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The Department of Transportation Broadcast News Service for Tuesday, March 27 has two stories on appropriations testimony and a ban on sonic booms.

First, 30 second story on opposition to operating subsidies for mass transit, heard in testimony today by a Department official before the House Appropriations Committee.

"Urban Mass Transportation Administrator Frank Herringer cited budget restraints in opposing operating subsidies for mass transit. As he did in testimony last week before another Committee, Herringer took a firm stand against operating subsidies. His position is that such action would create a bottomless pit into which the Federal Government would shovel endless dollars with no assurance that it would be helping to solve critical transportation problems. Such an approach he describes as a tactical defeat in the battle of the budget...a defeat which he says the country can't afford."

Next a second story on a ban on sonic booms.

"Transportation Secretary Claude Brinegar has announced a new Federal Aviation Administration rule banning civil supersonic aircraft from creating a sonic boom over the United States - effective this April 27. Secretary Brinegar said the new rule fulfills President Nixon's pledge of strong Government action to protect the Nation against the sonic boom, and since present technology cannot deal in a practical manner with the problem, the only permissible course is an almost complete ban on supersonic operations by civil aircraft. The exceptions are authorized operations at the lower end of the supersonic speed range where it has been demonstrated that the resulting overpressure would be too weak to reach the ground."

This has been the Transportation News Report.

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