

**Panther Recovery Implementation Team (PRIT)**

**Transportation Sub-team**

**Meeting Minutes**

August 16, 2016

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Attendees:

Katasha Cornwell

Amber Crooks

Darrell Land

Terry Gilbert

Nancy Payton

Don Scott

Dan Smith

Brent Setchell

John Wrublik

David Shindle, USFWS

Members of the Public and other Guests:

Chris Dailey, RS&H

Ken McDonald, FWS

Robert Mrykalo, Scheda

Ernie Reid

Christina Scaringe, ADI

Welcome and Approval of the Agenda

- All attendees introduced themselves and approved the agenda for the day.

Approval of the Minutes

- Brent had changes that were incorporated into the minutes. Brent made motion to adopt minutes with changes, John seconded. Approved.

Communications

- Update by David Shindle
  - PRIT is working on livestock indemnification program. They would like to modify the program to allow flexibility for compensation for livestock losses where the identification of individual animals may not be able to be confirmed.
  - David would like to speak with Brent regarding extending fencing on SR29 to cover gap.

- Amber asked about posting of other subteam meeting minutes/documents and about invitations to attend subteam meetings. David said that there is no date currently set for the next Recovery Criteria subteam meeting. Invitations to the other subteams to attend are primarily the responsibility of the PRIT core team liaison.

### Southwest Florida Hotspots

- Should the breakpoints be set by the model or be fixed by the subteam?
  - Amber expressed concern that with the data set growing over time that the “watch” area should be no more than 1-2 mortalities. Dan suggested that mortalities at 9 or above be in one category.
  - There was a consensus that the breakpoints be fixed as 1-2, 3-5, 6-8, 9+.
- Finalizing the map
  - Darrell noted some inconsistency with the GIS splitting segments into two different categories. He will fix by hand.
  - Darrell will provide an updated map for use at the September 1<sup>st</sup> presentation. He will identify the end date of the data used (“as of...”). He can attempt to add letters (A-M for the red, orange, and green categories) to a jpg map that correspond to Nancy’s document. One of the maps he can produce will show all red hotspots on one map to zoom in.
- Finalizing the handout
  - Nancy will reflect the updated map and information in her document.
  - Amber and Nancy will work on additional details regarding the methodology and other caveats (e.g. it is a living document, areas outside of southwest Florida not discussed in detail, etc.)
  - Nancy will place “watch areas” in a separate section and will only write about the areas where there are additional comments to note or potential opportunities to capture in the narrative.
  - Brent suggested hotspot legend on every page of the document.
  - Dan suggested “hotspot” be in black text.
- Handouts will be provided of Nancy’s document, map, and copy of full methodology.
- Presentation
  - Change “south” to “southwest” (except on “Mission” slide)
  - Darrell will provide map of state of Florida with mortalities for use on the “Mission” slide.
  - Darrell’s final hotspots map of southwest Florida can be used on the project intro slide.

- Methodology slides can be shortened and remove mention of Darrell. Last methodology slide will read “This will be a living document and amended with additional roadkill data” and “New data may elevate the severity of a segment(s).”
- Completed projects will focus just on FDOT Crossing Guidelines and slide will be moved to the end of the presentation.
- Remove prioritization slide as this is likely to come up in discussion. Presenters can verbally mention that prioritization is based on severity. Letters are for use of corresponding with the map for the purposes of easy identification of the segments.
- Change “Crossing Guidelines for FWS” that was used in our October 2015 presentation to “Funding Opportunities” instead.
- Change “Recommendations for improving hotspots” to “Recommendations for resolving hotspots.”
  - There was a discussion about what this may mean for the subteam going forward. Brent and Darrell felt strongly that there should be limited discussion of specific risk-reduction measures since funding sources haven’t been identified and the preferred recommendation for each hotspot would likely be a crossing with fencing. Amber agreed that concluding the hotspots task was important and could be completed soon after receiving feedback from the core team, but also expressed that the subteam had more work to do regarding recommending solutions, as per the subteam’s mission. Discussion on this issue may continue at the next meeting.
- The final drafts of the presentation, document, and map will be recirculated prior to the September 1<sup>st</sup> meeting.
- Presentation will take about 15 minutes, Q&A could take quite a bit of time. David is looking to allot about 1 hr. for the subteam update.
- There was no public input.

Next meeting: November 15, from 10am-3pm at FDOT Offices in Bartow.