

EXHIBIT A

**NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
STATEWIDE INFORMATION DISSEMINATION POLICY
FOR TRAFFIC AND TRAVEL INFORMATION**

This policy made this 31st day of August, 1998, by the North Carolina Department of Transportation, hereinafter referred to as NCDOT, is to establish information disseminating practices for traffic management purposes.

Whereas, in the interest of public safety and convenience, the NCDOT desires to provide pertinent and accurate information concerning traffic and travel conditions on North Carolina Transportation Systems; and

Whereas, travel and response decisions are improved with timely and accurate information;

THEREFORE, NCDOT desires to maximize the usage of traffic management equipment for information dissemination purposes. This equipment includes closed-circuit television cameras, dynamic message signs, highway advisory radios, on-line services, fax transmissions, kiosks, and roadway weather information systems.

Equal access to traffic and travel information will be provided by NCDOT within the constraints of budget and resources.

Format of traffic and travel information provided will be determined by NCDOT.

NCDOT shall not provide, maintain, repair or upgrade any USER-owned equipment including computer hardware or software needed to transmit or receive traffic and travel information from NCDOT.

The NCDOT Traffic Management equipment shall only be used for traffic management purposes.

The NCDOT shall not be responsible for providing traffic and travel information during periods of equipment malfunction, repairs, routine equipment maintenance operations, ongoing responses to emergency situations, or any other reason.

The NCDOT shall have primary use of all NCDOT-owned traffic management equipment.

Operators of NCDOT-owned traffic management equipment shall adhere to this policy.

The NCDOT may supply, without charge, live video images generated by its closed-circuit television cameras. However, cost may be recouped for system deployment. Camera views supplied to any entity shall be solely at the discretion of NCDOT.

NCDOT shall not be responsible for any damage and expense to person or property alleged to have been caused by others telecasting live video images of traffic conditions.

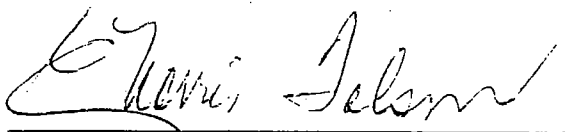
The recording of video images generated by closed-circuit television cameras shall not be permitted except for incident management site activities for debriefing purposes, monitoring traffic flow on predetermined detour routes to further evaluate signal timing plans, and determining when detour route capacity has been exceeded.

Retention of video images generated by closed-circuit television cameras shall be in accordance with the Records Retention and Disposition Schedule for Traffic and Travel Information Video Tapes.

All relationships for information dissemination purposes, whether with the public sector or private sector, shall be documented by written agreement, and no video images shall be provided, received, or transferred without such written agreement.

All existing and future NCDOT agreements, policies, procedures, and guidelines for disseminating information shall adhere to this policy.

In Witness Whereof, this policy is to be signed in its name and on its behalf by its duly authorized agent as of this day and year first above written.



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SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION