

REMARKS PREPARED FOR DELIVERY BY
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LEGAL WORKSHOP AND REGIONAL COUNSELS' MEETING
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SUGGESTED INTRODUCTORY REMARKS:

- * THANK YOU, TONY (MCMAHON), FOR THOSE VERY WARM WORDS.
- * LET ME TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO THANK YOU, TONY, NOT ONLY FOR COMING ON BOARD, BUT FOR YOUR STRONG AND EARLY START. I KNOW THAT RAY (BARNHART) IS JUST AS APPRECIATIVE AS I AM OF THE BEGINNING YOU HAVE MADE IN SORTING OUT THE MYSTERIES OF THE CENTURY FREEWAY.
- * AND I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO RECOGNIZE DOWELL ANDERS WHO HAS SERVED SO SPLENDIDLY THE LAST 20 YEARS AS EITHER DEPUTY, AND MORE RECENTLY AS ACTING CHIEF COUNSEL FOR 20 YEARS. DOWELL, I WANT TO PERSONALLY THANK YOU FOR YOUR YEOMAN SERVICE. YOU HAVE PROVIDED SUPERB GUIDANCE AND CONTINUITY TO EVERY ADMINISTRATION YOU HAVE SERVED.
- * THIS IS THE FIRST FHWA LEGAL WORKSHOP I'VE ATTENDED AND, AS A FELLOW ATTORNEY, I'M DELIGHTED TO BE HERE. ALTHOUGH I'VE HAD THE

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PRIVILEGE OF WORKING WITH SOME OF YOU IN THE PAST, THIS IS A WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY TO MEET THOSE OF YOU WHO SIT IN THE HOT SEAT AND OPERATE ON THE FIRING LINE EVERY DAY.

- * BECAUSE OF YOU AND YOUR GOOD JUDGMENT, YOU'VE KEPT LITIGATION TO A MINIMUM.
- * MOST OF THE TIME YOU ARE ABLE TO HANDLE AND RESOLVE ISSUES IN THE FIELD BEFORE THEY GROW INTO FULL FLEDGED LAWSUITS.
- * MANY HIGHWAY PROJECTS REPRESENT A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF MONEY AND THEREFORE A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU.
- * ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES ARE ESPECIALLY COMPLEX AND CONTROVERSIAL, BUT THANKS TO YOUR EFFORTS, PROJECTS THAT ARE ACTUALLY LITIGATED

REPRESENT ONLY A SMALL PORTION OF ALL PROJECTS UNDERTAKEN BY FHWA EACH YEAR.

* IN YOUR HANDLING OF MBE FRONTS AND FRAUDS, AND MONEY RECOVERIES, I APPRECIATE YOUR GETTING OUT THE MESSAGE FAR AND WIDE THAT WE WON'T DEAL WITH CONTRACTORS WHO TRY TO SLIP THROUGH LOOPHOLES AND TAKE ADVANTAGE OF OUR LAWS.

* WE SIMPLY WILL NOT DO BUSINESS WITH WRONGDOERS AND WE WILL RECOVER OUR MONIES WHEN AND WHERE WE CAN FROM THOSE WHO WOULD UNLAWFULLY ENRICH THEMSELVES FROM OUR PROGRAMS.

* I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT THERE IS NO RESPONSIBILITY THAT YOU AS REGIONAL AND AS ASSISTANT REGIONAL COUNSELS HAVE THAT IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN YOUR RESPONSIBILITY IN ENFORCING THE FEDERAL MOTOR CARRIER SAFETY REGULATIONS.

* THE MOTOR CARRIER SAFETY ACT OF 1984 HAS GIVEN YOU SOME OF THE TOOLS YOU HAVE LONG NEEDED TO MORE EFFECTIVELY PROMOTE TRUCK SAFETY.

* YOUR EXPERIENCE AND THAT OF YOUR COUNTERPARTS IN OTHER MODES IS INVALUABLE TO THE OVERALL DEPARTMENTAL AGENDA.

1) GOOD GOVERNMENT ISSUES:

- A) GET OUT OF RAILROAD BUSINESS;
- B) GET GOVERNMENT OUT OF RUNNING AIRPORTS (8 TRIES);
- C) DEREGULATION -- AIR: SO MANY MORE CAN FLY TODAY; TRUCK DEREGULATION: EMPTY BEER CANS, JIFFY AND ORVILLE REDENBACHER.
- D) OIL POLLUTION LIABILITY AND COMPENSATION;
- E) CHINA;
- F) MARITIME REGULATORY REFORM (7 YEARS).

2) SAFETY:

- A) AIR -- MORE INSPECTORS AND CONTROLLERS; NATI; GENERAL AVIATION; SAFE; SAFETY TASK FORCE; RULES;
- B) 208 (15 YEARS); AGE 21; 16 STATES PASSED -- D.C. (IF PASSES CONGRESS);
- C) HIGH MOUNTED LIGHT;
- D) ROADS AND BRIDGES -- HIGHWAY REAUTHORIZATION (AT OMB); EXTEND HIGHWAY TRUST FUND; LONG-RANGE VIEWS;
- E) FRA -- ALCOHOL AND DRUGS (12 YEARS).

* THESE REPRESENT A FEW OF OUR INITIATIVES WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT. YOUR COOPERATION AND EXPERTISE HAS BEEN VITALLY IMPORTANT IN A NUMBER OF THEM.

* LET ME CLOSE BY SAYING THAT I COUNT ON YOU FOR THAT SAME STEADFAST ASSISTANCE AS WE CHART THE FUTURE OF THE HIGHWAY PROGRAM.

* THANK YOU.

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