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The U.S. Department of Transportation Broadcast News Service for Thursday, July 26 has a story on Federal help for cities trying to meet air quality standards.

The Department's Urban Mass Transportation Administrator today discussed plans to assist local agencies in implementing air quality plans of the Environmental Protection Agency.

Frank C. Herringer, appearing before a subcommittee of the House Committee on Banking and Currency, noted that in view of the time element involved:

"The main transit improvements will be related to bus transportation -- increasing service and providing more buses. The extent of additional buses required to assist in implementing the air quality plans is not yet clear, but could be substantial. We intend to give a high priority to grant applications directed toward implementation of air quality plans."

Administrator Herringer also commented on the great variety of actions which local governments have taken to attain the objective of clean air:

"These actions begin to get to the heart of the transit problem, since the major reasons for its decreasing ridership and financial straits include the failure of local governments to effectively coordinate, regulate, and rationalize their total public transportation system, and the pursuit of Federal, State and local policies favoring auto-oriented development patterns."

This has been the Transportation News Report.

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