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The U.S. Department of Transportation Broadcast News Service for Monday, November 5, has two cuts with Department officials. First, an actuality on a warning against the use of automotive fuel in aircraft.

The Department of Transportation's Federal Aviation Administration today warned the owners of small aircraft not to use automotive gasoline if aviation fuel shortages occur. James Campbell, Chief of the Federal Aviation Accident Prevention Program:

"The simple fact is that aircraft engines were not designed for the use of automotive gasoline and anyone who ignores this fact is headed for trouble.

Using automotive fuel in aircraft not only will damage the engine but could cause an accident as well.

I do not expect any general shortage of aviation gasoline, for small aircraft, although spot shortages could develop which might tempt a pilot to use automotive gasoline or a lower grade of aviation gasoline than that recommended by the engine manufacturer. Both temptations should be resisted."

Next, an actuality on a mass transit grant.

The U.S. Department of Transportation announced today a \$34.6 million grant to the San Francisco Bay Rapid Transit District for the purchase of additional vehicles. Urban Mass Transportation Administrator Frank Herringer commented:

"The addition of 100 new rapid transit cars, which have been designed to assure comfort and safety, will enable the BART system to carry the estimated 200,000 commuters a day who are expected to use the system by 1975. The inauguration of BART service in San Francisco on Saturday was another step toward providing full service for area commuters.

This has been the Transportation News Report. For further information on the aviation story, call 202 426-8521.