

# TRAFFIC INCIDENT MANAGEMENT ENHANCEMENT

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## Recommendations of the TIME Task Force

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# Traffic Incident Management (TIM)

- A planned and coordinated process to detect, respond to, and remove traffic incidents and restore traffic capacity as safely and quickly as possible.
  - Over 50% of motorists' delays are attributed to crashes and vehicle breakdowns
- Wide variety of potential responders on scene: police, fire, transportation, towing, others
- Data, personnel training, and best practices are key to success



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# TIME Task Force

- Subject matter experts from DC, MD, VA State/local agencies, National Park Service, toll roads, WMATA
- Police, fire and emergency medical services, 9-1-1 services, transportation operations, public information, towing/recovery
- Convened seven times Feb. to Oct., plus an expanded May 22 workshop
- Advised development of the recommendations report



May 22 Regional TIME Workshop (COG)

# Task Force Recommendations

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1. Update Regional Agreements and Improve Consistency of TIM Laws and Policies
  - New mutual aid transportation operations plan; ensure “move over”, “move it”, and “hold harmless” laws are in place
2. Coordinate Regional Annual TIM Self-Assessments
  - Convene stakeholders annually to track progress
3. Encourage and Coordinate TIM Trainings to Promote Best Practices
  - Responders must be trained; the region can help by hosting events
4. Launch Outreach Initiatives That Better Engage the Public and Officials on TIM
  - A campaign similar to Street Smart could promote educational messages

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5. Create a Regional TIM Program
  - Identify resources to sustain an NCR program that can coordinate, track, and promote best practices
6. Designate Transportation Incident Responders As Emergency Responders Regionwide
  - Legal/policy changes to help transportation incident responders get to incident scenes quickly
7. Expand Roadway Service Patrols to Federal Parkways and Other Critical Major Roads Not Currently Covered
  - Convene the federal government, state and local jurisdictions to negotiate an agreement allowing for funding and deployment of patrols on parkways/key roadways

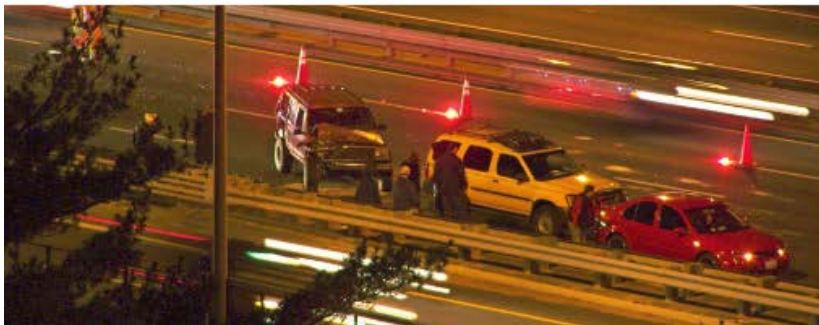
# Strategies for Further Investigation

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- A. Expedite Deployment of Cutting-Edge Technologies
- B. Improve Interjurisdictional Communications Capabilities
- C. Expand and Improve Closed Circuit Television Camera Coverage of Critical Roadways and Boundary Areas
- D. Expand 9-1-1 Center Computer-Aided Dispatch Automated Data Sharing Systems
- E. Explore Quick Clearance Incentives for Heavy-Duty Tow and Recovery Vehicle Contractors
- F. Develop a Responder Smartphone/Tablet App
- G. Develop Pre-Printed Field Operations Guide Documents for Responders
- H. Form Corridor Teams for Critical Roadways and Boundary Areas



# Questions/Discussion and Proposed Resolution



Motorcade in DC (Mack Male/[Flickr](#)); 395 South (sabreguy/[Flickr](#)); (Patrick Zilliacus/COG)

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