



U.S. Department of Transportation

SITUATION REPORT, ESF #1 - TRANSPORTATION

OPERATIONAL STATUS

Agency: DOT
***Op Status** Yellow - Disruption or other than normal operations
***Report #:** DOT-HQ-09
***Related Event:** Seattle Earthquake -- 2/28/01
Status as of: 03/05/2001 at 09:41
Region/Office: Headquarters
Distribution Level: Open - For Public Release

Situation Summary:

- Cleanup is underway for the February 28th earthquake, which measured 6.8 on the Richter Scale.
- On March 1, the President issued a Federal Disaster Declaration for six counties: King, Kitsap, Lewis, Mason, Pierce and Thurston. These counties are eligible for Federal Disaster Assistance.
- A Disaster Field Office is identified and will be operational Monday afternoon, March 5, 2001. Operations will transition from the ROC to the DFO with ESF #1 (Transportation) being represented.

TRANSPORTATION IMPACT

Air:

- SEA-TAC: now operating at 80% capacity, using the portable control tower. Contracts have been signed for the repair of the original tower, with an estimated completion in 60 days.
- Boeing Field: a second portable tower is being installed and should be operational by 3/06/01. The airport is at reduced operations, restricted by the length of usable runways. Repair work on the main runway will commence today, March 5, with no completion time estimated.
- Estimates for the repair of the two airports are as follows:
SEA-TAC tower = \$3M
Boeing Field tower = \$3M
Boeing Field runway = \$2.5M
- FAA NW Mountain Regional Office is certified structurally fit for occupancy. Management and staff are scheduled to return to the building today after Continuity of Operations (COOP) procedures moved essential operation to the Emergency Operations Facility co-located at the Seattle ARTCC.

Rail: All rail service has returned to normal operations.

Highways: All Interstates are open with the following exceptions:

- The ramps onto eastbound I-90 in Seattle are closed due to structural damage but this is having little impact to traffic as alternate routes are available.
- I-5 has an overweight load restriction in the counties of Cowlitz, Lewis, Pierce, and Thurston due to minor damage to bridges on the route. The bridges are open to all other traffic except overweight loads.

- All FHWA office systems are now back in service.
- Washington State DOT officially notified FHWA on Friday, March 2 of their intent to request FHWA Emergency Relief funding. The FHWA Washington Division Office has begun damage assessments.

- Marine:**
- The US Coast Guard estimates damages to the Pier 36 facility at \$3.5 million.
 - There are no earthquake-related Captain of the Port restrictions on vessel traffic in effect.
 - There are some restrictions of barge/tug operations at three bridges on Duwamish Waterway (Spokane St, First Avenue and Sixteenth Avenue) that are unable to open.
 - Puget Sound Naval Shipyard in Bremerton reported damage to older buildings.
 - Moderate infrastructure damage (sheds, some cranes, power & waterlines) was found at many port freight terminals. Significant damage to two docks at Fisherman's Terminal (Ballard) which support fishing industry. Port of Seattle agreed to provide initial damage cost estimate for seaport facilities early next week.

- Transit:**
- Washington State Ferries are running normal schedules in spite of some damage to docks. An early ferry system damage estimate from the State EOC is \$5 million, primarily for damage to docks.
 - Operations are near normal in most bus systems in Western Washington. There has been some re-routing due to damaged roadways and debris.

- Pipelines:** Natural gas pipelines have returned to normal operations.
Motor Carrier Safety: Not applicable at this time.
Highway Traffic Safety: Not applicable at this time.

ACTIONS TAKEN

- What actions have been taken?**
- The Office of Emergency Transportation is continuing to monitor this situation.
 - The Regional Emergency Transportation Representative (RETREP) will move his multi-modal team to the DFO in Olympia today.

INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORTATION INCIDENTS

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