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The U.S. Department of Transportation Broadcast News Service for Friday, September 7 has a story on the newly released National Airport System Plan.

"Nearly 700 new airports will have to be built over the next decade to keep pace with projected air traffic, according to the Department of Transportation. The figures were released today in the first edition of the Federal Aviation Administration's National Airport System Plan. According to the plan a majority of the airports are needed by 1977, with the remainder to be completed by 1982. The estimated cost over the next ten years will be \$6.3 billion, directed at building airports that serve both airlines and general aviation, those for general aviation only, and reliever airports which draw general aircraft away from the large hub facilities. The purpose of the 12 volume National Airport System Plan is to identify potential airport development and what Federal role will be necessary."

This advisory: The Department of Transportation will hold a national conference on mandatory safety belt usage laws, November 28-30 in Washington, D.C. Transportation Secretary Brinegar called for the conference to build support for increased usage of safety belts by all vehicle occupants. Invitations have been sent to the Nation's governors, and leaders of national organizations concerned with reducing fatalities and injuries from traffic crashes.

This has been the Transportation News Report.

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