

Major modernisation of traffic systems in Northamptonshire

An extensive programme to upgrade Northamptonshire County Council's current traffic systems started last month. Siemens is initially providing Northamptonshire with the latest PC SCOOT UTC system and replacing the existing Prefect system with the recently launched Siemens InView hosted Fault Management solution. Subsequent phases will see the swapping out of all existing analogue TC12 outstations for the latest Siemens UTMC compliant UG405 outstations and ultimately the migration to a new hosted Traffic Management Service solution.

In addition to upgrading to IP communications using ADSL circuits, the contract also covers the maintenance of traffic equipment at approximately 150 junctions and 230 pedestrian crossings for the next four years.

On behalf of Northamptonshire, the contract was awarded to Siemens by the integrated highways services provider MGWSP, a 50:50 joint venture between May Gurney (civil contractors) and WSP (consultants). According to Andrew Avallone, representing MGWSP, the introduction of PC SCOOT by Siemens in Northamptonshire allows more cost-effective systems integration and the consistent deployment of hardware across the range of traffic management and control systems. This in turn reduces maintenance requirements and provides more opportunities for implementing a range of traffic control solutions including the introduction of further enhanced features to both the UTC and RMS systems.

'The programme utilises the standard features of Siemens PC SCOOT UTC system tailored to meet the individual requirements for Northamptonshire County Council. This approach provides a platform for the planned outstation upgrades along with the benefits of improved support and reliability, but also allows Northamptonshire to utilise product developments requested from across the wider Siemens systems user groups.'

The modernisation of all of the current traffic systems will also allow the current control room and systems to be relocated from Riverside House during 2013.

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About MGWSP

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