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The Department of Transportation moved today to put the National Highway Safety Program under the same Federal-State partnership arrangement which has guided the country's road-building efforts.

Secretary of Transportation John A. Volpe told the National Governors' Conference in Colorado Springs, Colorado, that the "move is in line with President Nixon's goal to transfer responsibility back to the states wherever possible."

Volpe said, "the new arrangement places more administrative control over the programs at the regional, state and local levels, but still gives the Federal Highway Administration in Washington, D.C. the opportunity to focus attention on National priorities in the safety field."

"The new order," Volpe added, "does not effect the Motor Vehicle Safety Program, a regulatory function under which the Federal Highway Administration sets safety performance standards for vehicles manufactured for sale in the United States."

"Up to now," Secretary Volpe pointed out, "the National Highway Safety Bureau has been approving all state and local community safety projects on a case by case basis."

"This new approach will authorize the states to prepare a year-long work plan for their state and local community safety programs. The monitoring of the program and the day-to-day administration will be handled by the Federal Highway Administration's Regional Office."

Federal Highway Administrator, F.C. Turner said the new arrangement is designed to bring the same sense of partnership to the safety program as exists in the road building program.

"Worked out over nearly half a century, the State-Federal road-building partnership has been described aptly as one of the finest examples of democracy at work in the world," Turner said.

Turner said he expected the new annual work program arrangement to become fully effective in Fiscal 1971. In the meantime, he said he was delegating to the Federal Highway Regional Administrators authority to approve projects in the field, thus eliminating the need for case by case approval in Washington.

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Secretary of Transportation John A. Volpe today announced an additional grant of \$157,864 to the University of Pennsylvania for the Minicar Transit System Study.

The additional grant will finance work by a study subcontractor, Minicars, Incorporated, of Santa Barbara, California. Minicars, Inc. will study terminal and maintenance subsystems, run safety tests on the minicar design, develop and install a hybrid engine in a prototype minicar and conduct a clinic to get outside opinion about the features, problems, and desirability of the system.

The Minicar Transit System (MTS) is one of several concepts for new public transportation systems being studied and developed by the Department of Transportation's Urban Mass Transportation Administration.

Carlos C. Villarreal, Urban Mass Transportation Administrator said that, "if we are going to find better urban public transportation systems, we must explore a wide range of possibilities. This study is an outgrowth of the rent-a-car approach, except that much smaller, non-polluting cars would be used, trips would be limited to metropolitan areas and cars would be readily available at many parking terminals through highly automated operations."

The experimental minicar is 9-feet long, 6 1/2 feet-wide and carries three passengers. It is powered by a hybrid internal combustion engine (40 horsepower)-electric motor (25 horsepower). It has a cruise speed of 60 miles per hour and a range of 200 miles on the hybrid engine or 2.5 miles on the electric motor if used exclusively.

Specifications of the MTS concept are being worked out in detail so that economics and operating problems can be fully accessed. Some prototype development work, mostly on the vehicle itself, has been started. The conceptual phase should be completed by the summer of 1970 and the Department will then consider whether a prototype demonstration should be tried.

Project No. PA-MTD-8

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Secretary of Transportation John A. Volpe today announced "a broad and innovative research and development effort" to provide improved transportation systems for Atlanta, Dallas, Denver, Pittsburgh, and Seattle.

The program is the second phase of the Department of Transportation's Center City Transportation Project. The first phase, completed in June, was a survey of the transportation problems in each city. Phase three will be the implementation of the systems which are developed.

"What is done here," Volpe said, "will also provide examples of what can be done to improve transportation in cities across the Nation."

The project is funded by the Department's Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA). The work is being done by a group of four consulting firms -- Arthur D. Little, Skidmore, Owings and Merrill, Real Estate Research Corporation and Wilbur Smith and Associates. A \$1.5 million grant was made last March to begin the project and UMTA has made an additional grant of \$900 thousand to carry the project through phase two.

Urban Mass Transportation Administrator Carlos C. Villarreal said that "If there is to be a real prospect of carrying out phase three of the project, there has to be community involvement in the planning process. In each of the five cities we have that involvement."

Villarreal said UMTA would release a report on the phase on findings in about six or eight weeks.

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OPENING REMARKS DELIVERED BY SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION JOHN A. VOLPE AT A JOINT NEWS CONFERENCE WITH SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR WALTER L. HICKEL AND FLORIDA GOVERNOR CLAUDE R. KIRK, JR., ON THE PROPOSED MIAMI JETPORT, WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 1969

"I have just concluded a most productive meeting with Secretary Hickel and Governor Kirk on the Miami Airport controversy.

"We have agreed that the Everglades National Park should not and will not be damaged. We believe that a training facility which is the only thing that has been constructed can -- with proper safeguards -- be utilized without having an adverse environmental impact on the ecology of the Everglades. However the question of a commercial airport at that location is very doubtful and needs much further study.

"The issue involved is really the quality and quantity of the water which reaches the Everglades National Park and the effects the supply of water would have on the entire Southern Florida Area. The joint Transportation/Interior task force will continue to evaluate the problems and they are being instructed to make positive recommendations as to how the Park can best be protected.

"The three of us are convinced that an acceptable solution must be found including the seeking of alternative sites.

"Our Departments will work closely with Governor Kirk, Dade County officials and all concerned officials and citizens to this end in line with President Nixon's new federalism."

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Secretary of Transportation John A. Volpe today announced the appointment of Douglas Toms of Olympia, Washington, as special consultant to the Secretary for highway safety.

Mr. Toms, 39, is currently Director of the Department of Motor Vehicles for the State of Washington, has been granted a 60-day leave of absence to work with Secretary Volpe and the Acting Director of the Highway Safety Bureau, Dr. Robert Brenner, to review the present organization and programs of the Bureau and to develop recommendations for the Secretary.

Mr. Toms holds a B.S. in Economics, an M.A. in Traffic Administration, and has completed all work except the dissertation toward a Ph.D. with the emphasis in Traffic Administration at Michigan State University.

He has been a college professor in Los Angeles, and a partner in a consulting firm. Later this month Toms will assume the Presidency of the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators.

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Air traffic controllers, employee organizations, and others interested in the personnel problems of the controllers have been invited to submit written comments to a special Department of Transportation committee studying the problem.

John J. Corson, Chairman of the committee, said the group plans to hold informal meetings with spokesmen for interested parties sometime later in the study.

Secretary of Transportation John A. Volpe set up the seven-member panel in July to review career needs and other personnel problems of air traffic controllers who are responsible for operating the Nation's air traffic system. The Department's Federal Aviation Administration employs about 16,000 controllers.

Corson said the Committee's first order of business is to review and better understand the system in which controllers operate. That orientation began earlier this month with visits to two of the Nation's busiest air traffic control facilities -- Washington National Airport and the Leesburg(Virginia) Air Route Traffic Control Center.

Over the next several weeks, the Committee will visit various air terminals, flight service stations and control centers.

"The Committee is impressed with the complexity and importance of the Controllers' work," Corson said, "and feels that it will be able to provide concrete suggestions to make it a more attractive career."

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Secretary of Transportation John A. Volpe today lunched with 15 Italian students from the home district of his parents and explained the role of the Department of Transportation.

The students are in the United States on a two-week visit and requested the meeting with Secretary Volpe, the son of immigrant parents from Italy's Abruzzi District.

Secretary Volpe pointed out that the Department of Transportation's mission is to promote transportation safety and "to restore balance to the transportation picture." He noted that travel by auto and airplane is increasing daily, while the number of people riding trains and transit systems are declining.

"I hope, consequently, when you return home and talk about America that you will tell your friends and neighbors that our problems over here are the problems of success," Secretary Volpe said.

The Secretary spoke to the youths following lunch in the Secretary's dining room at the Department of Transportation building.

Secretary Volpe will visit Pescara, Abruzzi, home of the students on October 15, when he makes an official visit to Italy.

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President Richard M. Nixon today announced that Secretary of Transportation John A. Volpe will officially represent the United States on visits to Spain, Italy and the United Kingdom. The President also stated that Secretary Volpe will be his official representative for a visit with Pope Paul VI at the Vatican on October 4.

Secretary Volpe is the first cabinet member designated by President Nixon for an official visit to the Vatican.

During his European trip, on which he will be accompanied by Dr. Paul Cherington, Assistant Secretary for Policy and International Affairs, Secretary Volpe will address the Congress of the International Institute of Communications at Genoa and confer with the Transportation Ministers of Italy, Spain, and Great Britain.

Leaving Washington on September 29, the Secretary's first stop will be Madrid where he will meet with Spain's Minister of Public Works Silva Munoz to discuss mutual transportation problems.

In Rome, Secretary Volpe will call on Italy's President Guiseppe Saragat, Prime Minister Mariano Rumor, Foreign Minister Aldo Moro, and Transport Minister Remo Gaspari.

On October 4, after an audience with Pope Paul VI and a visit with Cardinal Secretary of State Villot, Secretary Volpe will visit Naples, Pescara, Pesconsensonesca, Milan and Geona.

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In Pesconsensonesca, in the Province of Abruzzi, Secretary Volpe will revisit the home of his late parents.

In Milan, the Secretary will visit the mayor, confer with transport officials and inspect the city's new subway.

He will address the Congress of the International Institute of Communications meeting in Genoa on October 8.

In London on October 9, Secretary Volpe will engage in a two-day round of conferences with the United Kingdom's Minister of Transport Richard Marsh and other senior British transportation officials.

Secretary Volpe will return to Washington on October 11.

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I T I N E R A R Y

Secretary of Transportation John A. Volpe

European Trip 9/29 - 10/11

Monday, September 29

8:00 A.M. Depart Washington National Airport
10:00 P.M. Arrive Madrid Civil Airport (Barajas)

Tuesday, September 30

9:30 A.M. Meeting with Paul Temple, National President,
American Chamber of Commerce at U.S. Embassy

Mid-morning meeting at Ministry of Public Works
with Minister Silva Munoz

Meeting with Spanish Air Ministry to discuss
Airport/Airways

Wednesday, October 1

9:00 A.M. Depart Madrid
11:00 A.M. Arrive Rome

Call on President Guiseppe Saragat and
Foreign Minister Aldo Moro

Meeting with Minister of Transport
Remo Gaspari

Thursday, October 2

Continue meetings with Italian Officials

Friday, October 3

Call on Prime Minister Mariano Rumor and
President of Senate Amatore Fanfani

Saturday, October 4

Audience with Pope Paul VI and other Vatican
officials

Depart for Naples

Arrive Naples

Sunday, October 5

9:00 A.M. Depart Naples

9:45 A.M. Arrive Pescara. After visit with Pescara
officials, motor to Pescosensonesco

11:15 A.M. Arrive Pescosensonesco

3:00 P.M. Depart Pescosensonesco

3:45 P.M. Arrive Pescara

4:00 P.M. Depart Pescara

5:00 P.M. Arrive Milan

Monday, October 6

Meeting with Transport Officials of
Milan

Visit to Milan's new subway.

Tuesday, October 7

2:00 P.M. Depart Milan

2:30 P.M. Arrive Genoa

Tour Genoa Harbor

Call on Prefect and Mayor of Genoa

Wednesday, October 8

10:00 A.M. Address the Congress of the International
Institute of Communications

Thursday, October 9

9:00 A.M. Depart Genoa

11:00 A.M. Arrive London

Luncheon with Minister of Transport Richard Marsh

Meetings with United Kingdom Transport Officials

Friday, October 10

Meetings with United Kingdom Ministry of Technology
Officials

Saturday, October 11

9:00 A.M. Depart London

2:00 P.M. Arrive Washington, D.C.



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Secretary of Transportation John A. Volpe announced today that President Nixon will ask Congress to appropriate \$662 million over a five-year period to assist in the development of a supersonic transport (SST) aircraft.

Including a \$99 million carryover, funds already appropriated but not spent, the Federal government would spend an estimated \$761 million through fiscal year 1974 to construct and flight test two prototype models of the Boeing Company SST.

Total cost for developing the SST is estimated at \$1.5 billion, with Federal government participation amounting to \$1.3 billion. The Federal government's investment would be repaid from the proceeds of the SST sales. Complete repayment is anticipated with the sale of approximately 300 SST's.

Secretary Volpe said that because of the sonic boom, the SST now under development would be restricted to subsonic flights overland.

The Boeing SST would be capable of carrying 300 passengers at speeds up to 1,800 miles per hour.

A breakdown of the financing of the SST development is printed on the back of this sheet.

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SST FUNDING FACTS
(Millions)

	<u>GOVERNMENT</u>	<u>BOEING</u>	<u>GENERAL ELECTRIC</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>AIRLINES</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Phase I & II (Planning) R&D & Design Competition	<u>\$291.0</u>	<u>\$ 9.2</u>	<u>\$ 7.6</u>		<u>\$ 22.4*</u>	<u>\$ 307.8</u>
Phase III (Prototype Design & Construction)						
Appropriated to Date	332.3	17.8	16.3	\$ 366.4	59.5	425.9
Future Approp.						
<u>Gov't. NOA</u>						
FY-70 \$ 96.0)						
FY-71 314.0)						
FY-72 189.0)	<u>662.0</u>	<u>87.2</u>	<u>31.7</u>	<u>780.9</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>780.9</u>
FY-73 48.0)						
FY-74 15.0)						
Total Phase III	<u>\$994.3</u>	<u>\$105.0**</u>	<u>\$ 48.0**</u>	<u>\$1147.3</u>	<u>\$ 59.5</u>	<u>\$1206.8</u>
Carryover:	JUNE 30	SEPTEMBER 30				
	\$ 99.0	\$ 74.0				

* Delivery Deposits in Treasury

** In addition, the manufacturers' will invest approximately \$55 million in new SST facilities plus underwriting normal commercial costs.



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Secretary of Transportation John A. Volpe today took steps to make available immediately the \$37.4 million of Federal matching funds to the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) for initial work on the area's rail rapid transit system.

Representative William H. Natcher, Chairman of the House District Appropriations Subcommittee, Wednesday released to the District of Columbia its share of the initial construction funds.

Volpe said, "I am gratified by the action of Representative Natcher and his Committee which enables WMATA to proceed expeditiously with the vitally needed rapid transit system for the citizens of the District, Virginia and Maryland. We are now moving ahead on all essential transportation projects -- both highway and rapid transit -- with the objective of providing as quickly as possible a balanced and coordinated system of urban and suburban transportation.

"The resolution of the transportation impasse, which has long prevented progress in the Washington metropolitan area, is the result of personal involvement by President Nixon and his staff as well as many hours of effort by my own staff, by Congressman Natcher and the members and staff of the House Public Works Committee, members of Congress from the Washington area, Mayor Washington and Deputy Mayor Fletcher, Chairman Hahn and the members of the D.C. City Council, the officers of the WMATA and many other private groups and individuals.

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"What this progress demonstrates is that men of reason and good will can apply their efforts to the most difficult of problems and achieve results in the best public interest.

"The transportation needs of the District and the metropolitan area will continue to require serious attention and energy by all parties now and in the years ahead. It is my hope and expectation that they will be met and resolved in a spirit of cooperation rather than confrontation."

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Secretary of Transportation John A. Volpe today announced the membership of a newly-established Interagency Emergency Transportation Committee.

The committee, established by the Department of Transportation last August 6, provides Federal transportation agency officials with a forum for resolving mutual problems and developing consistent policies and practices in transportation planning for defense and other emergencies.

The committee is essentially a continuation of an informal group which has functioned on an ad hoc basis for the past several years.

Committee Membership

Department of Transportation

Office of Emergency Transportation

Principal -- John L. McGruder (Chairman)
Alternate -- William J. Lettice
Alternate -- A.W. Lyon

United States Coast Guard

Principal -- Capt. Donby J. Mathieu, U.S.C.G.
Alternate -- Crd. Lawrence C. Kindbon, U.S.C.G.

Federal Aviation Administration

Principal -- Capt. Robert A. Sweatt, U.S.N.
Alternate -- C. Browning Walter

Federal Highway Administration

Principal -- Sylvester E. Ridge

Federal Railroad Administration

Principal -- Henry E. Libby

Urban Mass Transportation Administration

Principal -- William Boswell
Alternate -- Alexander Abraham

Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation

Principal -- John B. Adams

National Transportation Safety Board

Principal -- Lloyd F. Miller

Civil Aeronautics Board

Principal -- J. C. Constantz
Alternate -- Joseph F. Laufer

Department of the Interior

Principal -- Fred P. Hobart
Alternate -- Robert E. Day

Interstate Commerce Commission

Principal -- Thomas J. Byrne
Alternate -- William F. Sibbald, Jr.

Department of Commerce

Maritime Administration

Principal -- Walter B. Chambers
Alternate -- Albert M. Eckert

Office of Emergency Preparedness

Observer -- Charles S. Kise

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Secretary of Transportation John A. Volpe will leave Monday for Spain on the first leg of a European trip to three nations and the Vatican.

Secretary Volpe will represent the United States in visits to Spain, Italy and the United Kingdom and as the official representative of President Richard M. Nixon during an audience with Pope Paul VI at the Vatican.

The Italian Ambassador to the United States Egidio Ortano will be at Washington National Airport Monday morning to see Secretary Volpe off at 8 A.M.

Secretary Volpe will be accompanied by Dr. Paul Cherington, Assistant Secretary of Transportation for Policy and International Affairs. The two will discuss mutual transportation problems with the Transportation Ministers of Spain, Italy, and Great Britain.

The Secretary's first stop will be Madrid where he will meet with Spain's Minister of Public Works Silva Munoz.

In Rome, Secretary Volpe will meet with President of Italy Giuseppe Saragat, Prime Minister Mariano Rumor, Foreign Minister Aldo Moro and Transport Minister Remo Gaspari.

Secretary Volpe will have an audience with Pope Paul VI on October 4 and a visit with Cardinal Secretary of State Villot, followed by trips to Naples, Pescara, Pesconsensonesco, Milan and Genoa.

Pesconsensonesco, in the Italian Province of Abruzzi, is the former home of Secretary Volpe's late parents.

In addition to meeting with transport officials in Milan and an address to the Milan Chamber of Commerce, Secretary Volpe will inspect the City's new subway and address the Congress of the International Institute of Communications in Genoa on October 8.

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On October 9, Secretary Volpe will begin a two-day series of conferences in London with the United Kingdom's Minister of Transport Richard Marsh and other senior British transportation officials.

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Secretary of Transportation John A. Volpe today announced a \$1,573,722 Federal grant to the Mercer County Improvement Authority which will prevent a threatened public transit crises in Trenton, N.J., and surrounding area.

Although offered a temporary operating subsidy, Capital Transit Inc., operator of the bus transit system serving the area has announced its intention to discontinue service.

The Federal grant will enable the Mercer County Improvement Authority to acquire the assets of Capital Transit Inc., and to purchase 20 new 45-passenger buses.

Also planned is substantial improvement of the maintenance and garage facilities of the transit system and repairs to the Perry Street bus terminal.

"Dumping Mercer County's 20,000 bus passengers on the highways is a self-defeating action in this day of critical highway congestion," Secretary Volpe said.

"The improvement of public transit systems such as Trenton's is a major objective of the proposed public transportation bill now before the Congress, which I hope will get favorable consideration."

The grant was made by the Department of Transportation's Urban Mass Transportation Administration, headed by Carlos C. Villarreal.

It is limited at this time to one-half of the project cost of \$2,360,584. An additional grant of \$393,430 will be available to the Mercer County Improvement Authority upon completion of the Delaware Valley regional transportation planning program.

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