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The first Department of Transportation hearing on the problems confronting the transportation consumer in Fargo, North Dakota will be held on April 17, Secretary of Transportation Claude S. Brinegar announced today.

"President Nixon and I believe it is vital that the voice of the individual user of transportation goods and services be heard at the decision-making level," Secretary Brinegar said. "I have asked Miss Ann Uccello, Director of the Department of Transportation's Consumer Affairs Office, to find out what concerns transportation users throughout the nation."

Three consumer hearings, co-sponsored by the College of Home Economics, North Dakota State University and the Upper Great Plains Transportation Institute will be held. The first hearing will take place at 10:00 a.m. in Weld Auditorium on the Moorehead State College Campus in Moorehead, Minnesota. The second will be held at 2:30 p.m. in the Town Hall of the Memorial Union on the North Dakota State University campus, and the third will be at 8:00 p.m. in the Elks Club Auditorium in Fargo.

"I urge all students, citizens, and transportation users in all walks of life to participate in these informal hearings," Miss Uccello said. "We in the Department are interested in your thoughts and suggestions about the transportation services available to you. For your convenience we have scheduled three hearings. We welcome both prepared and spontaneous presentations."

The Department of Transportation invites comments on all aspects of transportation including:

- Auto repairs, their cost and reliability;
- Mass transportation;
- Transportation-related air and noise pollution;
- Costs relating to transportation;
- Transportation for the aged, handicapped, young and disadvantaged;
- Transportation safety;
- The bicycle as a transportation mode; and
- Pedestrian safety.

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North Dakota is the twelfth state to be visited by the Office of Consumer Affairs. Hearings were held in Tennessee, Pennsylvania, Texas, Louisiana, Ohio, Georgia, North Carolina, New York, Colorado, Oregon, and Washington.

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