

<b>QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT</b>			
<i>Progress Report Date</i>	<i>Reporting Period</i>	<i>Project Start Date</i>	<i>Project End Date</i>
October 20, 2002	July 1, 2002 – September 30, 2002	May 15, 2002	December 31, 2003
<b>Project Title</b>			
CANAMEX Smart Tourist Corridor Action Plan			
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<b>Project Identification Number</b>		<b>Project Status</b>	
<b>TPF-5 (049)</b>	426536 (WTI)	Ahead	On Schedule <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Behind
<p><b>PROJECT PROGRESS:</b> On August 12, 2002 a teleconference meeting among WTI principals and state ITS Coordinators was held (<b>Task # 1.3</b>). Minutes of the meeting were prepared and distributed. Project status was discussed, as was the fact that WTI had suggested to the Coalition that a special appropriation for CANAMEX funds be made in mid-February. The Coalition had agreed that it would be discussed at the subsequent meeting. On August 29, the P.I. and Mr. Cross attended the CCC meeting in Butte (MT) (<b>Task # 1.2</b>); both made oral presentations re: project status. Mr. Mendez suggested that the Coalition reconsider extending an invitation to WY to join the Coalition; the Coalition agreed. Mr. Bower suggested that the Greater Yellowstone Coalition be brought in as an additional contact. Because <b>Task 3.2.1</b>, Conduct (Tourism) Stakeholder Outreach, is significantly behind schedule, the WTI Director, the P.I. and Mr. Cross met with the Coalition Program Manager in Phoenix on September 9<sup>th</sup>. Views were exchanged regarding expectations and a meeting of the minds was reached as to what must be done to remediate the situation. On September 23<sup>rd</sup> a proposed Agenda was forwarded to ITS Coordinators for consideration in advance of the scheduled meeting in SLC on October 29<sup>th</sup> (<b>Task # 1.3</b>). On September 24<sup>th</sup>, the preliminary outline of the Final Project Report (<b>Task # 6</b>) was sent to ITS Coordinators so that it could be a major topic at the SLC meeting. WTI staff met for two days in Washington, D.C. to reassess Task integration and to brainstorm the substance and basis of a special appropriation for the CANAMEX project as part of the reauthorization of TEA-21 (T-3) as had been directed by the Coalition. See attached sheet for project schedule and budget adherence. A weekly progress report to the Program Manager has been initiated.</p>			
<p><b>PROPOSED ACTIVITY:</b> During the next Quarter (October 1 – December 31) <b>Task 3.2.1</b> will be accelerated to recapture lost time. Mr. Cross is assigned to work only on the CANAMEX project. Mr. Albert will take the lead for tourism outreach in MT. The October 29 meeting of the ITS Coordinators and WTI will include discussion of the draft Report outline (<b>Task # 6</b>), an attempt to reach a consensus on what concepts to present to the CCC re: a special appropriation for CANAMEX in the reauthorization bill, and other various aspects of the project. Preliminary</p>			

draft chapters of the Final Report will be drafted and distributed to ITS Coordinators for review. WTI will attend and provide both written and oral reports at the November meeting of the CCC. Reauthorization concepts referred to above will be presented to the CCC for consideration and direction to WTI re: their refinement for submission to the Congress. Tourism outreach will continue to be accelerated. Deployed and planned ITS infrastructure in each state will be geo-located and placed in a GIS format. A draft of the Corridor Operations Plan (**Task # 4**) will be initiated.

## **PROBLEMS**

- Task 3.2.1 Conduct (Tourism) Stakeholder Outreach is significantly behind schedule.
- WTI will provide additional resources to this Task to get it back on schedule.
- WTI will initiate efforts to improve communication with the CANAMEX Program Manager.

No additional problems exist.