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The U.S. Department of Transportation Broadcast News Service for Friday, August 10, has two actualities concerning urban railroad relocation.

Federal Railroad Administrator John Ingram in a speech given today in Omaha, Nebraska on railroad relocation referred to the changing needs of railroads from when they were competing with transportation systems of the mid-1800's. He said:

"Today some railroad facilities may be superfluous to the industry and create an impediment to urban progress. New railroad facilities may be needed to provide improved rail service to the public.

"For the railroads, poorly located plant and trackage poses severe problems of a different kind. It sometimes means needless maintenance costs, low speeds through areas with grade crossings, and other operational restrictions. These result in inefficient rail service-- an important factor in railroad costs."

Ingram also dealt with modern rail problems and lack of coordinated planning, he commented.

"The urban railroad problem is a large issue and getting larger. There are a host of plans on the shelf to deal with the problem, and, in most cases, quite frankly that is where they belong. Few have been coordinated with or into the master transportation plan for the community."

This has been the Transportation News Report.

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