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The U.S. Department of Transportation Broadcast News Service has stories for both Friday and Saturday, March 9th & 10th. First, a story by a Department spokesman on a proposed new aircraft navigation technique.

"Transportation Secretary Claude S. Brinegar announces that a government/industry task force has proposed a 10-year program to establish a new primary method of aircraft navigation in the United States.

"Called 'area navigation', it involves the use of small, airborne computers which receive signals from ground equipment, permitting a pilot to have greater choice and flexibility in the route he selects to travel.

"The proposed area navigation would be used exclusively above 18,000 feet; below that, it would also be utilized but along with the limited use of conventional navigation techniques.

"Interested parties will have a chance to comment before the formulation of any policy."

For Saturday use, a story about federal funding for institutions of higher learning for research in urban transportation.

"The U.S. Department of Transportation today awarded \$2 1/2 million in grants to 24 colleges and universities for research and training programs in urban transportation. In making the announcement, Transportation Secretary Claude S. Brinegar said 'We have a unique opportunity to work with the universities of this country to help provide the manpower and training necessary to meet the complex problems of urban transportation head-on.' The 24 grants are part of a continuing program of the Department's Urban Mass Transportation Administration -- providing funds to colleges for such activities as research fellowship support, course development and seminars in the area of urban transportation."

This has been the Transportation News Report.

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