.

### **FDOT PRESENTATION**

Thomas Bane gave a report on the FDOT and its impact on the utility industry. Utility issues were first addressed in the in 1956 Highway Safety Act. In 1969 the first Utility Accommodation Manual was created, followed in 1988 by the Utility Accommodations Manual. Now we have the “ONE DOT” with a responsible person in each Department. Manuals and Policies are the responsibilities of the Manger of Office/Department.

The new mantra of the FDOT is C – P – R:

- **C** – consistency
- **P** – Predictability
- **R** – Repeatability

The human element is taken out of the approval process. FDOT, Its engineers and consultants are not lawyers. They are design professionals. FDOT is moving toward the Central Office Policy making. Only the District Secretary and Ananth Prasad, Secretary of Transportation, can direct the District Office when they are out of “sync.”

All conflicts with the utilities should remain at the District Office, and then “bubbled” up to the next higher person at the District Office. Try “Up” not “Out.”

Ananth Prasad speaks for the Department. Other at the Central Office is staff reporting to Ananth.

### **FUCC STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING**

Joe Sanchez called this committee meeting to order. Items discussed were:

- The application for PDH and PE Credits has been submitted to Tallahassee for approval.
- A Vendor Session may be scheduled in May of 2012. This type of session would aloe Vendors to elaborate on the business and the opportunities to provided services to the utility industry. Two or three members would be available to review Power point presentation for content (Dennis LaBelle – Bryan Lantz – John Murphy).
- It was suggested that submission of Agendas two month prior to the meeting will allow time for the subject matter to be placed on the FUCC Web Site. This will enable potential attendees to secure approval for attendance, in a timely manner.

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- It was proposed that the Chairman send out a list of topic and item for discussion and additional research. Membership could then designate the top three “hot” items.
- Discussions on a Panel Forum to review and discuss reimbursable items of work on FDOT projects. This should include the requirement and completion of the correct and current forms. Several years ago Gerald Witt made a presentation “Take My Money.” There are problems getting the proper documentation submitted the first time. These include; 1) Eligibility Determination for Reimbursement and 2) Submitting for reimbursable payment.
- It was felt that we should keep inviting Government Officials to meeting held in their areas.
- There was a discussion of the options/possibilities of changing the organization to a 501.C3 Organization, “Non-Profit Organization 501.CE. We are now a Not for Profit Corporation. In order to make the correct assessment we need a copy of the 2007 By-Laws for review, to determine the Pros/Cons of each type of organization.
- The FUCC’s sound system will need to be used at Marco Island to help reduce meeting costs.
- The number of meeting dates was again discussed with the potential to reduce the number from 4 to 3 a year. IT was also stated that the reduced cost to the organization of the three meetings assist in the financial commitment and obligation to build revenue for the annual meeting.
- The Steering Committee needs to take the lead with the identification for issues for presentations and workshops.
- The Steering Committee needs to review the attendance and cost of the meetings, including the locations. Vinnie Lavallette can have the actual costs and project 2012 costs for reference.
- The Permitting Sub-committee will notify the Florida DEP on the “On Line Permitting procedure being studied, creating an electronic permitting process for their comments.

Motion by Bryan Lantz was seconded by Michelle Hernandez to authorize David Kuhlman to notify the United States access Board advocating the FUCC request for the retention of the (32”) 32-inch horizontal exceptions clearance, currently in use. Motion passed.

Motion by the CSX Sub-Committee to reduce the number of railway Subcommittee meeting to only one each year. Motion was made by Committee Chari, no second is required. Motion Passed

### **FUCC BUSINESS MEETING**

Chairman T.K. Christie called the meeting to order at 8:00 A.M. The Chairman welcomed everyone, gave his opening remarks, and thanked the vendors and sponsors for their continuing support. The Chairman introduced David Kuhlman, who gave the Invocation followed by the Tribute to the Flag. The Chairman introduced Joe Sanchez for the reading of the minutes.

There was a motion by Bryan Lantz and seconded by John Pugh to wave the reading of the minutes. The minutes will be posted on the FUCC Web Site on Monday, November 7<sup>th</sup>. 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>.

Mr. Chairman then called for the reading of the Historian Report. Unfortunately, Mr. Tom Duggar was unable to attend this meeting so Gary Monday read the prepared report.

### **Historian Report**

FIFTY YEARS AGO – November 10, 1961, Fort Meyers, Florida – Total Attendance 22  
Telephone – 11 Power – 8 FDOT – 2 Fla. RR & PU Commission – 1



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- Chairman – Ralph Oswald, Florida Telephone Corporation
- Vice Chair – Ken Williams, Inter-county Telephone & Telegraph Co.
- Secretary – Edward J. O'Conner, Florida Power Corporation

Considerable discussion was carried on by the group concerning the meeting called by the State Road Department in Tallahassee to discuss with road contractors and utilities delays in Construction of various projects. It was the consensus of the group that a sub-committee be appointed to attend the meeting and file a report of the outcome of the meeting. This sub-committee is not to take an active part in the discussion, but report back to the Committee so that a Special Meeting could be call to further discuss this matter should the need arise.

The State Road Department stated that an operations manual from the State Road Department is forthcoming. A motion was made to hold a general meeting with representatives of the State Road Department to go over this manual with them to straighten out the many conflicting procedure now being encountered.

25 YEARS AGO – Nov. 7, 1986, Royce Resort Hotel, Ft. Lauderdale, FL – Total Attendance 66

Telephone – 16 Power – 19 FDOT – 7 Cities – 7 CATV – 6  
Gas – 3 One-Call Centers – 2 Locating Service – 1 Consultant – 3

- Chairman – Mike Flanery, Pinellas County Water
- Vice Chair – Roswell P. Sherling, Lee County Electric Cooperative.
- Secretary – George McWicker, Southern Bell

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

Bill Garrett, Historian, advised that we were observing the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the official founding of the Florida Utilities Coordinating Committee. Our By-Laws were established at a meeting held in Tampa on November 6, 1936. Bill read excerpts from the minutes of that first meeting, and also read minutes of the meeting held 25 years ago in Leesburgh.

The first guest speaker was Executive Director of the Florida High Speed Rail Transportation Commission He spoke and had a slide presentation about the high speed rail system proposed for the Tampa-Orlando-Miami corridor.

The second guest speaker with the City of Miami Department of Public Works presented a slide illustrated talk on the subject of Controlling Costs in Public Rights-Of-Way. He spoke of ways to avoid liability problems, of damages caused to pavement and utility facilities by crews working in the right-of-way, and contract cost over-runs.

New Business: Pat Cassalia advised that the Underground Committee has expresses interest in the methods being used in Virginia to locate subsurface utility lines and other features from above the surface by sonic means and also the air-vacuum method of uncovering subsurface utilities when that becomes necessary. She made a motion that the Florida DOT is asked to undertake a study of such location techniques and means by which all utility companies or agencies with facilities in a segment of the right-of-way could participate with the DOT in a joint location effort using such techniques. The motion was approves. Jerry Sasser said that the DOT planned to study this technique before the end of the year.

Respectfully submitted for Tom Duggar by Gary Monday, ASH Engineering

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### Treasurers Report

No Report is available at this time.

### Sun Shine State One Call of Florida Report

#### IRTH Upgrade coming soon

Sunshine State One Call will soon roll out a major upgrade affecting all areas of the IRTH Ticket Management System. Find out how the changes will impact you or your organization by visiting [www.callsunshine.com](http://www.callsunshine.com) and clicking on IRTH Update in Hot Topics. Exact dates will be announced as soon as we have successfully completed testing the new system.

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#### Online program offers training and convenience

The Safety Matters online program will be available next week. Throughout the program's six chapters you get a refresher in locate tickets, intense review of the tolerance zone, white lining and some common-sense safety recommendations to make the call-before-you-dig process go smoothly. Each chapter ends with a short review test. Get a wrong answer? You'll be sent to the page with the correct information for a quick review.

#### Chapter 1: Why are we here?

1. Damage prevention
2. Damage prevention players
3. How did this all get started?

#### Chapter 2: Planning the Job

1. The notification process
2. Requesting a locate ticket
3. White lining – the old 500-foot limitation is no longer
4. Two full business days explained
5. Internet Ticket Entry
6. Reading a locate request/ticket
7. What do to when your job site is underwater?

#### Chapter 3: Waiting for Utility Locate Marks

1. What happens after the call?
2. Utility locating explained
3. Digging before two full business days

#### Chapter 4: Digging Safely

1. checking the Positive Response System – excavators are required by law to check positive response
2. Jobsite inspection
3. Interpreting the marks
4. Private utilities
5. The tolerance zone uncovered
6. Working within the tolerance zone

#### Chapter 5: Dealing with the Unexpected

1. Jobsite surprises – when something doesn't look right

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2. What to do if you hit an underground facility

### Chapter 6: Special Provisions

1. Violations
2. Alternative dispute resolution
3. High-priority subsurface installation

### Annual Report

Watch for the fiscal year 2010-11 annual report for a summary of damage prevention activity. It will be available online at [www.callsunshine.com](http://www.callsunshine.com).

### Attention Members

Update all contact information and stop the transmission of incorrect or outdated contact information. The Catastrophic Contact Information, Member Contact Information forms are under the Forms and Applications link at [www.callsunshine.com](http://www.callsunshine.com). Help us provide the most updated contact information to excavators.

### Locate Ticket Statistics

- Incoming ticket volume for September 2011 was up 1% from September of last year, down 1% for the fiscal Year to date and down 7% from last month.
- Outgoing (billable) transmission volume for September 2011 was down 1% from September of last year, down 3% for the fiscal year to date and down 7% from last month.
- Positive response system late notice transmissions totaled 24,077 (5% of total) for September 2011 and 78,230 (4% of total) for the fiscal year to date.
- Positive response system responses for code 3F "Unmarked - Marking delay requested by locate technician and agreed to by excavator" totaled 48,164 (8% of total) for September 2011 and 185,291 (7% of total) for the fiscal year to date.
- Average answer speed for September 2011 was approximately 22 seconds for the month and 24 seconds for the fiscal year to date.
- Incoming ticket volume for September 2011 was approximately 64% ITE and 36% phone for the month and 63% ITE and 37% phone for the fiscal year to date.
- SSOCOF total membership for September 2011 was 911 primary and 271 associate.

### FREE resources help navigate damage prevention

Visit our online store at [www.callsunshine.com](http://www.callsunshine.com) to view or order SSOCOF's Damage Prevention Guide, Florida Excavation Safety Guide, and the Florida Damage Prevention Professional.

**SAFE DIGGING IS NO ACCIDENT. ALWAYS CALL 811 BEFORE YOU DIG.**

## **FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION REPORTS**

### **Central Office** - Tom Bane

FDOT has modified its agreements to include the "Buy American" clause, if it was not already included. The FHWA will not reimburse the Department who then cannot reimburse the UAOs if this reference is not included. All agreements will be updated in the very near future. Any project with Federal Money involved with reimbursement involved must be reviewed.

There have been conversations centered on this issue as to potential problems, qualifying that all items are "Made in America."

This is a federal requirement and not the FDOT's decision. Discussions regarding UAO concerns must be

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forwarded to the Central Office and FHWA. Rodger Woods at FDOT's Central Office is the attorney who will be addressing issues. The FDOT's proceeding to modify its Agreements.

Tom suggested that if the UAOS has concerns they should contact Rafage Darge at the FHWA.

State has a new General Counsel.

FDOT will Amend all Master, to address their Buy American requirements

**District One** – John Faison reported that monthly meetings are still ongoing. They are in the process of selecting a new District Secretary.

**District Two** – No Report Given or Submitted

**District Three** - No Report Given or Submitted

**District Four** – Tim Brock reported there is a lot of on-going Design/Build Projects. The I-95 Reconstruction projects are “A million dollars a day” construction efforts and thanks to the UAOs for their help and corporation.

Monthly reports on the District's projects are distributed via E-mail to all of District 6's utility partners.

The I-95 project in the northern area of the District is a 3-P project. There could be more that 3 short-listed partners. The Department will allow non-short listed teams to solicit the anticipated work. The UAOs are advised that they could be contacted by more than one team. Please be patient and corporative.

**District Five** – No Report given or received.

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

**District Seven** – Katasha Cornwell reported the District is working towards better development of Design/Build concept plans for their potential contractors and UAO reference.

**Turnpike Enterprise District** – Jim Kervin reported:

There are 35 currently active projects.

Funding of Turnpike project through toll revenues has been down has lead to a revise work program  
The widening of the Veteran's Parkway from 4 lanes to 8 lanes is scheduled to be let in June, 2012.

The Turnpike is moving to all electronic tolling on the Sawgrass Expressway. There schedule to have 14 Mainline gantries, with no Ramp tolling.

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### FUCC SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

(The majority of the FUCC Sub-Committees are provided elsewhere in these notes and minutes.)

#### **E-Business – John Murphy**

John reported that the Web site is updated and information is submitted. He does not have the ability to a group “web Blast” and this type of communication must be coordinated through Dennis LaBelle.

#### **Conflict Matrix**

- No meeting notes submitted.

#### **UCC – Conference Planning – Program Planning; Dennis LaBelle**

The location of the meetings for 2012 has been confirmed. Marco Island has a contract through 2012, with Mission in through 2012. The winter 2014 meeting location may need to be relocated to have some costs savings. Anyone with a suggestion should notify Dennis as soon as possible.

The “Agenda” on the FUCC web site may not always be the latest. The E-Mail “blast” from Dennis is the latest.

We need an agenda suggestion from each Committee and Sub-committee in order to provide a meeting forum that is useful.

Paul Scott will review the TRB’s incentives and use of the R/W by the utility providers at the Ocala meeting in 2012.

Dennis will look into getting more information on the FDOT’s “Buy American” requirement for the Ocala meeting.

UCC update:

- 1) The last module is nearing completions.
- 2) There is a request form Polk County for a presentation of the Construction Module. However, the County only has 10 interested. We need more to participate before the Module can be presented.

If anyone observes a presentation that they feel would benefit the FUCC membership, please let Dennis know the name of the contact person to contact.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

None

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

There was a motion brought forward from the Steering Committee Motion to authorize David Kuhlman to notify the United States access Board advocating the FUCC request for the retention of the (32”) 32-inch horizontal exceptions clearance, currently in use (proposed revisions to the ADA Acts). After a brief discussion, Arlene Brown (TECO) moved and Bryan Lantz (Verizon) seconded the motion be put to the item to a vote. Motion passed.

## **FALL Meeting Notes – November 2 to November 4, 2011**

### **Mission Inn, Howey-In-the Hills, Florida**

Ron Popp (CenturyLink) motioned on behalf of the Permitting Sub-Committee to have the FUCC contact the DEP, requesting their participation at an upcoming FUCC meeting. DEP Participation and discussions on electronic permitting will be helpful to all. During the discussion period, Tim Brock suggested including the Cities and Counties, as they also have permitting requirements. The FUCC want to be Pro-Active in Communications. Motion Passed.

Motion to adjourned meeting was given at 11:55am.

The above is respectfully submitted, John A. Murphy