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The U.S. Department of Transportation Broadcast News Service for Monday, October 15, has an excerpt from Transportation Secretary Claude Brinegar's speech today before the American Transit Association in Miami Beach, Florida dealing with an upswing in public transit ridership.

"Our national commitment to the resurrection and renewal of public transit has yielded a most significant milestone in this, the fourth year of the commitment at the administration level. The annual decline in total U.S. transit ridership has stopped, or is very close to stopping, and, for the first time since the end of World War II, the trend will soon be moving upwards. Unfortunately, along with these better levels of ridership we still face the continuing dilemma of operating losses. I wish that I could say that I see a major Federal role in solving this problem, for I know how serious it is to you. Yet, in all honesty I believe that the proper Federal approach is the one we have been advocating: helping with the capital investments but not with the operating costs."

This has been the Transportation News Report. For further information dial 202-426-4333

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