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News Release

Newcastle switches to Siemens

Newcastle's Traffic Signals Group has selected Siemens' latest PC SCOOT system to replace its current Urban Traffic Control (UTC) system. The new system will manage traffic control across the city and the wider Tyne and Wear region and will link into Newcastle's recently installed common database to perform a strategic traffic management function.

According to Steve Farrell, representing Newcastle's Traffic Signals Group, Siemens' PC SCOOT will replace the current system that has reached the end of its working life and will be installed by Siemens in partnership with Newcastle's own works engineers. 'Siemens' UTC system offers Newcastle new dual control strategies with the latest SCOOT and MOVA functionalities, which will enable us to improve the efficiency of the road network and reduce congestion on strategic routes to key central areas', he said.

The new system will initially support around 100 traffic control installations across the Tyne and Wear area. The latest UG405 outstations from Siemens will be installed into the existing traffic controllers and will make use of a new IP communications network. The solution has been designed to allow expansion to more than 200 installations in the future.

PC SCOOT offers users numerous benefits, including ease of use, simple installation and migration, and reduced equipment and maintenance costs, all operating on a PC. The advanced features reduce maintenance requirements and provide more opportunities for implementing a range of traffic control solutions.

Notes to editors:

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