# TRAFFIC INCIDENT MANAGEMENT (TIME)

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# **Background**

- Traffic incidents impact safety, mobility and economy
- 50% or more of traffic delay due to non-recurring incidents
- Traffic Incident Management (TIM)
  - Coordinated process to detect, respond to, and clear traffic incidents
  - Reduces duration and impacts of traffic incidents and improves safety
- Traffic Incident Management Enhancement (TIME) a proposed COG
   2018 initiative



# Regional Efforts by TPB and MATOC

- After 9/11, TPB championed creation of the Metropolitan Area Transportation Operations Coordination (MATOC) Program (www.matoc.org)
  - Funded by state departments of transportation
  - Focuses on regional-level incident information sharing and coordination for the NCR
  - Recently delved into the topic of on-scene TIM, including a 2016 practitioners conference
- TPB looked at TIM as a special focus in 2016
  - Culminated in a November 2016 conference on "Championing Traffic Incident Management in the National Capital Region"



# **TIM and Public Safety**

- TIM requires a multidisciplinary approach that includes first responders, include Police, Fire, and 9-11
- Law enforcement, fire and rescue, and EMS can have a huge impact on how quickly a scene can be cleared
- Imperative that all agencies and disciplines involved understand one another's primary missions and operating procedures and practices
- Will engage COG's Fire and Police Chiefs Committees, 9-11 Directors, and their appropriate subcommittees



## Ideas for COG 2018 TIM Activities

- Create COG Board "TIME" Task Force
- Potential activities of or information provided to the TIME Task Force:
  - 1. "Enabling TIM" white paper, subject matter expert discussions, and development of COG Board recommendations
  - After-action reporting for major events strengthening regional coordination and information sharing
  - Initiate "TIM Self-Assessment" events among NCR practitioners using a systematic Federal Highway Administration-developed approach



## **Discussion**



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