

## Greater Hartford Traffic Incident Management (TIM) Coalition Current Priority Tasks

**DIVERSION PLANS** - Many of the diversion plans in the Capitol Region have not been updated and date back to 1997. The TIM Coalition has made the updating of the plans within the Hartford Urbanized Area a top priority. The IBI Group, a consultant with CTDOT, is completing conversion of diversion plans. There are approximately 500 diversion plans being converted over and by year's end, all plans will be converted to electronic GIS format, and new PDFs made available.

### Process for Updating Each Diversion Route Plan.

- Create and maintain a new geodatabase.
- Create new features and import road, exit, and town labels.
- Draw each diversion and label traffic signals and required signage, rotating the sign labels to match the orientation they should be placed in the field.
- Update legend, including diversion directions text, map reference ID, and summary of required signage.
- Share map package and save as ArcGIS 10.3 and generate PDF.

\*\*Plan numbering system also being reviewed to avoid having same plan number for multiple routes.

### Coalition Action Items

- Develop process review outline for stakeholder meetings to review plans. Use NVCOG process as a foundation for development.
- Develop draft schedule for review meetings based on available plans that are completed and have gone through CTDOT review. In the past this included state and local police, fire, and town officials as well as regional planning organizations that oversee the specific diversion areas.
- Focus first set of reviews to begin in the Capitol Region since many of the plans are 20 years old.
- Group diversion plans based on route and town locations to minimize the number of review meetings required.

**UNIFIED RESPONSE MANUAL (URM)** - The URM was developed as part of an initiative by the Statewide Incident Management Task Force (SIMTF) established under the Transportation Strategy Board (TSB). The Coalition has expressed a desire to have a statewide task group reformed such as SIMTF to provide the needed support from top level decision makers on importance of TIM in transportation safety.

- The URM provides a summary of incident command principles and is consistent with National Incident Management System (NIMS) and the National Unified Goal (NUG).
- The TSB recommended adoption in 2008 but was not formally processed and signed. The URM was only adopted by SIMTF.

### Coalition Action Items

- TIM Coalition members to review, edit and submit any changes in URM that applies to their organization
- Update two outdated policy documents as part of the URM: Quick Clearance Policy dated November 2, 1995 and State of Connecticut Highway Incident Management Policy – Original dated November 5, 1992 and updated December 2006.
- Incorporate into URM by reference, the *Enhanced Accident Response Plan*<sup>1</sup>.

**Copies of meeting minutes and information handed out at the meeting are available for download on CRCOG's website at <http://crcog.org/event/greater-hartford-tim-coalition-meeting/>**

<sup>1</sup> Submitted to the General Assembly in response to Public Act No. 15-5, Senate Bill 1505 Sec. 164. Public Act link <https://www.cga.ct.gov/2015/act/pa/pdf/2015PA-00005-R00SB-01502SS1-PA.pdf>