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The U.S. Department of Transportation Broadcast News Service for Thursday, September 27, has a story on motor vehicle registrations and actualities with the Under Secretary.

"Nationwide passenger car registrations are expected to top the 100 million mark in 1973. Department of Transportation projections show a 4.5 percent increase over the number of cars registered in 1972. The expected total motor-vehicle registrations, including trucks and buses, should pass 124 million which is a 5 percent rise over 1972. The perennial leader among the states in the number of motor vehicles registered - California - is expected to have 13.4 million registrations."

Under Secretary of Transportation John Barnum, in a speech to the National Association of Motor Bus Owners this week in Dallas, talked about the cost of transportation and mass transportation between cities.

"I do want you to appreciate that we in the Department of Transportation have as a basic tenet for all of the transportation problems with which we deal, that it is desirable that the user of the transportation mode pay the cost of the transportation.

"The people whom both you and AMTRAK must attract to ride, are essentially people who are today using their cars. And, this is something from the point of view of the government - concerned with energy consumption and the pollution which cars create and with the obvious problem there is a limited amount of land out there with which you can accomodate them - that we very much want to see people traveling between cities on the most efficient method of transportation."

This has been the Transportation News Report.

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