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Gloucestershire extends traffic monitoring with solution from Siemens

Gloucestershire County Council (GCC) is expanding its CCTV traffic monitoring network across key intersections with the addition of further cameras and an integrated software solution from Siemens. The newly-developed software allows CCTV cameras from different nominated suppliers to be viewed through a single UTMC compliant control environment.

GCC has previously deployed Siemens Telscan CCTV cameras at a number of intersections across the county. The contract for 30 new cameras is shared, with Siemens supplying a further 19 Telscan cameras. A key factor in winning the order was the provision of a fully integrated UTMC compliant solution allowing not only Siemens own cameras but also the cameras of a third party to be viewed through Siemens Comet, the County's chosen Common Database for traffic management and information gathering.

With the benefit of fully-weatherproof Pan/Tilt/Zoom CCTV cameras each location can be viewed and controlled from a computer within the traffic office, and as the cameras are IP addressable they can also be accessed remotely from other offices or a remote location by appropriately authorised persons.

According to John Whittaker, Deputy Traffic Manager for GCC, the existing cameras supplied by Siemens have performed well and the benefits arising from being able to remotely assess the cause of traffic delay has been clear. 'Gloucestershire has decided to extend the camera network to allow the traffic engineers to quickly adapt traffic management strategies to ease the flow', he said.

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The Telscan camera is a compact dome design, generally mounted above the signal head on the existing traffic pole thereby minimising additional street furniture whilst at the same time providing good view of the intersection approaches. Telscan also offers the opportunity to gather quality video on-demand or continuous basis, and an option for on-street recording to 250GB drive – allowing video to be recovered for incident review. Multiple cameras may be viewed, controlled and configured from a single instation.

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