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(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. Some articles may be from sources requiring a free registration)

The following links to articles and items of interest are provided for your quick review. We trust you will find them useful.

FOLLOWING THE HAZMAT TRAIL

The rail industry is keeping a watchful eye on hazardous material shipments to protect them against potential terrorist strikes.

Link to article from *Railway Age*:

http://cnniw.yellowbrix.com/pages/cnniw/Story.nsp?story_id=58277780&ID=cnniw&scategory=Transportation%3ARail

CALTRANS 'CONVERTS' FOR THE FUTURE

Media-conversion technology aids system-wide approach to support interoperability and accommodate transportation-management needs.

Link to article in *Communications News*:

<http://www.comnews.com/stories/articles/1004/1004coverstory.htm>

NEW "TRANSPORTATION BORDER WORKING GROUP" INITIATIVE SORTS THROUGH MYRIAD TECHNOLOGIES AT THE US-CANADA BORDER

A discussion with Mike Onder, Team Leader, Freight Operations and Technology, FHWA Office of Operations.

Link to interview in the *ICDN Newsletter*:

http://www.nawgits.com/icdn/tbwg_onder.html

NEW CAMERAS SIGNAL END OF TRAFFIC SNARLS IN HUNTSVILLE CITY EYES FEDERAL MONEY FOR 'SMART' TECHNOLOGY.

Link to story in *The Huntsville Times*:

<http://www.al.com/news/huntsvilletimes/index.ssf?/base/news/1097399841289961.xml>

UNION PACIFIC INSTALLS NEW SIGNS TO IMPROVE RAILROAD CROSSING SAFETY

Link to news release:

http://www.uprr.com/newsinfo/railroad/2004/1011_signs.shtml

TRANSPORTATION POOLED FUND PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT - DEER VEHICLE CRASH INFORMATION AND RESEARCH CENTER

Link to further details:

<http://www.pooledfund.org/projectdetails.asp?id=906&status=1>

WYOMING T²/LTAP CENTER NEWSLETTER

- *Minimum Sign Retroreflectivity Rulemaking* (page 1)
- *How Does Retroreflectivity Work?* (page 2)
- *Marking Curves to Reduce Run-Off-Road Crashes* (page 3)

Link to newsletter:

http://www.eng.uwyo.edu/wyt2/newsletters/wyt2_fall04.pdf

HOUSTON PORT'S SAFETY NET DRAWS A CROWD

Remote-controlled security system lets authorities view ships at sea and stop them dead in the water before entering ports if they are deemed risks.

Link to article in the *Houston Chronicle*:

<http://www.chron.com/cs/CDA/ssistory.mpl/business/2845032>

SAFETY OFFICIALS ENCOURAGE US FEDERAL OFFICIALS TO BUCKLE UP

Link to story on GovExec.com:

<http://www.govexec.com/dailyfed/1004/101404d1.htm>

A NEW SUPPORT SYSTEM FOR WINTER MAINTENANCE

Link to article in the Federal Highway Administration's *Focus*:

<http://www.fhrc.gov/focus/sep04/03.htm>

TOLL ROADS, TRAFFIC FIXES EXPLORED IN UTAH

Task force to give Utah lawmakers a list of options for easing congestion.

Link to story in the *Deseret Morning News*:

<http://deseretnews.com/dn/view/0,1249,595098156,00.html>

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