

## **Introduction**

With the advent of automation in acquisition, transmission, storage, analysis, and presentation of traffic data in the appropriate format, the Traffic Monitoring System in DeIDOT is substantially different from what it was even three years ago. For the third time in the 40-year history of publishing DeIDOT's annual Traffic Summary reports, the Division of Planning has again used its own computers effectively to retrieve and analyze the field data with TRADAS (The Traffic Data System) software for producing this report in compliance with the principles of 'Truth-in-Data'. Nonetheless the traffic monitoring process continues to be in a transition phase at present.

This report contains traffic data for 2003 on nearly all roadway segments of the highway network under DeIDOT Road Inventory. The details of the collection process, analysis, and reporting of traffic data along with other features relevant to traffic monitoring are outlined in the following.