Transportation Community News Update – Posted July 1, 2002

(Please note: Many of the news articles cited below are only available on-line for a limited time. It may be necessary to search archives.)

The following links to articles and items of interest are provided to offer you a variety of information. We trust you will find it useful.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY MTA'S BUS STOPS TO GET DISPLAY MAKEOVER
Information cubes and decals will be added along some routes as part of a plan to improve the posting of maps and schedules. Link to story in the Los Angeles Times (Los Angeles, CA):

AIRLINES TO SEEK APPROVAL FOR EYE-SCAN CHECK-INS
Link to Associated Press story in The Detroit News (Detroit, MI)

FINAL REPORT FROM INTERMODAL FREIGHT SECURITY & TECHNOLOGY WORKSHOP
Link to further information from ITS America, with link to PowerPoint presentation:

US DOT SEEKS SMART CARD TECH

REGION FACES RESISTANCE IF IT CREATE TRANSIT AUTHORITY
Link to article in The Boston Globe (Boston, MA) at:
http://www.boston.com/dailyglobe2/170/metro/Region_faces_resistance_if_it_creates_transit_authority

MOTOR VEHICLE OFFICES SHIFT TO ONLINE

FEMA TAKING CHARGE OF WIRELESS UNDER PROJECT SAFECOM

ARKANSAS HIGHWAY OFFICIALS PUSH CONSTRUCTION SAFETY CAMPAIGN
Link to Associated Press story in The Log Cabin Democrat (Conway, Arkansas) at:
http://www.thecabin.net/stories/062102/sta_0621020055.shtml

2002 TRANSCAER WHISTLE-STOP TOUR
Norfolk Southern visiting four southern cities to promote hazmat transportation safety October 7-12. For further information from Transcaer: http://www.transcaer.com/upload/doc/WSTflyer.pdf

THE TOLL OF HOUSTON'S TRAFFIC'S IN: 75 HOURS A YEAR LOST TO GRIDLOCK
Link to article by the Associated Press in the Houston Chronicle (Houston, TX) at:

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING IN RURAL AMERICA
FHWA designed a document for planners, engineers, local officials and other decision-makers involved in developing rural transportation plans. To view the resource, go to: http://wwwcf.fhwa.dot.gov/planning/rural/planningfortrans/index.html

ITS STANDARDS NEWS: JUNE 2002
The latest issue of the ITS Standards News includes a substantive update on NTCIP Center-to-Center Activities. Check out the newsletters at: www.nawgits.com/ite/itestds_jun02.html

SACRAMENTO SIDEWALKS COVERED BY ACCESSIBILITY LAW, COURT SAYS
Article in the Sacramento Bee at: http://www.sacbee.com/content/news/story/3186904p-4235632c.html

DIAL 511 AND HEAR I-4 REPORT
Link to article in the Orlando Sentinel (Orlando, FL) at: http://www.orlandosentinel.com/news/orl-aseci4phone22062202jun22.story

MAINE, NEW HAMPSHIRE JOIN FORCES TO ENCOURAGE BUS, RAIL TRAVEL

PUBLIC ROADS MARCH/APRIL ISSUE NOW ONLINE.
Stories with a communications-related slant include:

SMALL INVESTMENT, DRAMATIC DIVIDENDS - SAVING LIVES IN 'BLOOD ALLEY'
http://www.tfhrc.gov/pubrds/02mar/03.htm

SYNERGY IN ACTION: FHWA's TRANSPORTATION POOLED-FUND PROGRAM
http://www.tfhrc.gov/pubrds/02mar/08.htm

WEATHER: A RESEARCH AGENDA FOR SURFACE TRANSPORTATION OPERATIONS
http://www.tfhrc.gov/pubrds/02mar/05.htm

EXCESSIVE HEAT ADVISORY
The National Weather Service is testing a new service to warn of dangerous heat conditions. Link to news release from the National Weather Service at: http://205.156.54.206/pa/heatassessment.html

REMOVING SIGNALS "WOULD MAKE ROADS SAFER"
Link to story from the BBC at: http://news.bbc.co.uk/hi/english/uk/newsid_2062000/2062160.stm

TRANSMIT EVALUATION - TRANSIT APPLICATION BASELINE DATA REPORT

FINAL REPORT FOR THE SECOND TRAIN WARNING SIGN DEMONSTRATION ON THE LOS ANGELES METRO BLUE LINE

TRAVELERS AT US-CANADIAN BORDER EAGER FOR NEW PASS CARD
Nexus system tightens security at frontier. Link to article in the Seattle Post-Intelligencer (Seattle, WA): http://seattlepi.nwsource.com/local/75946_nexus25.shtml

RUSH IS ON TO GET IN FAST LANE AT BORDER
Link to article in The Seattle Times (Seattle, WA) at: http://seattletimes.nwsource.com/html/localnews/134481622_nexus25m.html
CONFRONTING ROADBLOCKS EN ROUTE TO DRIVING LEGALLY
The language barrier and different cultural attitudes make attaining a license a challenge for new immigrants. Link to article in the Los Angeles Times (Los Angeles, CA) at: http://www.latimes.com/news/local/la-000044332jun25.story?coll=la%Dheadlines%2Dcalifornia (free registration required)

SAFETY, SECURITY, PARTNERSHIPS CITED AS PRIORITIES FOR ITS AMERICA CHAIRMAN
Link to story from ITS America: http://www.itsa.org/itsnews.nsf/$All/58B1B38DD2234E7685256BE4004A7C70?OpenDocument

CROSS-JURISDICTIONAL SIGNAL COORDINATION - CASE STUDIES - FINAL REPORT

OPERATIONS OUTREACH CD AVAILABLE
Presentations provided by US Department of Transportation help promote breadth and benefits of operations. Link to more information at: http://www.nawgits.com/ fhwa/op_outreachcd_req.html

WASHINGTON STATE FOCUSES ON GETTING DISABLED VEHICLES OUT OF THE WAY

SIGNS OF THE TIMES: HIGHWAY POINTERS WILL COST BUSINESSES MORE

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