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The U.S. Department of Transportation Broadcast News Service for Thursday, March 8 has an actuality of Acting Federal Highway Administrator Ralph Bartelsmeyer, speaking before the Urban Affairs Section of the National Association of Manufacturers in Washington.

"The private automobile can no longer do the job by itself in our metropolitan areas. One or two-passenger vehicles in the rush-hour streams of traffic are just too uneconomical and inefficient a method of transporting people. This is a luxury we no longer can afford. We must induce people in our large urban areas -- particularly commuters -- to leave their cars at home; and to accomplish this we must provide them with fast, convenient, and comfortable mass transit facilities.

"There are other important considerations to the problem of urban traffic congestion. There is the question of air pollution and noise, which President Nixon has said must be reduced. And there is a growing awareness of the critical nature of our growing national fuel shortage. These in themselves are excellent reasons for reducing traffic in our cities and encouraging the use of mass transit."

This has been the Transportation News Report.

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