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The number of passengers traveling by aircraft, boat or auto increased during the second quarter of 1973 over a year ago, while those using rail and bus declined.

Meanwhile, the volume of freight carried by rail, aircraft, trucks and pipelines increased while water transportation had only a slight decrease.

These statistics are contained in a report of national transportation system activity prepared by the Transportation System Center of the Department of Transportation.

Attached are the comparisons, by mode, for the second three months of 1973 and the similar period of 1972:

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NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM ACTIVITY

SECOND QUARTER-1973

	Second Quarter 1972	Second Quarter 1973
PASSENGERS CARRIED		
RAILROAD (CLASS I) (PASSENGERS)	68,798,445	64,836,118
AIR (PASSENGER-MILES).....	40.43 billion	43.98 billion
BUS (CLASS I: INTERCITY (REGULAR ROUTE) PASSENGERS ONLY).....	34,014,231	32,379,529
WATER (INTERSTATE) (PASSENGERS).....	838,071	960,055
AUTOMOBILE (VEHICLE-MILES).....	257 billion	272 billion
FREIGHT CARRIED		
RAILROAD (CLASS I) (TONS).....	655,441,568	679,978,604
AIR (TON-MILES).....	1,134,700,000	1,255,900,000
HIGHWAY (CLASS I) (TONS).....	168,005,250	183,682,893
WATER (INTERSTATE) (TONS).....	42,539,937	42,062,307
PIPELINE (BARRELS).....	2,132,538,458	2,285,491,841

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