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The U.S. Department of Transportation Broadcast News Service for Monday, July 30 has a story on congressional testimony given today regarding highway construction.

"The Deputy Federal Highway Administrator testified today before a sub-committee of the House Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs on bills relating to the preservation of historical and archeological data. Ralph Bartelsmeyer told the Congressmen that since 1956, over \$2.4 million of Federal highway funds have been devoted to archeological and fossil salvage work. Mr. Bartelsmeyer explained:

"Under our program, when a projected highway will pass through an area which may contain historical objects, the appropriate Federal or State authority can be advised of the proposed location of the highway so as to enable such authority to determine the likelihood of the highway construction destroying historical objects. Even when objects are not discovered until construction has begun, construction will be halted, appropriate authorities notified, and steps taken to excavate and preserve the objects. If preservation is not practicable, data concerning the objects can be recorded. Archeological surveys are considered part of the costs for the projects and are eligible for Federal-aid reimbursement. Similarly, the cost of excavation or recordation of data is eligible for Federal-aid participation."

This has been the Transportation News Report.

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