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Durable Channelizer Posts Guide Traffic through Bridge Rehab

Tacoma, WA

In December 2002, a dramatic rail car fire under the Puyallup River Bridge on State Route 509 in Tacoma, Washington damaged columns and girders of the bridge over the rail line.

The columns were soon repaired by encasing them in steel jackets; between November 2009 and June 2010, construction crews will remove and replace the damaged 140-foot-long girders and pour a new concrete bridge deck. The work requires reducing a portion of SR 509 between Tacoma and Fife from four lanes to two lanes.

SR 509 is an economic lifeline in Pierce County, with over 30,000 drivers using the route each day, so keeping traffic moving during construction is critical. To this end, crews will repair one half of the damaged bridge span at a time, reducing a segment of the four-lane bridge to two lanes with one lane of traffic in each direction.

Separation of the two lanes of traffic in this work zone will be provided by the Davidson DP 200 3-inch urethane channelizer post from Pexco, made in the Tacoma factory.

The DP 200 Series post is a 3-inch round channelizer made of polyurethane, the toughest flexible plastic available. The DP 200 remains extremely flexible, even at extreme temperatures and returns to an upright position after impact. It meets MUTCD requirements for channelizing devices, and the requirements of NCHRP 350.

Key features & benefits of the DP 200 Channelizer Post are:

- ✓ Durable Thermoplastic Polyurethane for Impact Resistance
- ✓ Stands Up to Extreme Temperatures
- ✓ No Metal Parts to Rust or Seize
- ✓ 360° of Reflective Visibility
- ✓ Ultraviolet Resistant
- ✓ 1-Piece Post Construction
- ✓ Simple Installation
- ✓ MUTCD Compliant



Dramatic fire under SR 509 Bridge



Photo courtesy of Washington State DOT

DP 200 Channelizer Posts on Rehab Project



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