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Smart traffic signals pave way for better driving in connected world

In today’s technological age we describe almost everything as a smart device, i.e., smart phones, smart TV’s, smart cars, smart watches, and so on. But what do we mean when we say “smart traffic lights”? Most people would think of these lights as vehicles that control traffic flow by changing from red, green, and yellow colors. But what about a smart traffic signal? These signals are designed to work with the traffic lights in a smarter way, automatically adjusting to the traffic flow and optimizing traffic flow.

A great example of this is found at www.indottraffic.com. This website allows the Indiana Department of Transportation to control the traffic lights in a more efficient way. The system can adjust the traffic lights based on traffic conditions, such as the number of vehicles in each direction, and can even take into account the weather.

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Aftershocks continue at West Coast ports as supply chain works toward solutions

It may not come as a surprise given the massive cargo backlogs and bad blood that have built up through the fall and winter, but three weeks after a 7.1 quake rattled Southern California, the Port of Long Beach and its container terminal operators reached a tentative five-year collective bargaining agreement, the situation is still not stable.

The Port of Oakland, a dispute over staffing levels between the International Longshoremen’s Association and a local terminal operator in the Port of Los Angeles, and the West Coast Marine terminal associations (PMA), struck and shuttered operations at the Oakland International Container Terminal, the port’s main handling, on Wednesday. By Thursday, the terminal was operating normally, according to Port Tampa, a port spokesperson. Oakland is believed to be the only one of the 20 West Coast ports represented by the ILWU experiencing ongoing labor issues.

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Southern Motion expanding Baldwyn operations again

Portola-based Southern Motion is expanding its motion furniture operations at its Baldwyn, Miss., facility, officials announced today. The company reports a $500,000 capital investment and will create 100 new jobs in the next two years.

The project is a result of efforts by the city of Baldwyn, the city of Baldwyn Council and the Tishomingo County Development Authority. Officials say the new factory will employ 150 workers at the facility and 110 workers at the Portola facility in Tishomingo. The company announced in 2014 it was moving into the former FortFront Golf facility, with plans to add 110 workers.

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Mitchell Distributing expands to 32 Mississippi counties with Delta acquisition

Mendenhall’s Mitchell Distributing has completed the geographic expansion of its Mississippi market through acquisition of Delta Distributing Co. of Greenwood, giving the downtown Oxford distributor a presence in 32 counties in the Magnolia State.

The acquisition gave the family-owned beer distributor Delta marketing in Lauderdale, Grenada, Montgomery, Carroll and LeFlore counties. "It’s a strategic growth opportunity that will take us into the Delta area and the rest of our existing distribution territory," the company said in a press statement.

"This is the type of strategic growth that our company is looking for," said Mitchell Distributing President Adam Mitchell, whose family owned the company since Mitchell Distributing’s inception in the early 1940s. Mitchell has operated in the Delta since 2000.

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Madison Co., Ridgeland dispute $1M for Lake Harbour project

Ridgeland Mayor Gene McGhee is fighting for $1 million it says the county owes the city of Ridgeland for construction and expansion of Lake Harbour Drive.

The city entered into an interlocal agreement with Madison County in 2010, in which the county agreed to pay the city of Ridgeland $1 million for a project. In September, the city gave the city $1.5 million, saying it was also missing to $1 million from the state's legislature to help fund the project.

But, the city of Ridgeland said it also was not able to manage the expenditure in the Lake Harbour Road improvements Fund, and that money does not replace the amount owed by the county.

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