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Burlington, Vermont will be the site of the next consumer hearing to be held by the Department of Transportation, Secretary of Transportation Claude S. Brinegar announced today.

Miss Ann Uccello, Director of the Department of Transportation's Consumer Affairs Office will be in Burlington on November 1 to conduct a consumer hearing.

"I believe that community involvement and the views of the individual consumer are essential to the decision-making process," Secretary Brinegar said. "These hearings are designed to find out what concerns transportation users throughout the nation."

The hearing, co-sponsored by the Environmental Program, University of Vermont and the Lake Champlain Regional Chamber of Commerce, will take place at 7:30 p.m. in the Marsh Life Science Auditorium on the University of Vermont campus in Burlington.

"I urge all students, citizens, and transportation users in all walks of life to participate in this informal hearing," Miss Uccello said. "We in the Department are interested in your thoughts and suggestions about the transportation services available to you. We welcome both prepared and spontaneous presentations."

The Department of Transportation invites comments on all aspects of transportation including:

- Auto repairs their cost and reliability;
- Mass Transportation;
- Transportation-related air and noise pollution;
- Cost relating to transportation;
- Transportation for the aged, handicapped, young and disadvantaged;

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Transportation safety;
The bicycle as a transportation mode; and
Pedestrian safety.

Vermont is the seventeenth state to be visited by the Office of Consumer Affairs. Hearings were held in Tennessee, Pennsylvania, Texas, Louisiana, Ohio, Georgia, North Carolina, New York, Colorado, Oregon, Washington, Indiana, Minnesota, North Dakota, Montana, and Rhode Island.

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