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### NEW SYSTEM TO TRACK TRAFFIC CRASHES

Willows, California— A new Geographic Information System (GIS) for tracking traffic incidences is the result of a \$35,000 grant to the Glenn County Planning & Public Works Agency from the California Office of Traffic Safety. GIS is a computerized system which collects, analyzes, and presents data that is linked to specific locations.

“The addition of a GIS based collision database system solution to the County’s existing GIS will provide better information to allow the efficient use of resources to enhance the safety of our roads,” said John Linhart, Director of the Planning & Public Works Agency.

“Now Glenn County will have the information necessary to better understand why and where Traffic crashes occur, said Christopher J. Murphy, Director of the Office of Traffic Safety. “This is a case where technology will be at work saving lives far into the future.”

The addition of this system will allow the Engineering Division of the Planning & Public Works Agency the ability to pinpoint Glenn County’s high-incident collision locations and analyze the traffic patterns in these areas. These studies will be the groundwork for new traffic safety measures and improvements.

Traffic collisions have been an issue for Glenn County. Last year, there were a reported four fatal crashes and another 52 injury crashes, which occurred in the County. Glenn County spans 1,315 square miles, including 718 county maintained road miles, which will now be tracked by the new system.

Funding for the system comes from a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

For further information about the grant or Traffic Safety, please contact Mardy Thomas at 530-934-6540.