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State Radio Project completes operational confidence period on new console system

On Feb. 10, 2016, ODOT and Pantel International completed the operational confidence period of the new console system in the conventional radio mode. The four ODOT and two OSP dispatch centers have been fully operational on the Pantel console system since rolling cutovers starting at TMOC on Oct. 6, and ending at NWTOC on Nov. 14, 2015.

Operational issues discovered in switching to the new system were largely addressed by software upgrades during the confidence period. There remains a punch list of minor operational issues that will be resolved before the system is fully accepted. Final system acceptance will not occur until after a similar confidence period is successfully completed for the integration of P25 radio transmissions.

The State Radio Project sincerely appreciates the input, cooperation, and patience of the staff at all six dispatch centers as we disrupted their daily operations to install this new system. We understand that while change is always challenging, the new system is widely viewed as an improvement to the systems it replaced.

The console team is moving on to the P25 integration effort with system acceptance testing scheduled for the week of Feb. 22, 2016, and training scheduled for the week of Mar. 7, 2016.

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