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The U.S. Department of Transportation Broadcast News Service for Wednesday, October 31 has a story on transportation consumer opinions at public hearings.

"The Department of Transportation's Director of Consumer Affairs, Ann Uccello, is in New England this week holding public hearings. Reporting on the hearing in Providence, Rhode Island, Miss Uccello commented on the prevalent desire for more inter-relationship between the different forms of transportation. On the response of the elderly she said:

"The elderly who came to the hearing want a more demand responsive transportation system at a lower cost, with more flexibility in scheduling. They find that at the present time they have to call two weeks in advance for a mini-bus to pick them up to take them to much needed medical services. Some of the elderly asked for free bus transportation altogether - some said that the free transportation should apply only during the off-peak hours.

"We heard many consumer complaints about inconsistencies of driver licensing laws around the country. Many felt that the Federal government should be involved in this area and that there should be greater uniformity in both the driver licensing requirements and in automobile inspections."

This has been the Transportation News Report.

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