PILOT PROJECT: 3D LASER SCANNING CRASH SCENE INVESTIGATION

To help reduce accident clearance times and improve safety, the Central Florida Expressway Authority (CFX) has partnered with the Florida Department of Transportation, MetroPlan Orlando, the Florida Highway Patrol, and the Orlando Police Department on a collaborative Pilot Project to research advanced technologies and methods for investigating crash scenes.

The Crash Scene Investigation Pilot Project is designed to test and verify the effectiveness of various 3D Laser Scanning products and then determine the best system for use in future crash scene investigations. 3D laser scanning uses LiDAR technology, which is short for Light Detection and Ranging. LiDAR measures distance by illuminating a target with a laser and analyzing the reflected light.

The Pilot Project focuses on crashes involving fatalities - which must be treated as crime scenes. In these instances, police must document exact details of the accident site and record a wide array of information such as road conditions, position of the vehicles, occupants and debris. Traditional survey methods for fatal accidents can result in lane and road closures lasting 4-6 hours. The aftermath of a crash poses safety risks to incident responders and motorists, and increases the likelihood of secondary crashes.

PILOT PROJECT OBJECTIVES:

- **Delays**
  - Reduce Roadway Clearance times

- **Safety**
  - Reduce secondary crashes
  - Reduce time requiring road/lane closures

- **Cost Benefit**
  - Free movement of people and goods

During the three-year Pilot Project, data will be collected on the 3D laser scanning systems which will be used for performance measure reports. At the conclusion of the Pilot Project, a final 3D laser scanning system recommendation will be made.

PUBLIC INFORMATION

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QUICK FACTS

- **PROJECT START** Summer 2016
- **ESTIMATED COMPLETION** The Pilot Program is expected to take approximately three years and to be completed in Summer 2019
- **PROJECT COST** $270,000 (Estimated)