

Mobile Barrier Interview 2 Transcripts-Fall 2010

Finlay Buchanan: This is Finlay Buchanan of the Executive Director's Office, and I'm here with Darren Waters, Senior Project Engineer in Planning and Design, from Eastern Region. Darren we're standing at Fraserville Patrol Yard in front of a mobile traffic barrier, and I am just wondering if you can tell us what are some of the benefits of using the mobile traffic barrier?

Darren Waters: Yes. In this particular contract, Finlay, we had concrete repairs in lane one and lane two. [Highway] 115 is a freeway cross section, and we were looking at alternative ways to protect workers in the repair areas from the traditional temporary concrete barriers that we had used in previous contracts. So we had come across the mobile barrier [when] Ted Phillips had shown it to us in [Eastern] Region, and I decided that this would be a great contract to use it as a trial. And I thought some of the benefits we would realize out here is that, we could actually get the work done quicker and be off the road quicker than the traditional staging with the Temporary Concrete Barrier. Because... it takes a day or two to set up the Temporary Concrete Barrier, then you can do the work, and then another day to take it down at the end. This way you can be in or out within a matter of minutes. So, we've heard from the contractor out here today that they actually have been quite successful getting the barrier in and out in a short period of time. The workers actually feel very safe out there behind the barrier, as safe as behind the Temporary Concrete Barrier. And we've heard as well that it's going to realize its benefits in getting the work done quicker, like we were hoping.

Finlay Buchanan: Thanks very much, Darren.