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- Thank you, Paul, for that introduction. And thanks, also, to you, Frank and Jerry, for inviting DOT to share in this historic event.
- Thanks for not asking me to demonstrate the braking system -- I'll take your word for it -- it works.
- The partnership being activated here between Greyhound and VORAD is just the kind of public-private partnership President Bush is calling for today.
- The President knows that we must develop innovative new technologies to meet the challenges of global competition. New transportation technology is a part of our strategy.
- That's why the National Transportation Policy emphasized transportation research and technology, especially in the emerging field of Intelligent Vehicle Highway Systems -- IVHS.
- That's why the Administration recently launched the National Technology Initiative -- to move federally-initiated funding for research and technology from the workbench to the marketplace.
- That's also why the President's 1993 budget request for the Department seeks a 12 percent increase in research and development.

- More than \$600 million in federal funding is authorized for IVHS over the next six years.
- Already, IVHS projects are moving ahead in a variety of applications all across the country.
- Just recently, I was in Orlando, where "Smart Cars" are already at work on a limited basis.
- This is just the beginning.
 - We are going to have more sophisticated collision warning and avoidance systems.
 - We are going to have automatic braking systems that are activated by the collision avoidance system.
 - We are going to have adaptive cruise control systems that assure the vehicle maintains appropriate distances from other vehicles.
 - Eventually, we are going to have "platooning" systems, which will permit a "convoy" type column of vehicles traveling at uniform speeds over the highway.
- All these technologies and many more will make up the IVHS arsenal of the not too distant future.
- We are looking to IVHS to maintain our mobility, control congestion, reduce air pollution, conserve energy and maximize safety.
- VORAD is one good example of this concept at work.
- Here we have an investment in research paying off in a practical application in the marketplace.

- So, today VORAD moves from the laboratory to the streets and highways.
- America will continue to set the pace with these type of projects, as we move into the 21st century.
- Congratulations to Greyhound, VORAD, and Allstate as together they enter into this bold partnership -- we appreciate the opportunity to share in the evaluation of this important venture.

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