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The Department of Transportation today urged the Federal Communications Commission to modify its requirement for vehicle locator systems employed in the land mobile radio services.

The Department position was filed in conjunction with an FCC inquiry into the use of the radio frequency spectrum for the purpose of vehicle location.

"Knowledge of the locations of mobile units is of prime importance to the efficient operation of any system involving a large number of vehicles whether it be public transportation (buses or taxicabs), safety (police), transfer of goods (local or over the road trucks), or the general public (stranded motorists)," the document said.

In this connection, it said, the "Department has been vitally concerned with the development of effective car locator systems, especially in the transportation field."

It was pointed out that the Department's Urban Mass Transportation Administration has funded \$1.5 million to the Chicago Transit Authority to partially finance a bus locator system project that included a two-way radio and a means for notifying a dispatcher in an emergency.

The Department concluded in its comments that the "Automatic Vehicle Monitoring Systems will serve a useful social and economic purpose, allowing a more efficient overall use of the radio spectrum."

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