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The U.S. Department of Transportation Broadcast News Service for Tuesday, July 17 has a story on a new approach to traffic courts.

The U.S. Department of Transportation has selected Seattle, Washington in the first test using a special lower court to handle most minor traffic offenses. Commenting on the demonstration is Traffic Court Specialist George Brandt of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

"The project is designed to adequately process the bulk of the minor traffic offenses that many of the motorists are involved with. These offenses too often have not had the attention necessary, because of the lack of adequate personnel in the lower courts and the lack of attention toward highway safety in so far as the impact of these offenses on driver behavior are concerned.

"The project is set up to deal specifically with any driver behavior problems that arise in the processing of these cases. The time that the cases are processed in will be considerably reduced. Immediate attention will be given to driver needs through this project. The lack of necessary attention to this type of work in the country has been of serious concern and the project effort is set up with the purpose of providing for speedy trials and facilitating driver re-training and rehabilitation."

This has been the Transportation News Report. For further information dial 202-426-9550.

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