



# DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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The U.S. Department of Transportation's Broadcast News Service for Tuesday, November 6, has a story by a Department spokesman on a new bridge inspecting device:

"The Department of Transportation's Federal Highway Administration announced today the development of a new portable bridge inspection device to be tested in nine states. The detector consists of two separate instruments, which used together can locate small hidden cracks in the structural members of steel bridges. Each unit consists of a compact electronic backpack and a hand-held sensor device. Described as a "kind of bridge inspector's stethoscope," the instruments require no complicated adjustments. They were designed to allow operators without any prior experience to use them effectively. The Federal Highway Administration is taking steps to insure that the devices can be made available for general use after testing for the inspection of the nation's approximately 300,000 steel bridges.

This has been the Transportation news report, for further information call 202 426-0648.