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Under Secretary James M. Beggs will represent the Department of Transportation at the seventh meeting of the Joint United States-Japan Committee on Trade and Economic Affairs which will be held in Tokyo on July 29 through July 31.

"The United States' highly publicized Northeast Industrial Corridor is not an exclusive American phenomenon. It is matched or exceeded in varying degrees in highly populated nations throughout the world," Mr. Beggs said.

"As we have come to grips with this Administration's goal of developing a coordinated and effective national transportation policy, we have acquired an increasing awareness of the quality of other nations' transportation technologies -- particularly in the field of urban mass transit.

"Although specific negotiations will not be a part of the meeting of the United States-Japan Committee, it will be a valued opportunity to pursue previous discussions between the two nations to reduce wasteful duplication in the expenditure of time and resources," Mr. Beggs stated.

Secretary of Transportation John A. Volpe announced on July 3 the signing of a highway safety research agreement between the U. S. Department of Transportation and the French Ministries of Equipment and Transportation.

Negotiations are under way with Finland, West Germany and Italy for exchange agreements in other fields of transportation technology.

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