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The U.S. Department of Transportation Broadcast News Service for Thursday, July 12 has two actualities -- one on highway construction funds and aerial smuggling of drugs.

First, the Department of Transportation has announced the apportionment to the States of \$1.5 billion in Federal-aid highway construction funds. Federal Highway Administrator Norbert Tiemann commented:

"This apportionment was made possible by legislation enacted by Congress just prior to its Fourth of July recess. Congress took this step as an interim measure which would establish authorizations for fiscal years 1974, 1975, and 1976.

"A number of States had obligated all of their available Federal-aid funds and were facing a shutdown on new construction contracts. Today's apportionment will make it possible for all States to continue their highway programs.

"The funds released today include \$1 billion for work in the Interstate System and \$500 million for work on the Federal-aid Primary and Secondary Systems and their urban extensions."

Next, the Department of Transportation's Federal Aviation Administration is broadening its regulations banning illicit carriage of drugs by air to include not only flights between the U.S. and Mexico, but also between the U.S. and Canada and all flights within the United States. FAA Air Carrier Regulations Officer, Clifford Weaver, explained:

"Under the new rules, which become effective August 1, the use of civilain aircraft to carry narcotic drugs -- marijuana -- depressants -- or stimulant drugs anywhere within the U.S. will be sufficient grounds for denying, suspending, or revoking airmen certificates. This will apply to all FAA certificated pilots, flight engineers, air traffic controllers, dispatchers, mechanics, repairmen and parachute riggers."

This has been the Transportation News Report.

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