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REMARKS PREPARED FOR DELIVERY BY SECRETARY OF
TRANSPORTATION BROCK ADAMS, ANNOUNCING THE APPROVAL
OF I-90, WASHINGTON, D.C., SEPTEMBER 20, 1978.

I AM APPROVING TODAY THE CONSTRUCTION OF INTERSTATE 90 BETWEEN SEATTLE AND BELLEVUE IN WASHINGTON STATE.

THIS SEVEN-MILE SECTION OF FREEWAY HAS BEEN UNDER DELIBERATION FOR SEVERAL YEARS. I HAVE DECIDED TO APPROVE IT FOR THREE REASONS:

-- FIRST, UNDER THE ALTERNATIVE CHOSEN, THE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY CAN BE BETTER SERVED. THE NEW HIGHWAY WILL INCLUDE TWO CENTER LANES FOR THE USE OF HIGH-OCCUPANCY VEHICLES (BUSES AND CARPOOLS) AND TRAFFIC FROM MERCER ISLAND. HOWEVER, ONE CONDITION OF THIS APPROVAL IS THAT PUBLIC TRANSIT WILL PERMANENTLY HAVE PRIORITY OVER GENERAL MERCER ISLAND TRAFFIC.

-- SECOND, UNDER THIS PROJECT A SAFETY HAZARD ON THE BRIDGE ACROSS LAKE WASHINGTON WILL BE CORRECTED. IN FACT, GETTING RID OF THE DANGEROUS "BULGE" SECTION OF THE BRIDGE WILL BE THE FIRST ORDER OF WORK.

-- THIRD, THE PROJECT -- AS APPROVED -- IS CONSISTENT WITH THE ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL OBJECTIVES OF THE PRESIDENT'S URBAN POLICY.

THE EXTENSION OF I-90 HAS BEEN CAREFULLY PLANNED AND TRAFFIC GROWTH PROJECTIONS INDICATE THAT THE ROAD'S INCREASED CAPACITY WILL BE NEEDED BY 1990. I BELIEVE THAT BY PROCEEDING NOW ACCORDING TO AN ORDERLY AND CAREFULLY CONTROLLED PLAN WE WILL SERVE THE NEEDS AND THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE URBAN COMMUNITY.

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