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The U.S. Department of Transportation Broadcast News Service for Friday, June 22 has two stories, one on the fuel shortage and the other on the Motor Vehicle Safety Advisory Council.

First, a story on a newly released publication on the fuel shortage.

"According to a new publication released by the Department of Transportation's Federal Highway Administration, nearly 42% of the total U.S. demand for petroleum products is used for highway transportation. The booklet, called 'Are We Running Out Of Gas', explores the impact of various strategies on the national fuel crisis. It suggests a need for strategically applied pressure, both legislatively and educationally, to speed the trend toward the use of smaller, more economical vehicles for personal transportation, as well as efforts to increase occupancy of cars and buses. In discussing an increase in imports, more exploration efforts, and the development of shale oil reserves, the book points out that if demand were to continue to increase at its present rate, the known U.S. oil reserves would be exhausted sometime in 1981."

Next, a story on the Advisory Council.

"Transportation Secretary Claude Brinegar has announced the appointment of five new members to the National Motor Vehicle Safety Advisory Council, for terms expiring in 1975. Two other members were re-appointed. The 22 member council was set up by the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act of 1966, to consult with the Secretary in the development of Federal motor vehicle safety standards. The members include representatives from the motor vehicle industry, but the majority must be from the general public outside of the regulated industry. Two major areas in which the Council has had major interest and support has been passive restraint systems, and automation in automobile diagnostics. The Advisory Council will hold its 2nd International Congress on Automotive Safety with the theme of motorcycle and recreational vehicle safety July 16-18 in San Francisco."

This has been the Transportation News Report.

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