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The U.S. Department of Transportation Broadcast News Service for Wednesday, September 5 has two stories by a Department spokesman on a new anti-truck hijacking device and a new form of urban transit.

"Transportation Secretary Claude Brinegar announced today the successful demonstration of a new electronic identification system designed to assist in the quick recovery of stolen or hijacked trucks. The unit will be monitored from the police helicopters, small aircraft and ground units. A radio signal is broadcast, activating a small electronic license plate in a specific truck, and is able to track over a quarter mile. The primary use will be to prevent truck hijackings and the theft of loaded trucks and tractor-trailers, which have contributed to annual losses of over a billion dollars."

"Three research contracts were announced today by Transportation Secretary Claude Brinegar for the first phase of the Dual Mode Transit Program. The program is directed at reducing traffic congestion and improving personal mobility within medium-to-large urban areas. The concept utilizes two methods of operation -- vehicles which are on surface streets or highways and automated on fixed guideways. Driven vehicles act as collector lines in less populated areas, feeding into access stations, where they are placed in the automatic mode for the heavier travelled urban corridors and the central business district."

This has been the Transportation News Report.

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