

SUGGESTED REMARKS FOR
SECRETARY-DESIGNATE ELIZABETH DOLE
AT
NEWS CONFERENCE ON BUDGET
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Thank you, Secretary Lewis.

It would be presumptuous of me to make a statement or answer any questions at this time since I cannot speak for the Department until I am confirmed by the Senate, but I want you to know I am excited about the challenges and opportunities ahead. Much has begun to move on the transportation front over the last two years, and I intend to maintain that momentum and add to it.

This budget provides a foundation to carry out those intentions. It is a strong budget -- well thought out and well drawn. It places emphasis in all the right areas to allow us to move forward in addressing the more urgent and compelling of our transportation needs. It is a budget responsive as well to our obligation to provide better and safer transportation for the American people.

We will work with the Congress to ensure prompt passage, not only of this budget but the other legislation needed to meet the needs of the transportation sector and the traveling public.