

## **WSDOT STATUS REPORT**

The following are the significant freeway operations developments in Washington State during the past six months, listed by WSDOT Region.

### **OLYMPIC REGION (INCLUDES TACOMA)**

- Work is underway to install fiber on I-5 that will connect existing fiber on I-5 and SR-16 to the Tacoma area TMC. This will connect almost all of the Region's devices in the Tacoma area and on the Tacoma Narrows Bridge to the TMC.
- Three cameras are being installed on I-5 in the Olympia area. These camera images will be shared with the City of Olympia and Thurston County.

### **EASTERN REGION (INCLUDES SPOKANE)**

- A contract has been awarded to extend the Region's fiber optic backbone to the Argonne Rd. Interchange. CCTVs and RTMS detectors are also being installed under this contract. Nine miles of I-5 will be under surveillance when the contract is finished at the end of the year.
- The Spokane Region TMC is now staffed 24-hours a day, 7-days a week.

### **SOUTHWEST REGION (INCLUDES VANCOUVER, WA)**

- Seven new CCTVs and nine new RTMS data stations are being installed on the Region's freeways. This will provide complete coverage of I-5, I-205 and SR-14 freeways in the Vancouver area.
- Software work to install the Navigator-based software that is used in Portland, Oregon (just across the Columbia River from Vancouver, WA) in the Vancouver TMC and integrate it with the Portland TMC software, will start in August and be done by the end of 2004.

### **STATEWIDE**

- A media campaign announcing the rollout of Washington State's 511 service was held on July 10, 2003. The service is now available to all wired phones in the state. Washington State's cellular providers have either reprogrammed their switches or are in the process of doing so to enable their customers to access the system. WSDOT is also working with Oregon DOT to handle the transfer of 511 calls from motorists in border areas to the appropriate 511 system. The system received over 9,000 calls in June prior to the rollout.

- The 13<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Pacific Northwest Freeway Operations Group was held in July at the Washington State DOT, Northwest Region office in Shoreline, WA. Representatives from four WSDOT regions attended the meeting and a representative from one other region participated by teleconference.

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