

REMARKS PREPARED FOR DELIVERY BY SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION
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TOM MOODY, CHARLIE ROYER, DICK SMITH AND
JOHN ROUSAKIS -- THE ONLY GREEK I KNOW WHO'S FAMOUS
FOR HIS ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARTIES -- WATCH HIM CLOSELY.

(STATEMENT ABOUT MAYORS AND COUNCILMEN
HAVING THE TOUGHEST JOBS IN AMERICA.)

THERE'S AN OLD SAYING: "SUCCESS IS A JOURNEY NOT
A DESTINATION."

DURING THE LAST TWO YEARS AMERICA'S CITIES HAVEN'T ARRIVED AT THE PROMISED LAND BUT TOGETHER WE HAVE BEGUN THE JOURNEY. I DON'T SPEAK TO YOU FROM THE MOUNTAIN TOP. LIKE YOU, MY DAY IS CAUGHT UP IN THE NUTS AND BOLTS OF GOVERNING. YOU MIGHT SAY THAT I'M CHIEF MECHANIC AT THE MOTOR POOL.

WHAT WE'VE ACHIEVED IN THE TRANSPORTATION AREA ARE THEREFORE NOT GREAT THEORETICAL VICTORIES BUT SOME VERY PRACTICAL PROGRESS.

FOR ONE THING, WE'VE STOPPED BUILDING THE KIND OF
CONCRETE CANYONS THAT GAVE URBAN FREEWAYS A BAD NAME, AND
STARTED DESIGNING HIGHWAY SYSTEMS THAT MAYORS AND COUNCILMEN
CAN SUPPORT AND BE PROUD OF. DON'T ASK ME, ASK TOM BRADLEY
OR MARGIE HANCE OR CHARLIE ROYER ABOUT THE PROGRESS WE'VE
MADE.

WE'VE ENDED WHAT I CALL THE MYOPIA OF THE TRANSPORTATION MODES. WE'VE FORCED THE FOLKS WHO BUILD HIGHWAY AND TRANSIT FACILITIES AND AIRPORTS AND RAILROADS TO START TALKING TO EACH OTHER. TO GET OUT OF THE TRENCHES WHERE THEY'VE BEEN FIGHTING AND BEGIN TO PLAN TOGETHER AS A SINGLE SYSTEM.

(EXAMPLE OF NATIONAL AIRPORT AND
METRO, ETC.)

WE'RE NOT GOING TO DO THOSE KINDS OF THINGS ANYMORE.

WE'VE GOTTEN OVER THIS KICK OF PAVING OVER PERFECTLY GOOD SYSTEMS JUST TO BUILD SOMETHING FLASHIER. YOU CAN ASK THE MAYOR OF ST. LOUIS ABOUT THAT.

(BRING IN THE ST. LOUIS AIRPORT
AND BUS SYSTEM)

WE'VE PUT TOGETHER A POWERFUL AND PERMANENT PARTNERSHIP OUT OF THE WARRING FACTIONS (FACTIONALISM) THAT HISTORICALLY DIVIDED HIGHWAY AND TRANSIT INTERESTS. CONGRESS PASSED AN HISTORIC HIGHWAY/MASS TRANSIT BILL AND FOR THE FIRST TIME EVER TREATED IT AS A SINGLE PACKAGE. THIS LEGISLATION WILL NOT ONLY BRING TRANSPORTATION MONEY TO YOUR COMMUNITIES, BUT IT WILL BRING COMMON SENSE.

IT WILL BRING A SINGLE PLANNING PROCESS IN WHICH YOU,
THE ELECTED OFFICIALS, WILL HAVE A LARGER SAY.

IT WILL BEGIN A SMALL URBAN AND RURAL TRANSIT LINE
THAT DOESN'T HAVE TO BEG, BORROW AND STEAL TO STAY ALIVE,
BUT LIKE THE BIG CITIES CAN NOW BE FUNDED UP TO 50 PERCENT
OF THE COST. IT WILL BRING A FEDERAL URBAN SYSTEM PROGRAM,
ONCE AVAILABLE FOR HIGHWAYS ONLY, THAT CAN BE USED WHERE
YOU NEED IT ON HIGHWAYS OR TRANSIT.

THIS LEGISLATION WILL BRING YOU NOT A ONE OR TWO YEAR TRANSFUSION, BUT A STEADY FLEXIBLE FOUR YEAR SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM WHICH ALLOWS YOU TO LOOK AHEAD TO PLAN YOUR SYSTEMS, AND TO REACT TO NEED RATHER THAN THE SQUEAKY WHEEL.

WILL ROGERS USED TO SAY: "WE CAN'T ALL BE HEROES, BECAUSE SOMEBODY HAS TO SIT ON THE CURB AND CLAP AS THEY GO BY."

THERE HAVE BEEN A LOT OF HEROES IN THE DEVELOPMENT
OF THIS LEGISLATION AND MANY OF THEM ARE IN THIS AUDIENCE
TODAY. I WANT TO APPLAUD YOU FOR WHAT YOU HAVE HELPED
ACCOMPLISH. THERE'S AN HONOR ROLE A MILE LONG, BUT ON IT
WOULD BE NAMES LIKE:

(MENTION JIM HOWARD, LLOYD BENTSEN,
JENNINGS RANDOLPH, ETC.)

THANK YOU FOR WHAT YOU'VE DONE.

BEFORE I LEAVE I WANT TO THROW OUT TWO MORE
CHALLENGES. NOT CHALLENGES FOR THE NEXT DECADE, BUT
PRACTICAL THINGS THAT WE CAN ACCOMPLISH BY THE TIME THIS
GROUP ASSEMBLES IN LAS VEGAS A YEAR FROM TODAY.

(1) THE COUNTRY REALLY OUGHT TO HAVE A SINGLE TRANSPORTATION POLICY. AND LET ME TELL YOU A SECRET, WITH MY BLESSING THE FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION AND THE URBAN MASS TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION ARE ALREADY LIVING TOGETHER. BUT, AS YOU KNOW, IN THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION, THAT ISN'T GOOD ENOUGH. WE PREFER A MARRIAGE LICENSE. SO THE PROPOSAL HAS BEEN MADE AND BOTH SIDES HAVE ACCEPTED. NOW WE WANT THE CONGRESS TO BLESS THIS MARRIAGE. WITH YOUR HELP AND SUPPORT THIS CAN BE DONE.

(2) THE SECOND THING WE CAN ACCOMPLISH IN THE NEXT YEAR IS TO KICK OFF A FIRST RATE JOINT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM. WE CAN GET CREATIVE AND REALLY BEGIN TO USE THE BIG MONEY IN TRANSPORTATION THE WAY IT OUGHT TO BE USED; AS LEVERAGE TO BRING IN HOUSING, RETAIL BUSINESS, TOURISM, AND OTHER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TO OUR CITIES. I'LL BE LOOKING IN THE NEXT YEAR FOR THE MOST CREATIVE PROPOSALS, AND I'LL BE LOOKING FORWARD TO FUNDING THEM AS PART OF THE PRESIDENT'S URBAN PROGRAM.