



U.S. Department of Transportation

SITUATION REPORT, ESF #1 - TRANSPORTATION

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OPERATIONAL STATUS

Agency: DOT

*Op Status: Yellow - Disruption or other than normal operations

*Report #: DOT-HQ-03

*Related Event: Seattle Earthquake, 7.0 magnitude

Status as of: 02/28/2001 at 15:57

Region/Office: Headquarters

Distribution Level: Open - For Public Release

Situation Summary: A 7.0 magnitude earthquake (corrected from 6.2) has struck Seattle at 1:55 p.m. EST. The epicenter is 30 miles SW of Seattle, WA, between Olympia and Bremerton. Initial reports do not indicate major damage. The Alaska Tsunami Warning Center in Palmer, AK reports that there is no danger of a tsunami. The power is out to approximately 18,000 customers.

TRANSPORTATION IMPACT

Air: SEA/TAC airport is closed while a damage assessment is being conducted. Both airport towers have been evacuated. There is a ground stop at the airport, meaning all aircraft on the ground remain in place. Aircraft enroute to SEA/TAC have been diverted. Seattle air route center is fully operational. The FAA Northwest Mountain Regional Operations Center have been evacuated and operations transferred to West Pacific Regional Operations Center in Los Angeles. Boeing Aircraft Co's airfield has been closed, however this is not a commercial airport.

Rail: BN is conducting a track inspection in 220 mile radius of the epicenter. UP is conducting a track inspection in 100 mile radius of the epicenter. No reports of injuries at this time.

Highways: Unusually high traffic volumes are being experienced in the area. No bridge damage, however, expansion joints popped up on several bridges, but the bridge is still open.

Marine: A ferry was approaching the Seattle downtown dock at the time of the earthquake. It pulled back from the dock and is awaiting clearance to reapproached once the dock is inspected. It is uncertain whether the port will be closed.

Transit: Bus transportation is normal and the tunnel under the viaduct was not damaged.

Pipelines: Olympic Pipeline and Williams Natural Gas companies are shut down while their systems are being inspected.

Motor Carrier

Safety:

Highway Traffic

Safety:

ACTIONS TAKEN

What actions have been taken? The DOT headquarters CMC is partially staffed. FEMA has activated the Emergency Support Team - ESF-1 Transportation will be represented.

INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORTATION INCIDENTS

International transportation incidents: Transport Canada reports that there were windows broken at the Vancouver, BC airport but the facility is operational

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