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Metro, Caltrans, CHP to Share 'Best of California Award'

- Award cites innovative use of technology in real-time traffic information

(Nov. 27, 2007) A national information technology research institute has named Metro, Caltrans District 7 and the California Highway Patrol as winners of the 2007 "Best of California Award" for their cooperative work and innovative use of technology at the Los Angeles Regional Transportation Management Center (LARTMC).

The Center for Digital Government (CDG) will present the agencies a "Most Innovative Use of Technology Award" in the project excellence category during a ceremony, Dec. 12, in Sacramento. California's chief state information officer is a member of the CDG evaluation committee.

In selecting the agencies for the prestigious honor, the CDG acknowledged their "truly outstanding professional accomplishment within the public sector Information Technology community".

Metro's Regional Integration of Intelligent Transportation Systems (RIITS) Network is the key traffic information data portal system at the LARTMC. The RIITS network enables Caltrans to disseminate real-time traffic information with 17 other regional transportation agencies, including Metro and the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT).

All traffic websites in Los Angeles receive their real-time traffic information from the LARTMC, including such websites as Sigalert.com, Traffic.com and the Metro real-time traffic website.

ITS America, an organization that advocates the development and deployment of intelligent transportation systems in the U.S., also recognized the significance of the LARTMC project by awarding it the Partnership Deployment Award at its annual meeting in June 2007.

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