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OFFICE OF GOVERNOR RONNIE MUSGROVE  
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

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**TO:** I-59 FILE  
**FROM:** RILEY  
**SUBJECT:** ANALYSIS OF 3/02 DRAFT PLAN  
**DATE** 3/26/02  
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Analysis of March 2002 MDOT Draft

- I.D.1.a (p. 7)            The State of Louisiana will initiate the lane reversal strategy within the State of Louisiana. **Upon the recommendation of the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency, the Governor of Mississippi will authorize the initiation of lane reversal within Mississippi.**
- I.E.2., 3, & 4 (p. 8)    **Is MEMA okay with these bullets?**
- I.H.2 (p. 10)            MHSP and MDOT Law Enforcement officers will facilitate and enforce traffic control along the Lane Reversal Plan route. **Where available local law enforcement will assist with traffic control within their individual jurisdictional limits.**
- NO – WE HAVE EXPLAINED TO MDOT THAT WE CANNOT FORCE LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT TO COMMIT THEIR RESOURCES. THIS IS AN UNFUNDED MANDATE.**
- I.J.1 (p. 11)            Once plan implementation is **authorized by the Governor of Mississippi**, field personnel....
- I.J.2 (p. 12)            **The Governor of Mississippi will terminate lane reversal within the boundaries of Mississippi.**
- II.B.1.b (p. 14)        **Why will a higher percentage of evacuees be directed onto the northbound contraflow lane, in lieu of the normal northbound lanes? This will result in more cars having to be moved off of these lanes in order to terminate reverse laning.**
- II.E. (p. 15)            (Note that employees will need to be prepared for up to 24 to 36 hours at their respective positions.)

**Can we legally require state employees to work 24-hour shifts?**

II.E.2.b.5 (p. 17) Two (MHSP) at the beginning termini in Louisiana to coordinate traffic control and to implement termination of the lane reversal operations when ordered.

**Does MHSP have legal authority in Louisiana?**

II.F.1 (p. 18) The MDOT District 6 Headquarters office in Hattiesburg will assume command and control of Lane Reversal Operations.

**NO – MEMA WILL ASSUME COMMAND AND CONTROL OF LANE REVERSAL OPERATIONS. (MEMA???)**

II.H. (p. 19) Eight hours advance notice from the State of Louisiana is needed prior to Louisiana’s implementation of lane reversal operations in order for Mississippi to place this plan into operation. Lane reversal will only be initiated within Mississippi when authorized by the Governor of Mississippi.

III.B.2 (p. 20) The Governor will authorize implementation of the Lane Reversal Plan.

III.B.2.b. (p. 20) The MHSP may, due to manpower limitations, and at their discretion, call for assistance of local law enforcement officials to man key strategic locations along the Lane Reversal Plan limits.

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III.C.1.a (p. 21) MHSP has the choice of either assigning individual officers or coordinating this task with other local law enforcement agencies within the city limits of the affected cities.

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III.C.2.b. (p. 21) It is advised that key personnel be provided access to shared radio frequencies to facilitate “cross-agency” and “cross-state” communications.

**MEMA – Do you agree?**

III.C.4 (p. 22) In certain situations, MHSP can delegate this authority to MDOT to clear the roadway.

**DPS – Do you agree?**

- III.C.4 (p. 22) The State will approach local jurisdictions along the I-59 corridor to see whether or not they can provide emergency assistance at certain interchanges in the form of fire/EMS and wrecker service.
- NO – WE HAVE EXPLAINED TO MDOT THAT WE CANNOT FORCE LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT TO COMMIT THEIR RESOURCES. THIS IS AN UNFUNDED MANDATE. WHO IS “THE STATE” – MDOT, MEMA????**
- III.E.4.a (p. 25) MEMA will advise the Governor, who will decide if lane reversal is to be implemented in Mississippi. If the Governor authorizes lane reversal, he will direct MEMA to inform the directors of MDPS and MDOT of such authorization.
- III.E.4.d (p. 26) The Governor of Mississippi, upon the advice of MEMA, will make the decision to terminate lane reversal operations. MEMA will confer with MDOT as to when lane reversal operations should be halted. This determination would be based on .....
- III.F.1.a. (p. 26) The Governor would authorize implementation of the Lane Reversal Plan.
- III.F.1.f & g (p. 27) **How much transition time will be needed to clear the southbound lanes of southbound traffic?**
- III.F.1.i (p. 28) **MHSP officers should position at the Pearl River Bridge rather than the beginning termini at I-10.**
- III.F.1.n (p. 29) **How many additional MHSP officers would be needed and are these additional officers not included in the earlier personnel count?**
- III.F.1.o (p. 29) Significant traffic problems/congestion are to be reported to the MDPS Lane Reversal Supervisor. (not to MDPS and MDOT)
- III.F.2 (p. 29) Once the Governor, upon the advice of MEMA, calls for the Lane Reversal Plan to be taken out of.....
- III.F.2.b (p. 30) The MDOT Lane Reversal Supervisor shall confer with the MDPS Lane Reversal Supervisor and notify him/her of the Governor’s decision to take the plan out of operation.