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- Thank you very much for being here today.
- This demonstration on the Global Positioning System -- GPS -- is a part of the commemoration of the 25th anniversary of DOT.
- Theme of our activities this week is "The Future Starts Here." We don't have a symbol, but if we did, it would be a GPS satellite.
- New technologies hold promise of increasing our efficiency in transportation while ensuring a high level of safety in the system.
- GPS is one such technology.
  - GPS is a satellite based system, will provide accurate, more dependable and less costly navigational aids to all modes of transportation.
  - Twenty-four satellites ... broadcasting signals from 11,000 miles in space ... to be fully operational by 1994.
- Just as GPS provided critical navigational aids in Operation Desert Storm, so will it guide our ships,

planes, transit buses and other vehicles that move our domestic economy.

- We hope today to acquaint you with some of the many applications of this new technology as they apply to different modes of transportation.
- The applications you will see are only the beginning. They are limited only by the bounds of our imaginations. The prospective gains in productivity and efficiencies from GPS warrant our support.
- We will continue to work with industry to advance technologies to help our nation maintain a competitive edge in world markets.
- Again, thank you for being with us today.

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