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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.

RED STATE OR BLUE, AMERICANS SICK OF GRIDLOCK  
Nearly 80% of transportation tax and bond initiatives passed across US.  
Link to story in *USA Today*:  
[http://www.usatoday.com/news/nation/2004-11-04-ballot-usat\\_x.htm](http://www.usatoday.com/news/nation/2004-11-04-ballot-usat_x.htm)

MANITOBA HOPING TO LAUNCH HIGH-TECH HIGHWAYS  
Link to story on Truck News:  
<http://www.trucknews.com/article.asp?id=36550&issue=11052004>

TRANSPORTATION FOR EMERGENCY RESPONSE & RECOVERY  
ITE and FHWA developed slideshow and checklist provide an overview of the role of transportation professionals in the effective response to and recovery from a disaster.  
Link to slideshow and checklist from the *Institute of Transportation Engineers*:  
<http://www.ite.org/security/slideshow.asp>

SAFETY GROUP SEEKS TIRE EXPIRATION DATE  
Consumer safety group is petitioning the federal government to require easy-to-read "born-on" dates for car and truck tires.  
Link to article in *The Detroit News*:  
<http://www.detnews.com/2004/autosinsider/0411/08/a01-328287.htm>

A CAR'S NEW JOB: CHECKING ITS OWN TIRES  
Link to column in *The New York Times*:  
<http://www.nytimes.com/2004/11/08/automobiles/08CARS.html> (free registration required)

LIGHTS HELPING ORLANDO POLICE SEE RED  
White lights being installed to alert police and drivers when signals turn red.  
Link to article in the *Orlando Sentinel*:  
[http://www.orlandosentinel.com/news/local/orange/orl-locredlights09110904nov09\\_1\\_322092.story?coll=orl-news-headlines](http://www.orlandosentinel.com/news/local/orange/orl-locredlights09110904nov09_1_322092.story?coll=orl-news-headlines)

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT ITE ITS STANDARD NTCIP 1202, V02, OBJECT DEFINITIONS FOR ACTUATED TRAFFIC SIGNAL CONTROLLER UNITS  
Link to notice from the Institute of Transportation Engineers:  
[http://www.nawgits.com/ite/nia\\_ntcip1202.html](http://www.nawgits.com/ite/nia_ntcip1202.html)  
NTCIP 1205, OBJECT DEFINITIONS FOR CCTV CAMERA CONTROL, AMENDMENT 1, OUT FOR REVIEW AND COMMENT  
Link to notice:  
[http://www.ntcip.org/new/NTCIP\\_1205A1\\_UCD.pdf](http://www.ntcip.org/new/NTCIP_1205A1_UCD.pdf)

## SAN DIEGO AGENCY TO USE GRANT FOR TECHNOLOGY TO CATCH CAR POOL CHEATERS

Link to story in the *North County Times*:

[http://www.nctimes.com/articles/2004/11/07/news/inland/23\\_50\\_4011\\_6\\_04.txt](http://www.nctimes.com/articles/2004/11/07/news/inland/23_50_4011_6_04.txt)

## PROJECT BULLETINS ADDED TO TEXAS TRANSPORTATION INSTITUTES MANAGED LANE PROJECT SITE

- *Identification of Traveler Information and Decision-Making Needs for Managed Lane Users*

<http://managed-lanes.tamu.edu/products/bulletins/4160-13B.pdf>

- *Traffic Control Devices for Managed Lanes*

<http://managed-lanes.tamu.edu/products/bulletins/4160-16B.pdf>

- *Year 3 Annual Report of Progress - Operating Freeways with Managed Lanes*

<http://managed-lanes.tamu.edu/products/bulletins/4160-15B.pdf>

## GROUP PUTS OUT BUGGY MANUAL

Safety manual targeted at Pennsylvania's Amish.

Link to story in *The Patriot-News*:

<http://pennlive.com/news/patriotnews/index.ssf?/base/news/110008202754040.xml>

## BETTER WINTER MAINTENANCE MANAGEMENT

Key highlights from the Sixth International Symposium on Snow Removal and Ice Control Technology.

Link to article in *Better Roads*:

<http://www.betterroads.com/articles/oct04a.htm>

Carol Estes, P.E.

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