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Road hazards trigger rapid alerts



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Antonio Dutchin, crew leader, works at his station Tuesday at the state Department of Transportation Highway Operations Center in Newington.

Cameras help spot crashes, wrong-way drivers, storm damage

By **Jordan Nathaniel Fenster**
STAFF WRITER

The room is kept dark on purpose with the ambient light mostly coming from the dozens of highway camera feeds stretched across the wall.

Each one shows a different part of Connecticut's road network. Cars move through interchanges; trucks pass under signs; every screen is watched by

operators whose work most drivers never see.

The state Department of Transportation's Highway Operations Center in Newington is one of two places where a crash on Interstate 95, a disabled vehicle on Interstate 84, a truck on Route 15, a tree across Route 8 or a wrong-way driver on an exit ramp becomes, in mere seconds, an alert on a highway sign, a post on CTroads.org or a call to state police. Connecticut's oth-

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Preservation council seeks to save home in Manchester from demolition

By **Michael Walsh**
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MANCHESTER — The state Historic Preservation Council is asking the town to not demolish a historic home and has requested the attorney general step in.

The town purchased the two-family home at 29-31 Eldridge St. in June for \$455,000 with plans to knock down the structure, which sits within the Cheney Brothers Historic District, and turn it into roughly 20 more parking spaces for the new Main Street library adjacent to the property.

But those plans were met with resis-
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