Western States Rural Transportation Consortium Meeting

August 31, 2011



Overview/Agenda

- Welcome / Introductions / Recent ITS Activities
- Clarus One Stop Shop Update
- One Stop Shop Phase 2
- Incubator Concept Paper
- Task Order 1 (travel and website) Update
- Task Order 3 (untitled) Discussion
- Western States Forum Wrapup
- Western States safety device survey discussion
- Other discussions (as needed)

Roundtable of Recent ITS Activities

Clarus One Stop Shop

Broad Agency Announcement No. DTFH61-10-R-00015

- Posted by FHWA on March 15, 2010
- Proposals Due April 14, 2010

• The goal of this Broad Agency Announcement (BAA) is to support research and scientific study on the use of Clarus System data to improve surface transportation weather management/operations, create innovative interfaces, and/or develop new applications including weather-responsive traffic management tools. The FHWA anticipates making up to seven (7) awards, but reserves the right to make more or fewer than seven (7) awards.

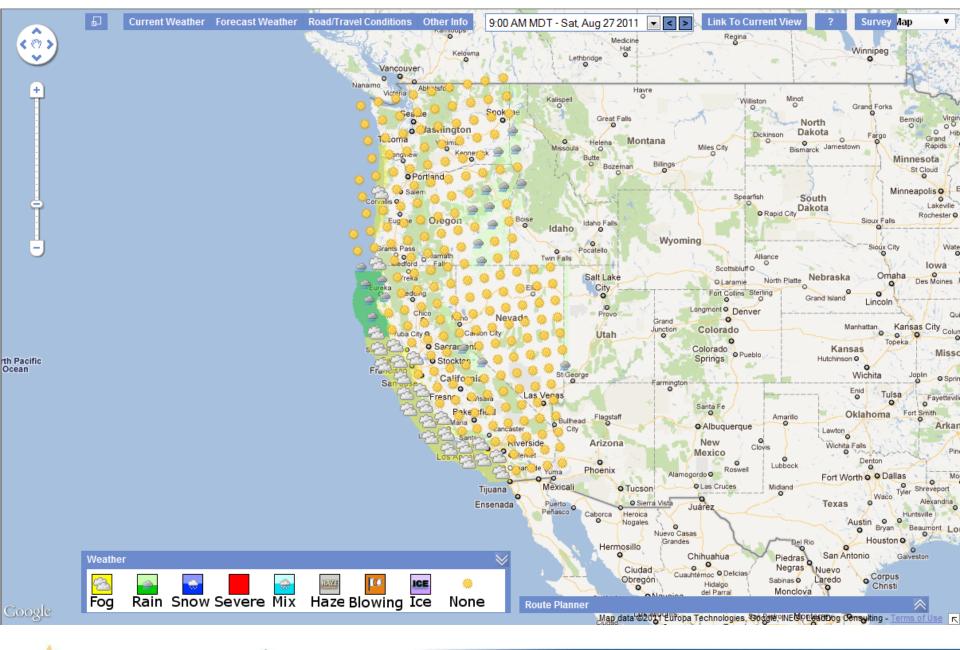
WTI Proposal

- Proposal Submitted on Time
- Included signed letters of support from WSRTC member states: California, Oregon, Washington and Nevada
- GOAL: Expand the One-Stop-Shop Prototype to cover all of California, Oregon, Washington and Nevada
 - ... to address the shortcomings of current (multi-state) webbased weather information sources for travelers (and DOT personnel) ...
- Project awarded on 9/24/2010

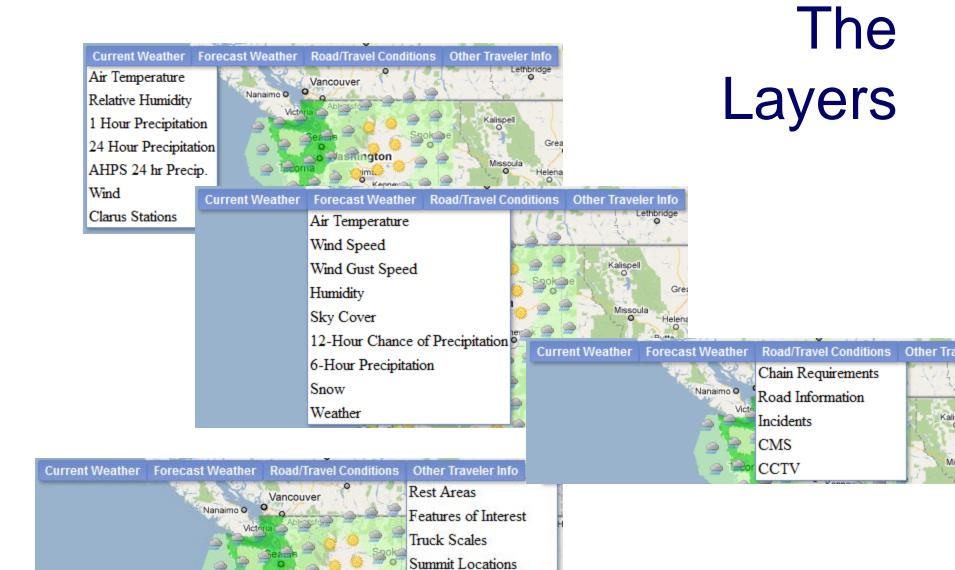
Progress

- FHWA and Consortium members were invited to review the site and comment on it via an evaluation survey. We have compiled results to date.
- In general, we have included all of the anticipated data sets, including coverage of Washington with nearly all layers. (Additional layers have been identified.)
- We're working on the final report ...

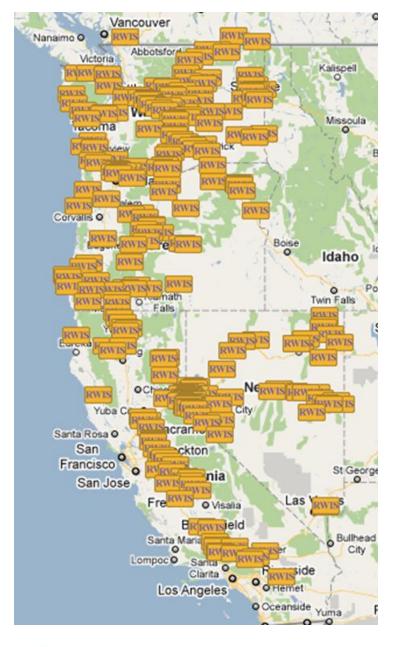
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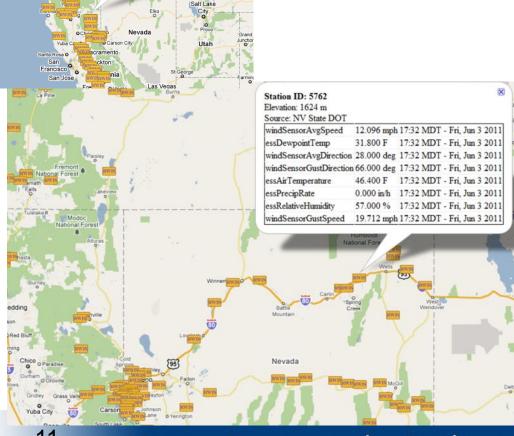




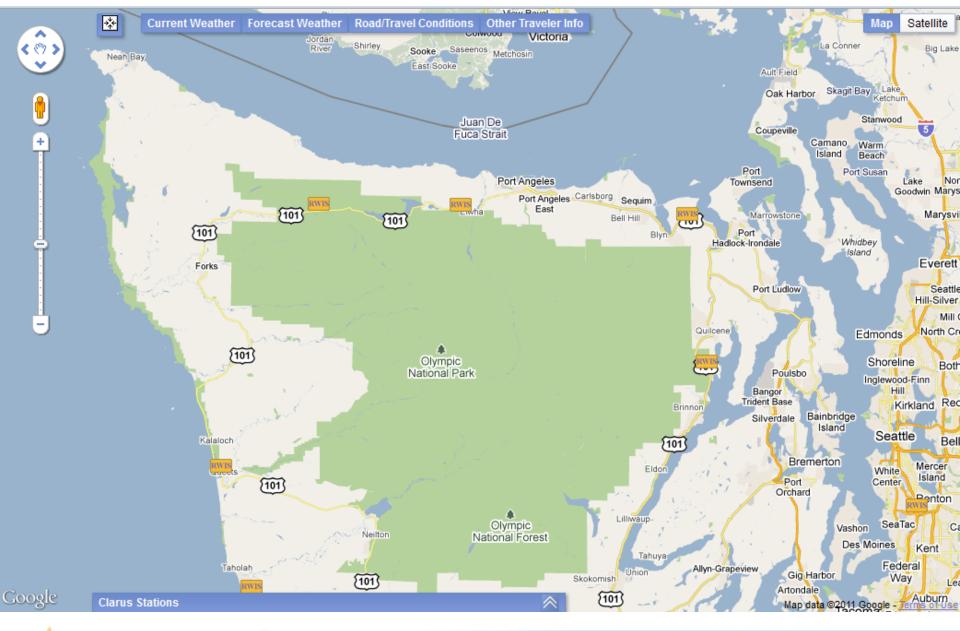


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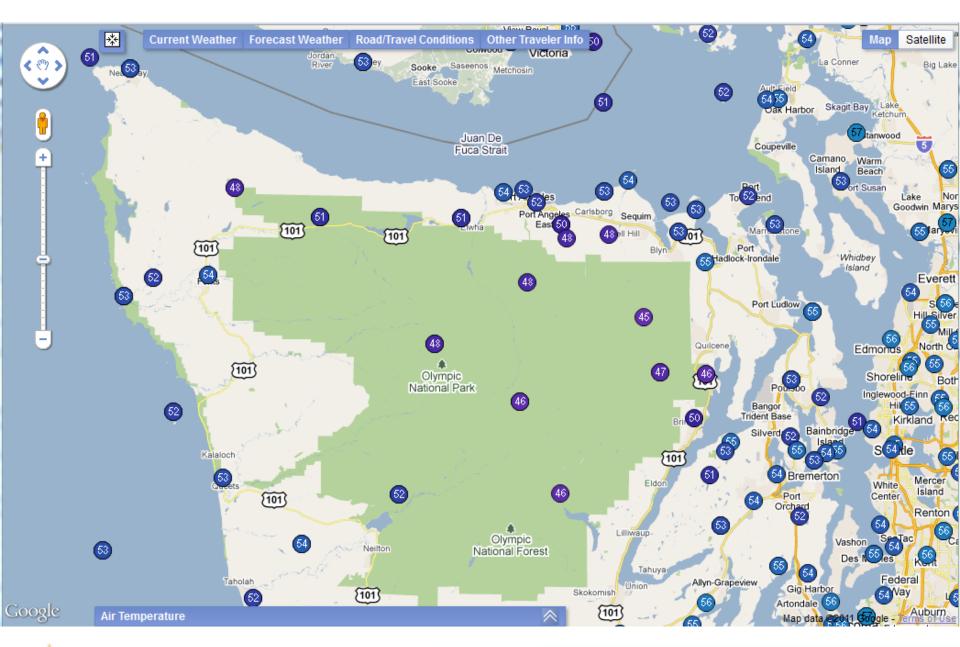
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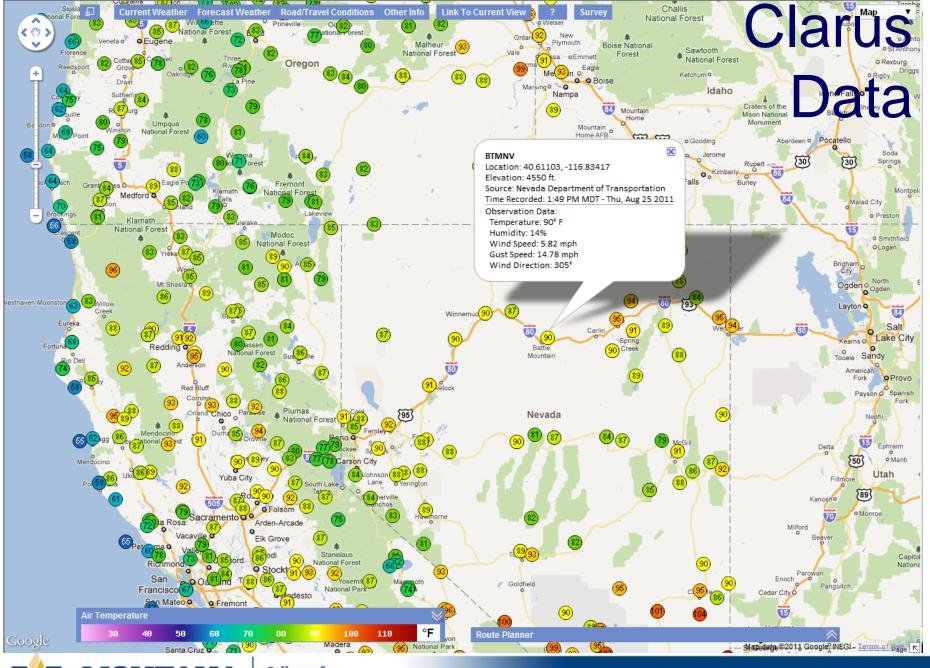






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CCTV Images



Yuma

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Olympic National Park National Forest San Jose National Forest Gilroy tsonville

Point Arena



Hawthorne



Yuba City



CCTV Images convey a lot of information ...















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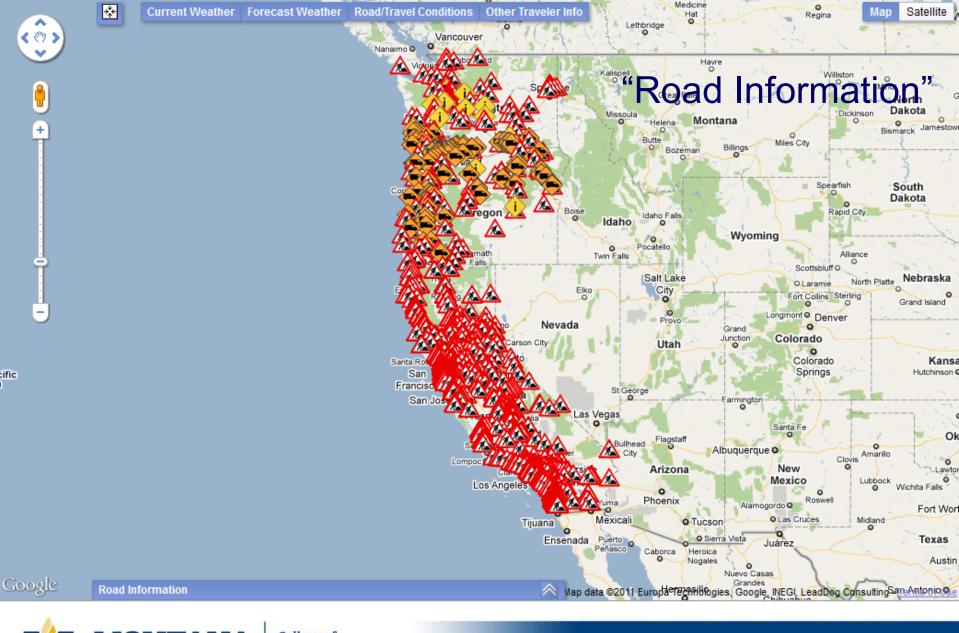




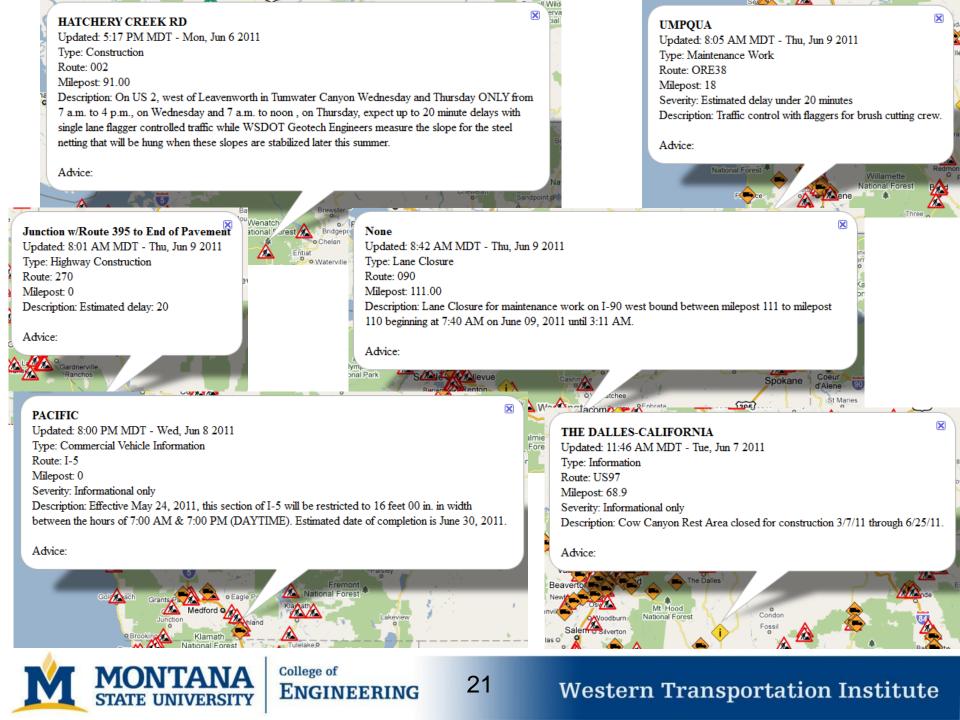


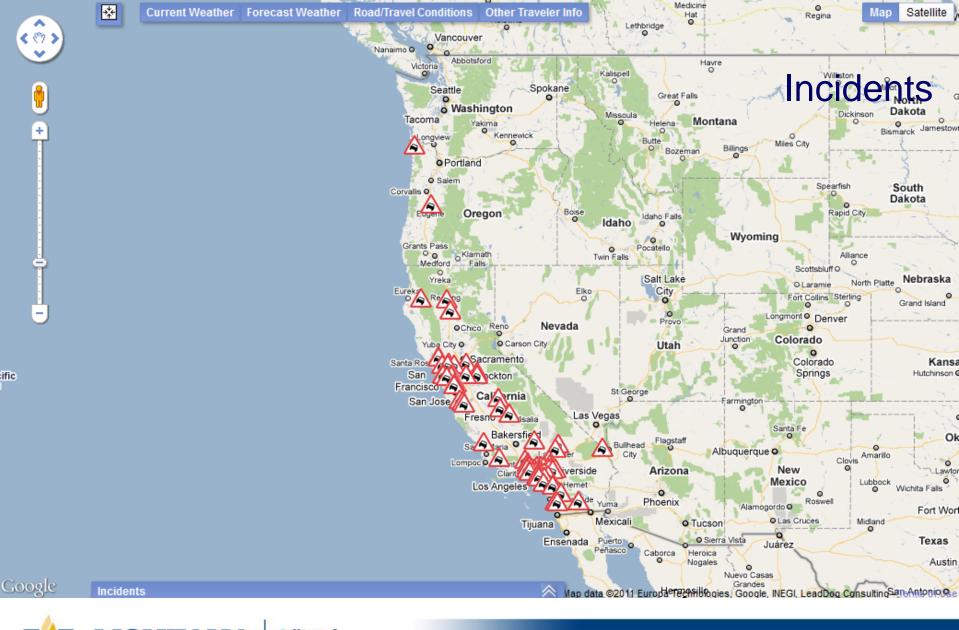




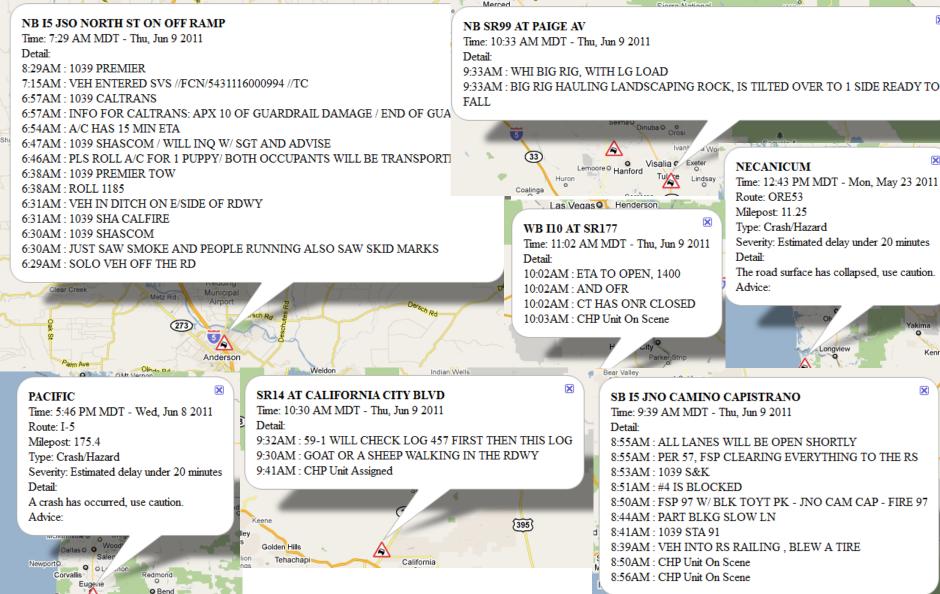














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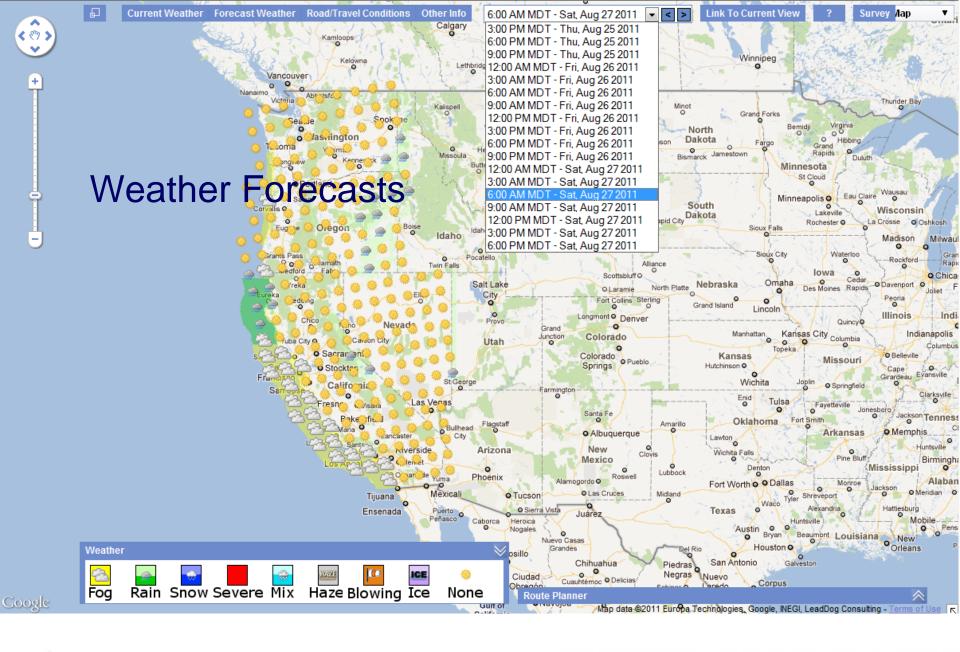
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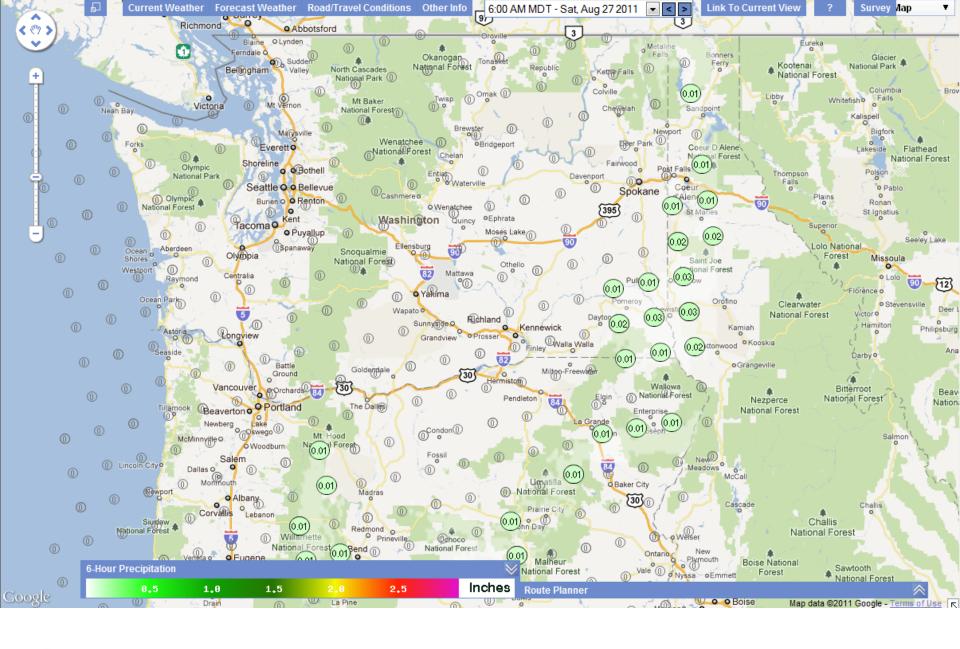
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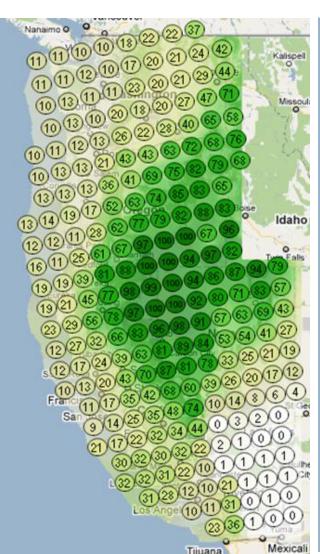


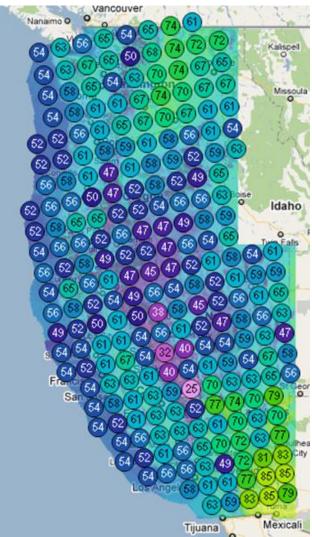
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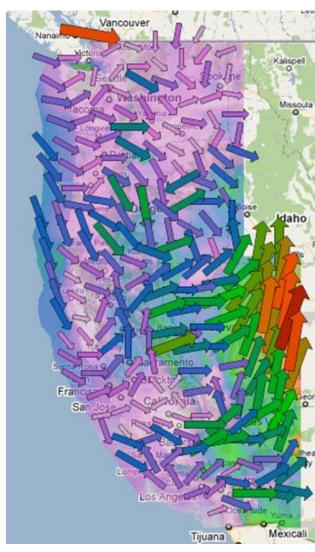




Information at a Glance

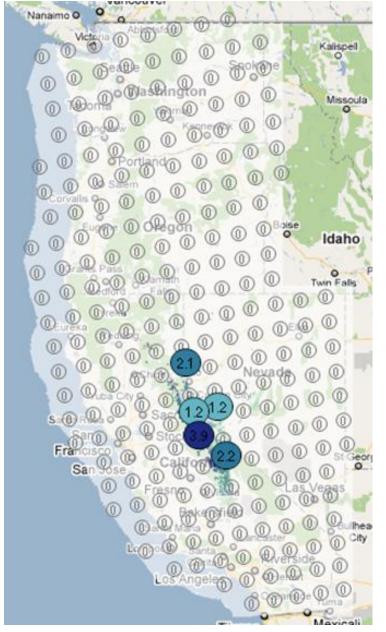




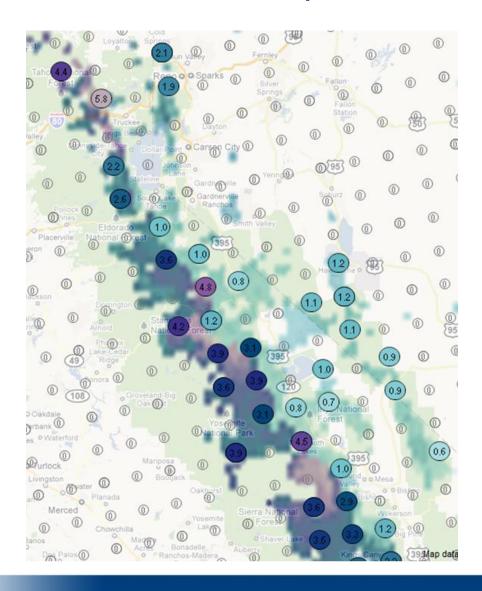


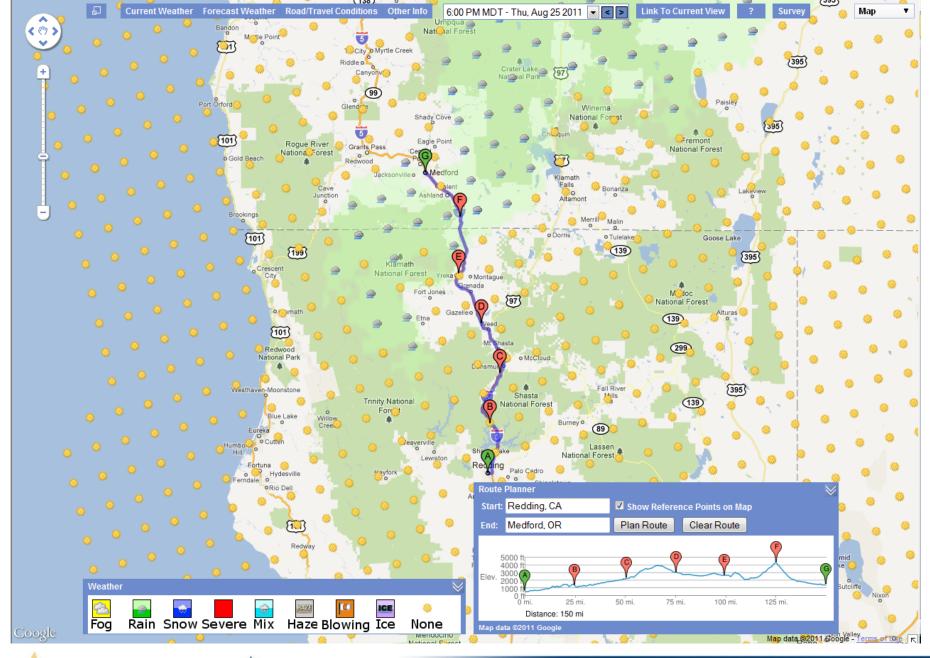
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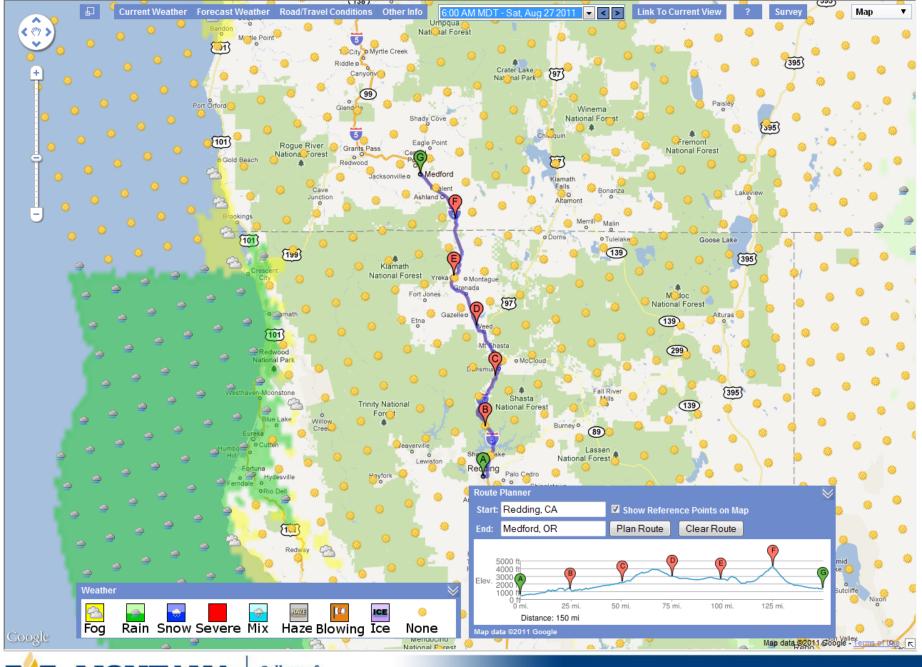
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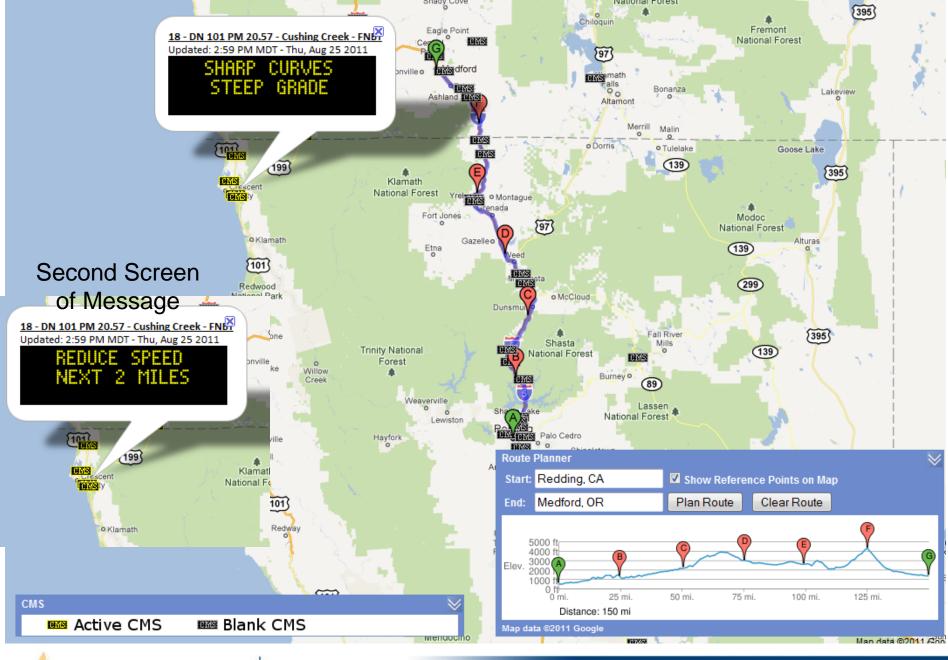


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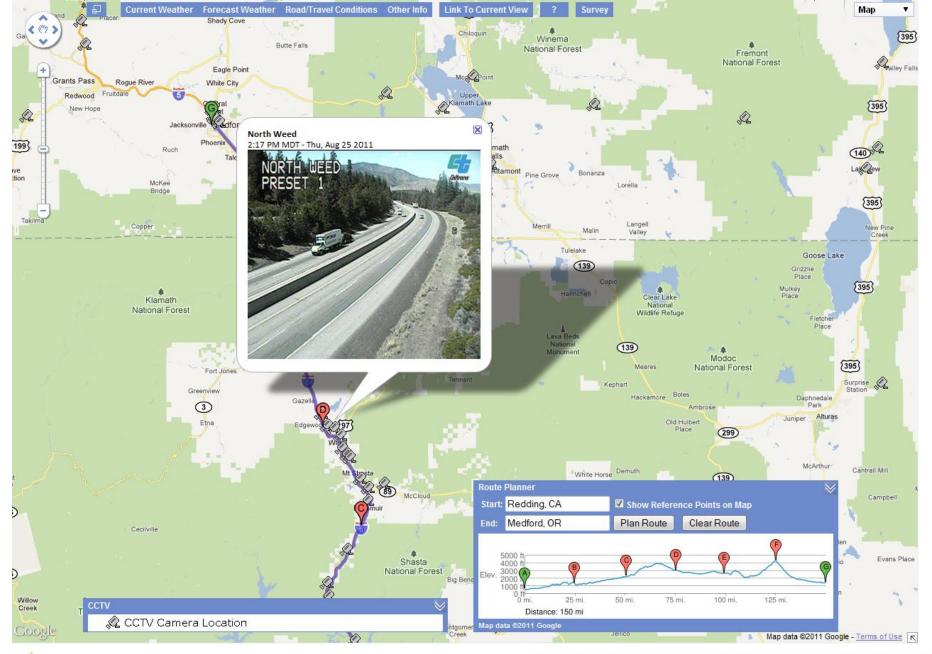






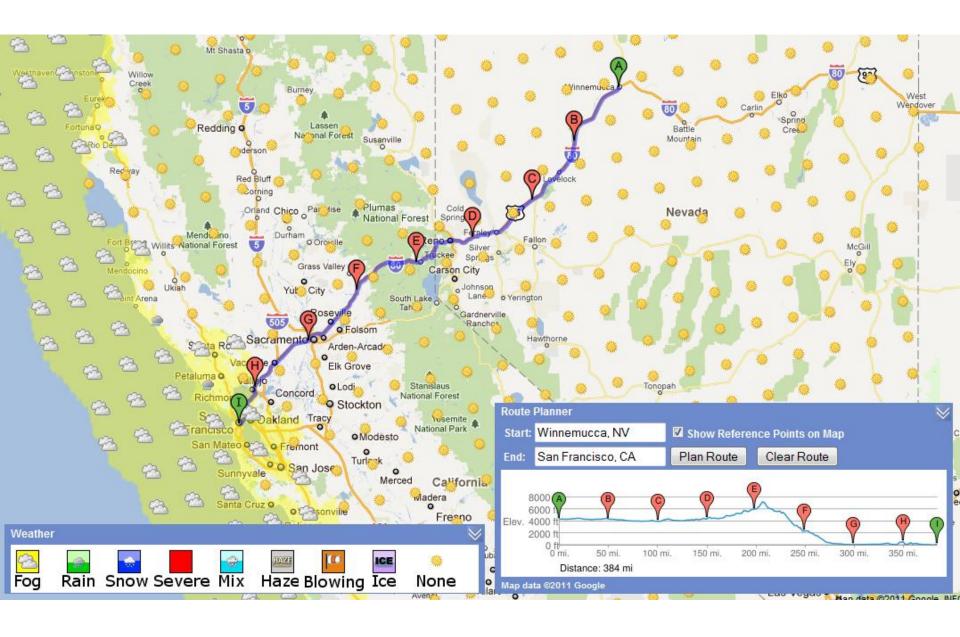


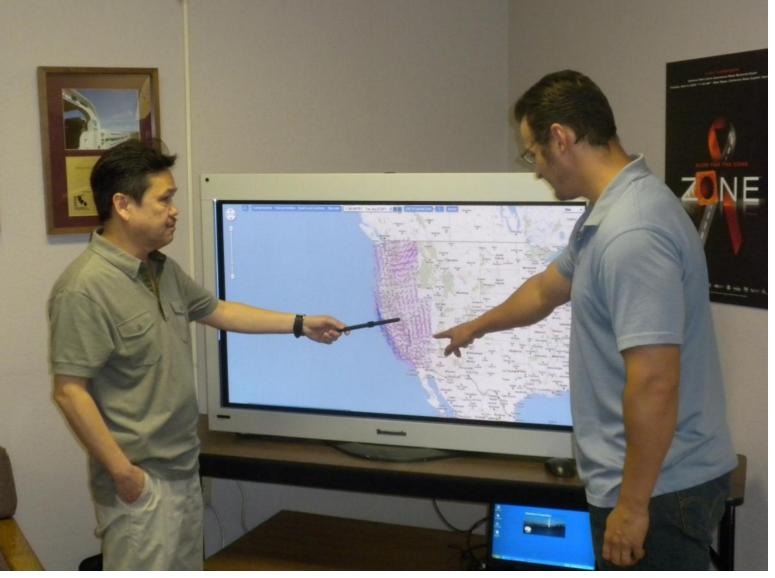












Clarus OSS on the big screen in the Caltrans Division of Research and Innovation lobby in Sacramento

Photo by Sean Campbell

Brief Live Demonstration

If time, network, etc. allow ...

Clarus OSS

- Survey results
 - Total of 13 responses somewhat expected
 - Responses received from California, Nevada, Oregon, Washington State and Washington, D.C.
 - Survey feedback complimented by data from Google Analytics

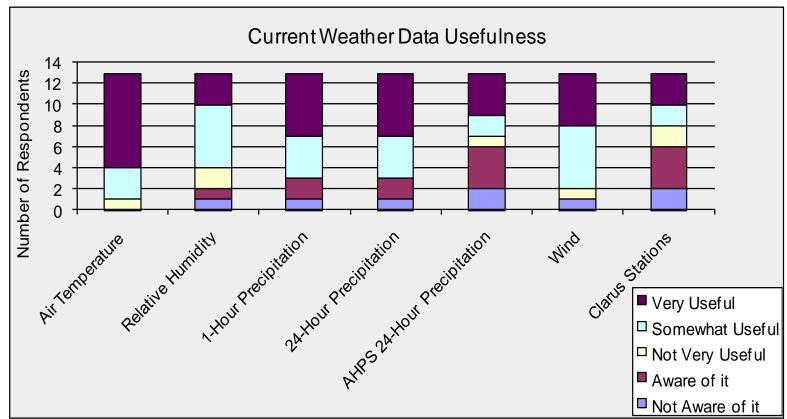
User visitation

How often do you visit the website?	Response Percent	Response Count
First time visitor	76.9%	10
Website is open all the time	0.0%	0
Hourly	0.0%	0
Daily	0.0%	0
Weekly	23.1%	3
Monthly	0.0%	0
Other (please specify)		0

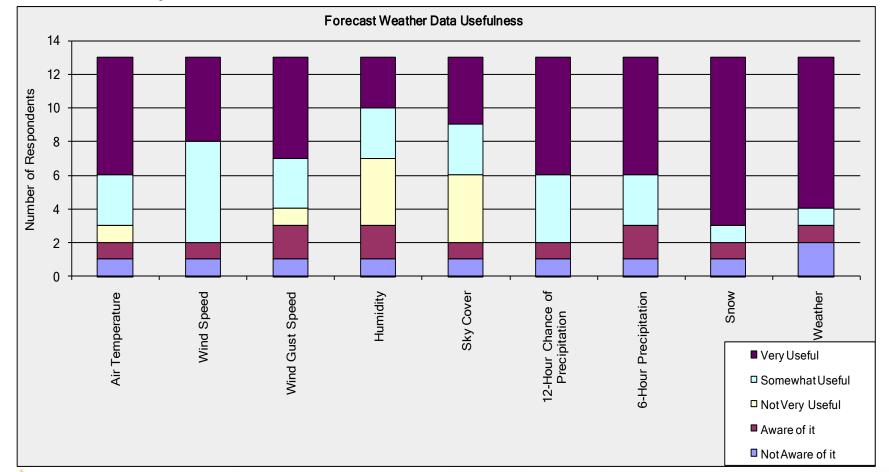
Uses of information

When/why will/do you use (or intend to use) the information?	Response Percent	Response Count
Trip planning	92.3%	12
Under changing conditions only	23.1%	3
During incident conditions (storm/fire etc)	61.5%	8
Daytime hours	15.4%	2
Nighttime hours	15.4%	2
Other (please specify)		1

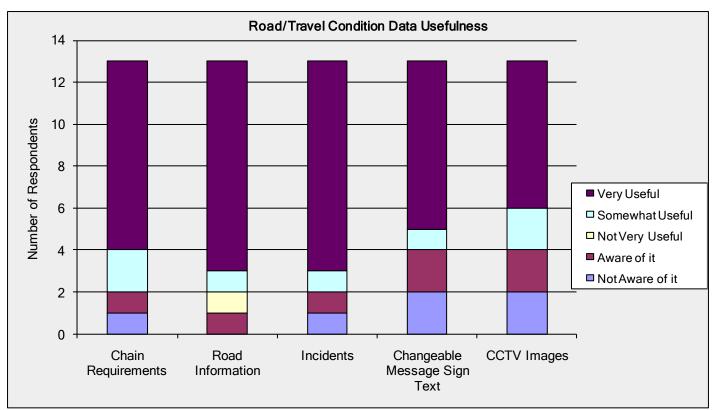
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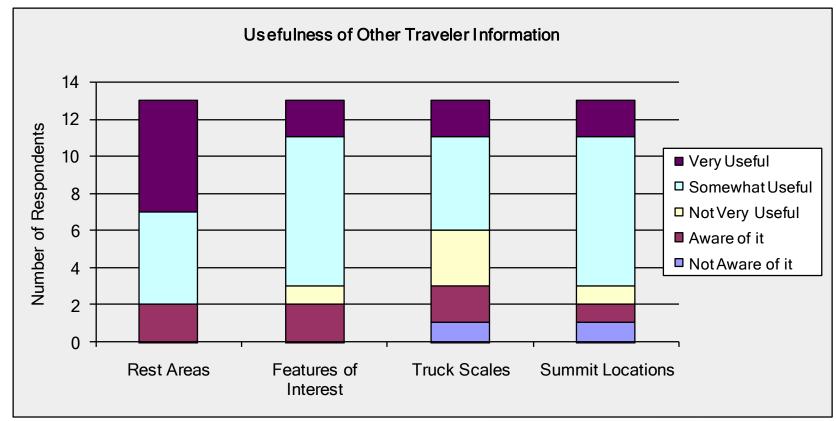
Utility of forecast weather data



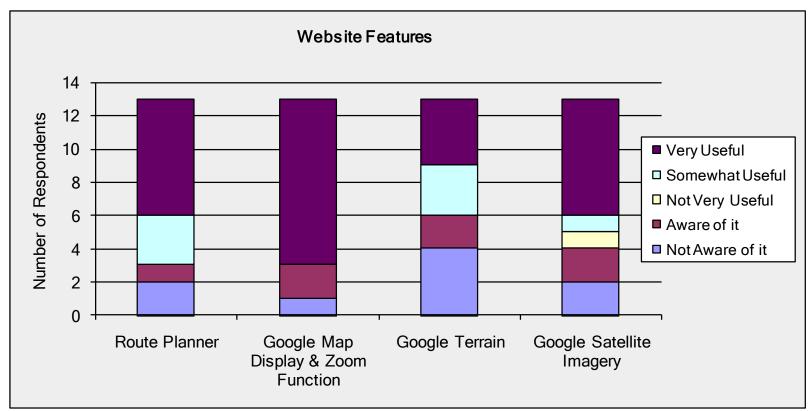
Utility of Road/Travel Condition data



Utility of other data



Website features



Website perceptions

Perceptions of website	Strongly Agree	Somewhat Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Somewhat Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Count
The site is well organized and user friendly.	6	7	0	0	0	13
The site presents the right amount of information.	5	6	1	1	0	13
I would like to see additional information added.	2	2	5	4	0	13
I would like to see less information presented.	0	3	2	6	2	13
Information should be presented in a different format than the current one.	1	2	3	6	1	13
I find the information presented timely and useful.	9	3	1	0	0	13
I find the information presented accurate and understandable.	7	6	0	0	0	13

Feedback on additional data

- Highway Advisory Radio activation and messages.
- Nothing additional, very good content.
- There are no Features of Interest for Washington State. Please add.
- "It was confusing where some of the functions required that you click on the icons to obtain information whereas other "icons" were actually the information. There's a bit of a Human Factors element going on here. I realized it after playing with the site, but I wonder if a wider audience might become more easily frustrated.
- You may want to consider for the static icons indicating the unit of measurement on the drop down menu (i.e. Celsius vs. F).
- More States included, this is an incredible tool and I would use it even more if I could use this for more states. Great job team! Very practical and intuitive! I'm sharing this with everyone that I know who travels in those regions!
- Continuous profile of weather forecast. Especially precipitation and alerts for potential ice/chain control on roadways.
- Under the "Road/Travel Conditions" tab I would like to see flow data available as an option.
 WSDOT data is available through our API at: http://webpub3qa.wsdot.wa.gov/traffic/api/

Benefits of website

- Weather on route I'm taking, information on potential travel delays.
- Pre-trip planning and the ability to actually view conditions (CCTV, Chain Control, CMS, etc.) along a route seamlessly.
- Provides information concerning road conditions and weather forecasts on one website.
- Being able to actually see the road and weather conditions via the CCTV images is great.
 Seeing the things that could affect travel, such as incidents and construction, right on the map is definitely useful. The terrain is also interesting and gives a good perspective. The wind display is just cool.
- Information for road travel.
- Weather hobbyist and amateur radio operator. This site will be interesting from a hobby point
 of view and will be helpful during bad weather.
- Current and future weather conditions along planned route. Current incidents and future/ongoing roadwork along planned route.
- There are so many, I love that you can see the CMS signs, that gives great data to a traveler, and to be able to see them in advance, awesome, The weather forecast data was very useful as was the current weather data. I love all of the different features on here.
- Trip planning.

Website improvements

- The route planning box covers up part of the route on my screen. If planning box could be moved rather than the map being moved on the screen reading would be easier.
- More information in Nevada. Alerts. Quality control or flags? Current weather sky cover.
- It was hard to understand some of the coding for the areas cited, for instance when looking at the temperature for a certain area.
- Road Information has too many flags. Noticed that one closure had hundreds of flags going along the length
 of the closure. It is too much and overkill. Is there a way to separate out the daytime and nighttime closure?
 There's generally a lot more nighttime closures which overpowers the daytime closure flags. Most
 commuters/non-commercial drivers are only interested in daytime closures.
- I have accessed this site from different PCs/networks and load and refresh rates seem a bit sluggish. This
 will not inhibit me from using the site.
- Present "Route Planner" more prominently and, as an option, limit Road/Travel Condition icons to the
 planned route only. The temp and other weather circle icons on the map make it very busy. Try making the
 weather and temperature "circles" an optional display or another alternative is to simply remove the circles
 and use text only on a color map.
- Again, I thought it was very intuitive, I would just like to see it include more states to add to its usefulness
- User guide videos (short 1-3 mins) will be useful as well because I don't think we are used to having this much useful information in one place!
- Currently you can only see one "Road/Travel Condition" element at a time. It would be nice if these features
 were layers on the base map that could be overlayed, enabling us to see several different features
 concurrently.

Website improvements

There is a lot of potential with this project. The work done to date is very good. Speed and performance are much improved. Weather info is useful and the forecast info is good. Need to do quite a bit of work on the look and feel. Menu at top is disjointed and is distracting make one blue bar across the top with the pull downs. Need to launch with elements and other road related conditions first. Weather is important but should be secondary to the elements (meaning it is all there as it is now but you go to it generally after you have looked at the elements and what is happening on your route). Should come up with elements first (CCTV, CMS, RWIS, HAR, Construction, Chain Control and Incidents) and at a zoom level that is workable. Don't try to show the entire region on the big map upon launching the site. Use a small map (shows just the entire WSRTC region) on the right that has a movable box showing the area covered by the big map. When a new user gets into the site, determine where they are from by their ISP and orient the big map location using that info. They can then move where they want from there (using the small right hand map or on the big map) and adjust the zoom level on their own. When the route planner is launched, show the route on the small map (in addition to part of the route covered on the big map) and orient the big map at the starting point of the route. Try to show the markers associated with mountain passes along the route. I have a few other things we can discuss later.

Site visits

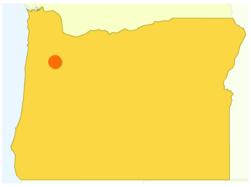
Day	Visits
Wednesday, August 3, 2011	55
Thursday, August 4, 2011	28
Friday, August 5, 2011	32
Saturday, August 6, 2011	0
Sunday, August 7, 2011	2
Monday, August 8, 2011	43
Tuesday, August 9, 2011	13
Wednesday, August 10, 2011	7
Thursday, August 11, 2011	8
Friday, August 12, 2011	4
Saturday, August 13, 2011	2
Sunday, August 14, 2011	0
Monday, August 15, 2011	10
Tuesday, August 16, 2011	11
Wednesday, August 17, 2011	12
Thursday, August 18, 2011	5
Friday, August 19, 2011	6
Saturday, August 20, 2011	3
Sunday, August 21, 2011	3

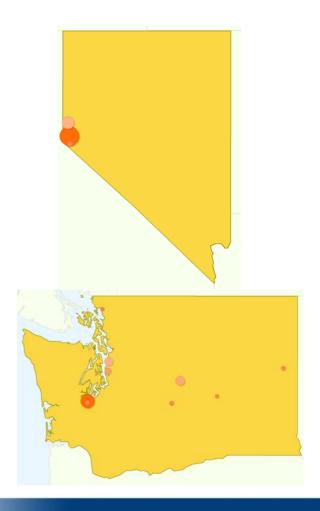
Location and duration

Region	Visits	Avg. Time on Site (sec)
Montana	121	514.51
Washington	45	424.97
California	32	158.03
Nevada	27	331.77
Oregon	10	587.90
Texas	2	413.00
Colorado	2	367.50
District of Columbia	2	2713.50
New York	1	0.00
New Mexico	1	1197.00

Access locations







Access and compatibility

Browser	Visits	%
Internet Explorer	118	0.483607
Firefox	69	0.282787
Chrome	21	0.086066
Safari	20	0.081967
Opera	11	0.045082
Android Browser	5	0.020492

Operating System	Visits	%
Windows	215	0.881148
iPad	13	0.053279
Macintosh	6	0.02459
Android	5	0.020492
(not set)	2	0.008197
iPhone	2	0.008197
Linux	1	0.004098

Browser versions

Internet Explorer Versions:							
Browser Version	Browser Version Visits %						
8	60	0.508475					
7	51	0.432203					
9	5	0.042373					
6	2	0.016949					
Firefox '	Versions:						
Browser Version	Visits	%					
5.0	28	0.405797					
5.0.1	25	0.362319					
3.6.18	6	0.086957					
3.6.20	4	0.057971					
4.0	3	0.043478					
3.6.17	1	0.014493					
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6.0	1	0.014493					

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534.8	1	0.05					
Opera \	/ersions:						
Browser Version	Visits	%					
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Marker event selections

Event Action	Total Events
CCTV	394
Air Temperature	166
Incidents	158
CMS	157
Road Information	89
Clarus Stations	33
Features of Interest	20
Summits	15
Chain Control	14
Wind	8
Rest Areas	5
Truck Scales	4
Humidity	3
Precip 1hr	3
Precip 24hr	3
Weather	2

Layer event selections

	Total
Event Action	Events
CCTV	76
Incidents	67
Road Information	62
CMS	61
Air Temperature	48
Temperature	36
Wind Speed	34
Clarus Stations	26
Features of Interest	23
Rest Areas	23
Chain Control	22
Wind Gust	22
Wind	21
Weather	20
Pop 12	18
Humidity	17
Precipitation 1hr	16
AHPS	14

- Evaluation conclusions
 - Website examined by a number of users
 - Visits and surveys from all WSRTC states
 - Well received based on survey feedback
 - Useful insights obtained for future improvements/updates
 - Analytics data show that both weather and traveler information was of interest
 - Still need feedback from goods movement and law enforcement users

Tasks and Deliverables

Contract Start = 9/24/2010

Actual Start = 11/1/2010

End=9/23/2011

project month	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	1	1 2
System Concept												
Concept Report	D√											
Requirements												
Technical Memorandum – Requirements		D√										
Design and Development												
Technical Memorandum – System Design				D√								
Technical Memorandum – System Documentation								D				
Completed System								D√				
User Guide								D√				
Evaluation/User Survey												
Survey Instrument									D√			
Final Report										D	Ų.	D

Duration = 12 months Amount of Award = \$79,995



Clarus OSS Phase 2

- Caltrans (\$150,000) and WTI (\$50,000) funded via WSRTC
- To start in late 2011.
- Prepare the system for wider use.

Try it out:

http://clarusoss.weathershare.org/

One Stop Shop Phase 2 Discussion

Incubator Concept Paper

Task Order 1 Update

Travel Support and Website Maintenance

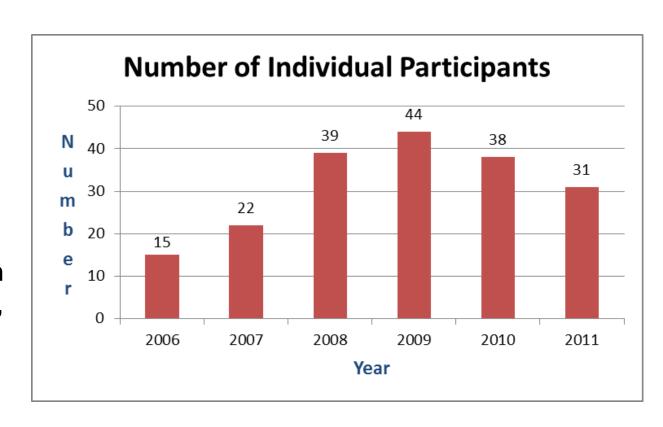
Task Order 3 Discussion

Yreka, California June 14-16, 2011

An engineering practitioner's conference held annually since 2006.

Designed to be two days of dynamic discussion and demonstration of practical applications and technical issues associated with Rural ITS in order to promote transferability of solutions and knowledge across the ITS community.

This year's participants came from five western states. They represented three state DOT's, five different universities, the ITS Joint Program Office at the US DOT, and the California Highway Patrol.



State Representation

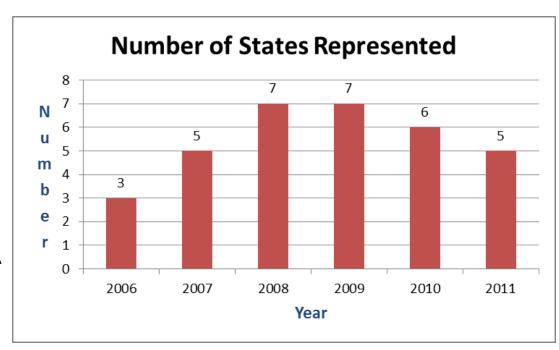
2006 - CA, ID, MT

2007 - CA, MT, NV, OR, WA

2008, 2009 - CA, ID, MT, NV, OR, WA, WY

2010 - AK, CA, MT, NV, OR, WA

<u>2011</u> - CA, MT, NV, OR, WA





















Wireless Communications for Rural ITS

Tim McDowell

Washington State Department of Transportation









Photovoltaic Power Systems for Rural ITS

Mark Aragon, Jon Dickinson

Nevada Department of Transportation



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Voice Communications in Rural Areas (Voting Scan)

Javier del Rio, John Schmidt
Caltrans Office of Radio Communications





The IRIS Open Advanced Traffic Management System: Development, Deployment, Capabilities, and Maintenance

Michael Darter, Kin Sing Yen; AHMCT, University of California-Davis

John Castro; Caltrans District 10





The Power of Information

Keith Koeppen
Caltrans District 2







Avoiding the Remote Callout

Dean Campbell, Caltrans District 3
Sean Campbell, Caltrans Division of Research and Innovation







Antenna Characterization for Bluetooth-Based Travel Time Data Collection

J. David Porter, <u>David S. Kim</u>, Mario E. Magaña, Carlos Antar Gutierrez Arriaga, Panupat Poocharoen, <u>Amirali Saeedi</u>, SeJoon Park Oregon State University









MAC Address-Based Delay Measurements at Rural "Gateways"

Yegor Malinovskiy, Yinhai Wang, Un-Kun Lee; University of Washington

Ted Bailey, Matt Neeley; Washington State Department of Transportation

(WSDOT)



Redefining the Path to ITS Standards Training

Mac Lister

US DOT, RITA, ITS JPO



2012 Forum

June 12, 13, 14, 2012 Yreka, California Holiday Inn Express

Survey of Western States Safety Devices

Discussion

- What devices/items are of interest to the group?
 - What do we want to know about them?
- What other information/questions do we want to ask?

Task Order 1 Update

Travel Support and Website Maintenance

Task Order 3 Discussion

Other Discussion

Items

- Upcoming meeting
 - Next Consortium meeting –November
 Steering Committee Meeting tentatively
 scheduled for November 1, 2011 in Yreka
 - Normally shoot for 2nd Tuesday, but that's election day this year

Wrap-up