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PACIFIC RIM TRANSTECH CONFERENCE
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- **Pacific Rim Transportation Technology Conference** -- being held in Seattle, July 1993. Sponsored by Washington State Department of Transportation and DOT. 1,500 delegates from government/ academic institutes/ industry participating.
- DOT for past 25 years has been a major player in finding solutions to difficult transportation problems -- traffic congestion ... low fuel efficiency ... environmental hazards ... safety. With ISTEA we will be even more involved in developing transportation technology. This conference gives us the opportunity to discuss our research and findings with other governments and experts.
- Several key technologies will be the focus of the conference:
 - **Intelligent Vehicles Highways System** -- "smart cars on smart highways." (Orlando example)
 - **Alternative fuels and transportation systems** -- alcohol, natural gas, solar, electric, MAGLEV.

- -- **Intermodalism** -- creating a seamless transportation network ... linking trucks, ships, rail and planes for freight and passengers.
- Other special programs and systems to be studied at the conference include:
 - **The Strategic Highway Research Program** -- results will be presented and demonstrated for asphalt paving, structures, concrete and highway operations.
 - **Transportation management support systems** -- used for pavements, bridges, highway congestion, safety and system maintenance.
- Technology may well provide the answers to many of the transportation problems the world is currently facing -- pleased to be part of an effort to help find solutions to these and other problems.
- DOT motto: The Future Starts Here.

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