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The U.S. Department of Transportation Broadcast News Service for Thursday, November 1 has a story on railroad-highway grade crossings.

"The Department of Transportation today announced the development of a system to number and inventory all railroad-highway grade crossings throughout the country. The centralized, comprehensive data system will be funded on a fifty-fifty basis by the Department and the railroad industry. Federal Highway Administrator Norbert Tiemann commented:

"Our primary interest at highway-railroad grade crossings is safety and the saving of lives -- and this cooperation between the Federal government and the railroad industry is most significant. Public and private crossings have never been identified on a systematic, national basis and without this information it is impossible to initiate a safety improvement program. By tying the information we receive from this inventory system to accident data, we will be able to pinpoint dangerous intersections -- and therefore reduce the tremendous number of deaths and injuries we suffer annually."

This has been the Transportation News Report.

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