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This is the U.S. Department of Transportation Broadcast News Service for Thursday, March 8. Secretary of Transportation Claude S. Brinegar talked to the National Newspaper Association today in Washington, on community development and the highway and public transportation legislation now proposed to the Congress.

"The President has made it clear that we must do a better job of community development -- to me that translates - to a significant degree - to better transportation development. Transportation actions affect, obviously, land use policies, they affect the economy of the community, its link with other communities, and its desirability as a place to live and to work. And, I might add, they affect the whole cost of our products -- our comparative advantage as we try to deal in world trade. Then, too, we must recognize that, in our nation, there are approximately a quarter of the adults who for various reasons neither own a car or drive -- they, too, their transportation needs have to be considered.

"For our rural communities, this bill will mean more and better roads, safer roads, the accessibility to bus service - more accessibility. For our urban/suburban communities, it will mean a choice most cities do not now have -- the flexibility to choose among highways, busways, and, if the usage is great enough, even better rail systems, so that their "mix" of transportation works more efficiently and more effectively."

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