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The U.S. Department of Transportation Broadcast News Service for Friday, August 3 has a story on auto diagnostic inspections.

The U.S. Department of Transportation has selected the District of Columbia for the site of the first federally-funded pilot demonstration of diagnostic auto inspections for safety and emission controls.

Associate National Highway Traffic Safety Administrator James Wilson comments:

"The goal is to develop information on the best diagnostic systems and on the cost of repairs on those items which have failed to pass inspection. And there will be more of these projects in other parts of the country later. Motorists, participating on a voluntary, no-cost basis, will receive a computer print-out of the vehicle's condition. And, where deficiencies are detected, the vehicle can be inspected after servicing to check on the cost and adequacy of repairs.

(For District of Columbia usage, the copy was varied slightly to make it more local with reference to the \$1.4 million contract and the District's two existing inspection stations.)

This has been the Transportation News Report. For additional information, call 202-426-9550.

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