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*Event: 5 minute remarks. Other speakers: Governor, Lt. Gov., Mass. Sec. Transportation.*

Thank you ... As you know I've been spending most of my time in Florida helping South Dade County get back on its feet. But what we're doing here today, in fact, has much in common with what's going on in South Florida. Whether we are connecting tent cities with a newly designed bus system in Dade County or beginning the start of the Third Harbor Tunnel here in Boston, we're providing jobs and building the necessary infrastructure needed to get this country's economy moving again.

We've heard from our other speakers on how the arrival of this massive steel tube section is but the first step in the revitalization of Boston's economy. How local construction men and women will add value to this tube through their labor -- by lining the tunnel, tiling the walls, installing lighting, ventilation and communications equipment.



But this tunnel signifies more -- much more. It stands for the Administration's commitment to create jobs and to maintain and improve our nation's transportation infrastructure.

The President is deeply committed to re-energizing our national transportation system because he knows that it will strengthen America's economy -- and our ability to compete effectively in today's world markets.

That's why the President has taken the lead in maritime reform and trucking deregulation. That's why he is leading the charge in opening the skies for global aviation competition. And that's why the President has fought so hard for the surface transportation bill. A bill which stresses efficiency and intermodalism -- which is defined as the linking of all the various modes of transportation together so as to create one seamless network.

This tunnel is actually a prime example of intermodal planning -- as it will help link the interstate highway system directly to Boston's ports and to Logan International Airport. So as we link together the 12 pieces of this tunnel in the coming months ahead, so too will we be linking nationwide our highways, mass



transit facilities, airports and seaports together to move America into the 21st century.

The shipment of this tube here also signifies the revitalization our industrial base -- of the shift in our defense industries output to more peaceful purposes. Instead of just producing warships, *Bethship* of Maryland will also be manufacturing products for civilian use such as this massive steel tube.

Moreover, because of these orders, our steel industry and dozens of smaller supporting industries will be given quite a big boost. That's a win-win situation for not only Boston and Maryland, but for the whole country as well. So when it comes to this project, we all need to avoid any "tunnel vision" on which company or state benefits the most from its construction.

Overall then, the arrival of this tube means more than just the beginning of Boston's third tunnel -- it stands for America's renewal. The renewal of our nation's transportation system ... it's industries ... the economy.

But on a personal note, this tunnel also means that possibly, no longer will any of us natives have to miss our flights out of Logan because of the never-ending backups on the Sumner and Callahan Tunnels during



rush hour. Just think -- no longer will we have to leave nearly three hours early just to make a flight out! The savings in lost time and energy will be just wonderful. So this is truly a good day for all of us!

Thank you and good morning.

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