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The U.S. Department of Transportation Broadcast News Service for Monday, July 9 has two different stories on a report released today on school bus safety.

"While noting that school bus travel is safer than automobile travel, a Department of Transportation report released today says that pupil transportation safety can and should be improved. The study was undertaken by a National Highway Traffic Safety Administration School Bus Task Force to examine the overall problem and develop a plan to improve school bus safety. The report says that 19 million students are transported daily in 260,000 school buses. Recommendations called for expediting a bus seat standard and for quickly implementing current standards on brakes."

"A Department of Transportation report released today on pupil transportation safety makes several recommendations for improving the school bus safety problem. The report - prepared by a National Highway Traffic Safety Administration School Bus Task Force - calls for speedy adoption of a seat standard for buses, the publishing of a standard on the strength of structural joints of school buses, and the quick implementation of current standards on brakes. The report also recommends that compliance testing on school buses be performed and that a school bus safety improvement project be initiated. Transportation Secretary Claude Brinegar called for swift action to carry out recommendations that will bring about a reduction in school bus deaths and injuries."

This has been the Transportation News Report.

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