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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.

TRACKING TRAFFIC WITH THE AID OF CELL PHONES

Link to CanWest News Service story via *The Province*:

<http://www.canada.com/vancouver/theprovince/news/driving/story.html?id=524b43a5-6f14-4f7d-bb0a-bad18e0f174b>

2005 NATIONAL BIKE SUMMIT - MARCH 16-18 - WASHINGTON, DC

<http://www.bikeleague.org/events/summit05.html>

TRAFFIC CAMERAS PROPOSED IN ALABAMA TO DETECT SPEEDING TRUCKS

Link to story in *The Birmingham News*:

<http://www.al.com/news/birminghamnews/index.ssf?/base/news/110699387447280.xml>

AASHTO LAUNCHES WEEKDAY TRANSPORTATION NEWS UPDATE

<http://www.transportation1.org/transupdate/>

ANALYST: ACCIDENT SURGE MEANS VICIOUS CIRCLE FOR CALIFORNIA TRAFFIC COPS

Officers spend more time responding to crashes and less time trying to prevent them, so the number of accidents keeps increasing.

Link to Associated Press story:

<http://www.signonsandiego.com/news/state/20050131-1620-wst-highwaypatrol-audit.html>

BUSH TO PROPOSE ELIMINATION OF FEDERAL SUBSIDY FOR AMTRAK

Link to article in the New York Times:

<http://www.nytimes.com/2005/02/02/politics/02amtrak.html>

VIRGINIA BILL WOULD BAR CELL PHONE USE BY TEEN DRIVERS

Link to article in the Washington Post:

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A24879-2005Jan20.html>

TECHNOLOGY TO THE RESCUE

Our position: With proper privacy protections, expressway's car sensors can help motorists.

Link to editorial in the *Orlando Sentinel*:

<http://www.orlandosentinel.com/news/opinion/orl-edped023020205feb02.1.4548393.story?coll=orl-opinion-headlines>

21ST CENTURY WEST VIRGINIA TURNPIKE

New sensors to alert crews to bad weather conditions.

Link to story in *The Charleston Gazette*:

<http://www.wvgazette.com/section/News/Today/2005020127>

NASHVILLE ZIGS, THEN ZAGS IN ATTEMPT TO THWART SPEEDERS

Link to story in *The Tennessean*:

http://www.tennessean.com/local/archives/05/01/65060966.shtml?Element_ID=65060966

FEBRUARY ISSUE OF FLORIDA DOT'S *SUNGUIDE DISSEMINATOR* ONLINE

Link to newsletter:

<http://www.dot.state.fl.us/trafficoperations/ITS/ITSDeployment/Newsletter/issues/Feb05.htm>

DYSLEXIA SLOWS DRIVERS' REACTIONS TO TRAFFIC SIGNS

Link to story in *New Scientist*:

<http://www.newscientist.com/channel/being-human/mg18524854.400>

LOOPHOLE THREATENS VIRGINIA RED-LIGHT PROGRAM

Link to story in *The Washington Times*:

<http://www.washingtontimes.com/metro/20050202-123528-5958r.htm>

ELECTRIC SIGNS TO POST SPEED LIMIT CHANGES ON I-4 IN FLORIDA

Link to story in *The Daytona Beach News-Journal*:

<http://www.news-journalonline.com/NewsJournalOnline/News/Local/03AreaWEST07EF020205.htm>

NORTH CAROLINA SPREADS WORD ON PASSING VEHICLES

Highway signs will note mandate of wide berth for roadside emergencies.

Link to article in *The Charlotte Observer*:

<http://www.charlotte.com/mld/observer/news/local/10802766.htm> (free registration required)

WORDS OF BLAME AND RESOLVE AFTER BOSTON GRIDLOCK

Transportation officials pledged to prevent a repeat of the worst congestion in recent memory, in part, by starting hourly communication between agencies.

Link to story in *The Boston Globe*:

http://www.boston.com/news/local/articles/2005/02/03/words_of_blame_and_resolve_after_gridlock/

LATEST RESEARCH SHOWS ALL CELL PHONE CONVERSATIONS DISTRACTING; STATE OFFICIALS SAY HAND-HELD CELL PHONE BANS SEND DANGEROUS MESSAGE

<http://releases.usnewswire.com/GetRelease.asp?id=42600>

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