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The U.S. Department of Transportation Broadcast News Service for Thursday, November 29, has an actuality on safety belts, following a lead in.

The National Safety Belt Usage Conference is now in its second day of meetings in Washington. Speaking to the session Wednesday, Federal Highway Administrator Norbert Tiemann pointed out that there is already a mandatory safety belt usage requirement for all persons driving motor vehicles used in interstate commerce, it was put into effect in 1971. Administrator Tiemann noted its effectiveness.

ADMINISTRATOR TIEMANN: "Based on this information reported to the Bureau on accidents which occurred between January and July 1973, drivers of commercial vehicles who are wearing safety belts are more than four times less likely to be fatally injured if involved in an accident than those who are not wearing safety belts.

"The success of our requirements for commercial vehicles tends to suggest to me that the same success found for mandatory safety belt usage laws for automobiles in other countries could be obtained by requiring use of seat belts in automobiles in this country."

This has been the Transportation News Report.

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