

QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT			
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CANAMEX Smart Tourist Corridor Action Plan			
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<p>PROJECT PROGRESS: Tourism Outreach: This series of Tasks was accelerated; however the general Task remains somewhat behind schedule. During the reporting period several public agencies and organizations in MT, ID, and UT were contacted for their input including Native Americans of the Shoshone-Bannock tribes. The next reporting period will see near completion of this Task. ITS: Existing GIS data TIP documents and other reports were received from all five states. Geolocating continued in AZ, NV and UT; the first GIS maps are being produced. A significant amount of time was devoted to preparation of the draft Earmark to be reviewed by the ITS Coordinators and submitted to the CCC at the Feb. 12-13 meeting in Las Vegas. A meeting of the ITS Coordinators was held in Salt Lake City on October 29. WTI presented a number of preliminary Earmark concepts for the Coordinators' consideration. This was followed by a consensus weighting for each concept. Subsequently, each ITS Coordinator ranked the weighted concepts and submitted them to WTI. On November 13 WTI made a presentation to the CCC re: work accomplished since the previous meeting and made a presentation similar to that of the previous ITS Coordinators' meeting. Work on the Corridor Operation Plan was initiated. Developed draft of existing Corridor characteristics. Conducted basic research on hand-held ITS devices for traveler information. Administrative: A number of Weekly Reports were submitted to the Multi-State Program Manager. The proposed outline of the Final Report(s) was approved by the ITS Coordinators. Work on preparation of the Earmark was initiated and nearly completed. As of the end of this reporting period 40 % of the project schedule is complete and 36 % of project funds have been expended.</p>			
<p>PROPOSED ACTIVITY: Tourism outreach will be initiated in NV and AZ. Outreach in MT, ID and UT will be revisited to assure that all public agencies have been contacted. Private sector outreach also will be accomplished during the next fiscal quarter. The Earmark will be presented to the CCC at the February 12-13 meeting in Las Vegas. An ITS Coordinators' meeting will have been held at TRB in Washington early in January 2003. Geolocation of ITS infrastructure and tourism attractions should be nearly complete. As soon as geolocation of ITS infrastructure</p>			

is complete, WTI will visit each state and review the accuracy of the plots and to determine what additional ITS infrastructure each state would like to see in the final program.

PROBLEMS: Tasks # 3 and # 4 remain behind schedule; however, significant progress has been made catching up. During the next quarter, it is anticipated that tourism outreach will be nearly complete.