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Secretary of Transportation John A. Volpe today released a report, Passenger Processing and Baggage Handling, prepared for the Department by The Ralph M. Parsons Company of Los Angeles.

"Transportation technology has made great strides in reducing the en route time of the traveler on common carriers," Secretary Volpe said. "But the failure of ancilliary services such as reservations, ticketing and baggage handling, to keep pace creates inconvenience, congestion and delay.

"This study is part of the effort by the Department of Transportation's Office of Facilitation, to crack these bottlenecks for the traveler," the Secretary said. "The results of this study will be of considerable value to the work of the Department's new Office of Consumer Affairs, as well as to all modes of transportation."

The report describes current methods and trends in ticketing, reservations and baggage handling in the major commercial modes of travel -- bus, rail, ship and air -- with emphasis on air travel.

Provisions for intermodal processing of tickets and baggage are nonexistent, the study found.

The airlines lead other modes in effective use of present passenger processing technology, particularly in automated reservation systems. But, despite installation of newer equipment, the most apparent need for improved baggage handling is found at air terminals.

A common airline reservation system for travel agents to complement those of the carriers is needed, is possible and should be implemented, according to the study. A system of this type would be a major step toward realization of an intermodal ticketing and reservation capability.

Automated ticketing coordinated with reservations systems, departure control systems, credit verification and accounting operations can be developed to expedite passenger processing and reduce costs, the study reports.

With realization of automated ticketing and remote data processing, common intermodal ticketing will become feasible although its practicality may be questioned. It is possible that remote processing of ticketing documentation could be attained without requiring any major technological innovations.

The study predicts improvement in passenger processing will result from increased use of high speed communication links, standardization of symbology and information display devices, and by decentralizing check-in locations to terminal parking areas and off-airport sites.

Although the airlines have made improvements in baggage handling methods in the effort to keep pace with the growth of the air travel industry, the development of new equipment and systems lags behind advances in aircraft technology.

Projecting an increase of enplaning passengers from 159.2 million in 1969 to 471.5 million in 1980, the report states: "Spiraling labor costs will necessitate the development of highly mechanized -- if not totally automated -- baggage handling systems. New equipment designed for high density airports will require computer controlled, high speed unitized systems to function effectively. It will be more important than ever before to consider functional flows of baggage when designing new terminal facilities."

Copies of Passenger Processing and Baggage Handling may be obtained from the National Technical Information Service, Springfield, Virginia 22151.

Part I, Passenger Reservations and Ticketing, DOT/OS-00062-A, cost \$3.00.

Part II, Baggage Handling, DOT/OS-00062-B, cost \$3.00.



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The U.S. Department of Transportation today made a grant of more than \$7.7 million to the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) of New York for track improvements on the Long Island Rail Road's commuter lines.

The \$7,709,887 grant, made by the Department's Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA), will cover two-thirds of the cost of upgrading 50 track miles of Long Island commuter routes. Track improvements will be made from Harold Tower to Mineola, Huntington to Northport and Hicksville to Pinelawn, according to Secretary of Transportation John A. Volpe.

Local contributions of \$3.8 million from the Long Island will cover the remaining one-third of the \$11.6 million project. When completed one year from now, the track improvement program will allow 620 new high-performance Long Island commuter cars to operate on the tracks at speeds up to 100 miles an hour.

"Heavy-duty welded rails and additional railroad ties, along with higher ballast standards, are necessary to improve the riding quality of high-speed trains and commuter cars," Secretary Volpe said.

Administrator Carlos C. Villarreal of UMTA said "this grant is part of our nationwide program to upgrade and improve commuter rail systems so that the public will find mass transit more attractive and useful to them."

The Long Island track improvement program includes the purchase and installation of a rail-welding plant for the railroad and the purchase of track maintenance machinery. Long Island Rail Road workers will carry out the track replacement project.



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Secretary of Transportation John A. Volpe saluted the more than 800 members of the Armed Forces who served as sky marshals during the past eight months and have now been completely replaced by civilian sky marshals.

In a letter to Secretary of Defense Melvin R. Laird, Secretary Volpe extended the Department of Transportation's appreciation for Department of Defense contribution to the safety of air commerce.

"Anonymous, sitting alone with an awesome responsibility for the lives of hundreds of airborne passengers, these volunteers from the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps added another proud chapter to their long traditions," Secretary Volpe stated.

The Department of Transportation's Federal Aviation Administration started using military sky marshals last October. In September, President Nixon, responding to attacks on United States civil aircraft by terrorists, ordered the creation of a force of sky marshals and appointed Lieutenant General Benjamin O. Davis, Jr. (USAF, Ret.) to direct the Federal government's efforts against air piracy. General Davis' new Office of Civil Aviation Security was placed directly under the Secretary of Transportation.

President Nixon's order to put armed guards on airliners was immediately met by drawing on law enforcement officers from the Federal Aviation Administration, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Bureau of Customs, the Secret Service, and the Internal Revenue Service. These agencies, however, did not have sufficient available manpower to provide the needed protection for an extensive period.

Noting that the military personnel served much longer than their original 90-day commitment, Secretary Volpe told Secretary Laird, "As a result of these efforts the Department of the Treasury has had the necessary time to recruit and train a well qualified force of civilian sky marshals."

Civilian sky marshals began graduating from the Treasury Department's four weeks Air Security Officers School late in December at a rate of about 60 per week. Initially, they replaced the civilians from other agencies and then began replacing the military personnel.



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Secretary of Transportation John A. Volpe will deliver the keynote speech at the opening session of a series of conferences, "The Cargo Security Crisis -- Meeting the Challenge," to be held June 17-18 at the Mayflower Hotel in Washington, D. C.

The conferences will be jointly sponsored by the Department of Transportation and the Transportation Association of America. The second session will be held July 6-7.

"The responsiveness of government, industry and labor officials at all levels to our invitation to participate in this series of conferences is indicative of the increased awareness of the severity of the cargo security crisis -- especially the pervasive inroads of organized crime -- that faces the U.S. transportation industry," Secretary Volpe said.

"I am especially pleased," the Secretary said, "that Senators Alan Bible and Warren Magnuson will address the June sessions of the conference. They have provided outstanding leadership in the investigation of the penetration of crime in transportation and have done much to bring about public awareness of this grave problem."

The overall purpose of the Cargo Security Conference is to define the responsibilities of government and industry for corrective and preventive actions and to identify the roles of government agencies at all levels that will best lead to an effective and coordinated cargo security program.

The two-day June session will be devoted to discussion of government's responsibilities. The July sessions will concentrate on the responsibilities of transportation management and labor.

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All Federal agencies having administrative, policy or regulative responsibilities for the shipment of cargo will participate in the June 17-18 sessions along with representatives of state and local government.

In addition to Secretary Volpe and Senators Bible and Magnuson, the following persons will participate in and address the June sessions of the conference:

- Richard G. Kleindienst, Deputy Attorney General of the United States.
- Eugene T. Rossides, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Enforcement and Operations.
- Major General Clarence J. Lang, Commander of Military Traffic Management and Terminal Service in the Department of Defense.
- George C. Ross, Director of the Personnel and Security Investigations Division in the U.S. Postal Service.
- Robert J. Blackwell, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Maritime Affairs.
- Dr. Willard J. Garvin, Assistant Administrator for Planning, Research and Analysis in the Small Business Administration.
- William B. Foote, Deputy Commissioner for Transportation in the General Services Administration.
- Robert J. Sherer, Director of the Bureau of Economics at the Civil Aeronautics Board.
- Robert S. Pitzer, Director of the Bureau of Enforcement at the Federal Maritime Commission.
- Bernard A. Gould, Director of the Bureau of Enforcement at the Interstate Commerce Commission.
- Paul J. Curran, Chairman of the Commission of Investigation for the State of New York.
- Lewis E. Brown, Administrator of the Cargo Protection Council of Southern California.

A copy of the program for the June 17-18 sessions is attached.

Reservations for attending the Cargo Security Conference may be made by contacting Edward Sanbourn at the Transportation Association of America, 1101 17th Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. 20036, telephone: (202) 296-2470.

NOTE TO EDITORS: Media representatives wishing to attend either or both of the June sessions should contact William W. Bishop in the Office of Public Affairs at the Department of Transportation, Washington, D. C. 20590, telephone: (202) 426-4321 -- no later than June 15.



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Secretary of Transportation John A. Volpe today announced that the Department of Transportation has asked Congress for authority to guarantee up to \$1.2 billion of obligations incurred by the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) for building the METRO transit system.

The proposed legislation would also authorize the Secretary to pay one-quarter of the net interest cost of guaranteed obligations and would remove the present six percent ceiling on interest rates.

"We have thoroughly examined the various alternatives for WMATA's long-term financing and find that the guarantee of obligations is the most feasible method," Secretary Volpe said. "Federal guarantees are particularly appropriate for the METRO system since the Federal government is a substantial contributor of construction funds and, because it is the area's largest employer, it will be a substantial beneficiary of the system."

The proposed legislation would authorize the Secretary of Transportation to guarantee, upon such terms and conditions as he may prescribe, payment of bonds or other obligations, including interest. No guarantee would be made unless the Secretary finds that the obligation represents an acceptable financial risk to the United States.

Interest on the guaranteed obligations would be subject to Federal income tax.

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Secretary of Transportation John A. Volpe today announced the signing of a \$58,000 contract with Match Institution to develop a manual on citizen participation in transportation planning.

Match Institution, a minority-owned consulting firm of Washington, D.C., is headed by Timothy Jenkins.

In announcing the grant, Secretary Volpe said, "many of the problems that the Department has found itself involved in during recent years, I feel, could have been avoided if the citizens had been aware of the transportation projects at the earlier planning stages.

"Much of the new legislation and government regulations evidence an increasing awareness that Federally-aided projects must be planned with the appropriate attention to social environmental factors.

"I am hopeful that the role of the citizen through participation in public hearings and consultation with public officials will be spelled out in the proposed manual.

"There is a need for citizens and public officials alike to be fully cognizant of citizen participation in transportation projects, which are being developed in the public interest," the Secretary said.

Herbert F. DeSimone, Assistant Secretary for Environment and Urban Systems said, "Match Institution will research, write and illustrate a practical manual on the influence that citizens wield in transportation decisions. It will be available to public officials and citizens.

The contract was negotiated under the Office of Minority Business Enterprise Program with the Small Business Administration in support of President Nixon's desire to encourage contracts with minority-owned firms. The Office of Environment and Urban Systems will coordinate the project.

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Government and industry today joined in the effort to save U.S. shippers and carriers in domestic and international commerce an estimated \$1.2 billion annually by developing a uniform intermodal commodity description and code system.

Secretary of Transportation John A. Volpe awarded a contract to the Transportation Data Coordinating Committee to develop such a system based upon the Standard Transportation Commodity Code of the Association of American Railroads.

"At this time, a single cargo shipment may be redescribed during documentation as many as 17 times in order to satisfy industry and government requirements imposed on transportation from point of origin to point of exportation," Secretary Volpe said.

"This joint effort by Government and industry will eliminate much of this wasteful and expensive duplicative work," the Secretary said.

The International Customs Cooperation Council has agreed to follow the United States' approach to standardization by developing an international commodity description and code system and incorporating the descriptions needed by U.S. transportation interests.

The Transportation Data Coordinating Committee is a non-profit organization established by U.S. industry to develop standard automation techniques for transportation.

The commodity description and code system to be jointly developed by the Department of Transportation and the Transportation Data Coordinating Committee will:

Simplify and improve the process of describing commodities for domestic and international shippers;

Permit wider use of automatic data processing and rapid data communication;

Reduce need for redescribing the same commodities to meet the varying requirements of numerous existing systems;

Permit conversion of U.S. commodity descriptions to meet foreign, governmental, operational and language requirements.

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Secretary of Transportation John A. Volpe on Thursday will outline a program of deterrent techniques to curb the problem of crime in transportation and to strengthen cargo security systems.

Secretary Volpe will be the keynote speaker at the opening session of a series of conferences, "The Cargo Security Crises -- Meeting the Challenge", to be held June 17-18 at the Mayflower Hotel in Washington, D.C.

The conferences will be jointly sponsored by the Department of Transportation and the Transportation Association of America. The second session will be held July 6-7.

"Government and industry have been slow at all levels to meet the challenge of cargo security realities," Secretary Volpe said.

"This conference confirms our resolve. It is time that all government agencies and industry got together to define our capabilities, our responsibilities and our mutual interests. I expect a new era of coordination and cooperation to evolve from these meetings," the Secretary said.

Harold F. Hammond, President of the Transportation Association of America, said of the jointly sponsored DOT-TAA conferences:

"These conferences represent a significant step forward in government's and industry's efforts to find the solutions to a major transportation problem.

"The end result should be an effective national cargo security program that will afford the shipper maximum security for his goods -- both in transit and storage."

Senator Warren Magnuson (D., Washington) will be the luncheon speaker at the June 17 session of the Cargo Security Conference.

Senator Alan Bible (D., Nevada) will be the luncheon speaker at the July 18 session.

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In addition to Secretary Volpe and Senators Bible and Magnuson the following persons will address and participate in the June sessions of the conference:

- Henry E. Peterson, Deputy Assistant Attorney General of the Criminal Division -- Justice Department.
- Eugene T. Rossides, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Enforcement and Operations.
- Major General Clarence J. Lang, Commander of Military Traffic Management and Terminal Service in the Department of Defense.
- George C. Ross, Director of the Personnel and Security Investigations Division in the U.S. Postal Service.
- Robert J. Blackwell, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Maritime Affairs.
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-- Lewis E. Brown, Administrator of the Cargo Protection Council of Southern California

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Secretary of Transportation John A. Volpe today commended two sky marshals and two Piedmont Airlines pilots for stopping an alleged attempted hijacking at Winston-Salem, North Carolina, on June 17.

"This was the first time sky marshals have confronted such a situation," Secretary Volpe said. "Most important," the Secretary said, "of the last five attempts to hijack U.S. airliners, four have been thwarted and the hijackers are in custody. This is excellent testimony of the resourcefulness, training and dedication of the people involved in civil aviation security." Previous hijacking attempts have been thwarted by trained airline crew members or ground security forces.

Involved in the Winston-Salem incident were sky marshals Raymond Ciccolilli and William Fischer and Piedmont pilots L. M. Fox and Warren Tadlock. "These men used their wits and courage to overcome a dangerous situation," Secretary Volpe said.

Shortly before midnight Thursday, Secretary Volpe related, a man boarded a Piedmont 737 which had terminated in Winston-Salem after everyone except Capt. Fox had left. The intruder carried a flight bag which he claimed contained high explosives. He demanded that the plane take off for Cuba. Notified of the demand, Piedmont's operations officer called Chief Pilot Tadlock and the two sky marshals, who were on crew rest in a nearby motel.

While Tadlock boarded the aircraft by the steps, Fischer slipped on board through a service opening. The intruder made Tadlock lie on the floor at his feet and told Ciccolilli that he could not come aboard. As Ciccolilli reasoned with the intruder, Tadlock grabbed the flight bag. Ciccolilli and Fischer then rushed the intruder and took him into custody.

"There were no explosives in the bag -- there usually aren't" Secretary Volpe said, "but 'usually' doesn't comfort the people trying to stop a hijacker. This incident points up the fact that there are no off-duty hours from responsibility. These men responded quickly to an emergency situation and prevented it from becoming a major incident."

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Secretary of Transportation John A. Volpe today announced that Washington radio stations WMAL and WWDC will provide aerial traffic control advisory service for the U. S. International Transportation Exposition to be held at Dulles International Airport May 27 through June 4, 1972.

"Harold Green, WMAL manager, and William Sanders, manager of WWDC, have very generously agreed to donate the services of their pilots and helicopters to fly 'top cover' for us," Secretary Volpe said. "This public spirited gesture will enable Exposition patrons -- exhibitors and the public at large -- to select the best routes for swift, safe access to and from the Exposition site at Dulles."

The radio station helicopters, a familiar rush hour sight morning and night in the skies over the Washington metropolitan area, will patrol the road network to Dulles continuously during peak traffic hours during weekend "show" days, May 29, 30 and 31, and June 3 and 4.

Each station will operate its copter six hours a day. Observers will broadcast one to two minutes of specialized USITE-72 traffic information on AM frequencies every 15 minutes. When not on the air for public broadcast, the aircraft will continue to transmit traffic information to a central ground traffic control monitor for use by police. WMAL and WWDC have agreed to allow other radio stations to use their reports on request.

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"This is help to people throughout the Washington area, in the best tradition of radio public service," said USITE Managing Director Chester C. Spurgeon. "The helicopters will give us an accurate, instantaneous view of traffic as it develops and will enable us to direct and channel it to avoid inconvenience to those attending the Exposition."

Spurgeon expects more than one million visitors at the 10-day Exposition, with crowds of 300,000 on peak weekend days. There will be parking spaces for 49,000 automobiles and 600 chartered buses.

Secretary Volpe has described the Exposition as the largest showcase in the world for transportation products and technology. The Exposition grounds will cover 300 acres, with a minimum of 310,000 square feet of covered exhibit space and 1,000,000 square feet for outdoor displays. Major construction for the Exposition is designed to become a permanent part of the Dulles airport complex.

Included in the Exposition will be new and innovative land and water transportation equipment of all descriptions, such as research vehicles, magnetic suspension high-speed trains, the latest automated freight handling equipment, new aircraft and propulsion systems, and communications employed in transportation. Airport and terminal designs, encompassing compatible land use concepts, also will be on display.

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Secretary of Transportation John A. Volpe has sent to Congress what he considers keystone legislation in his continuing program to make car owners more aware of the safety and damageability of their automobiles.

The Automobile Owners Information Act of 1971 would amend the 1966 National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act to authorize the Department of Transportation to inform the public which makes and models or groups of cars were safest and most resistant to damage. It also would authorize the Department to determine the extent to which insurance companies were taking such information into consideration when setting rates.

A key element in the legislation would require insurance companies to furnish accident claim data for passenger car damage and personal injury. This data would provide a more realistic picture of auto damageability, the Secretary noted, by tracing the accident record of recent model-year cars.

"The ability of the consumer to differentiate between levels of safety and resistance to damage by make, model and year of car has been limited by a lack of objective data and information," Secretary Volpe said. "This legislation should provide the means to close that information gap."

Passage of such legislation, he added, would help the Department induce insurance companies to grant lower rates for those cars with better safety records and those which best resist damage.

The proposed legislation authorizes the Secretary to conduct a study of the best ways of issuing the consumer information on cars. It also authorizes him to gather information from auto manufacturers not only as to their current activities in this program area but also how they have acted to lessen the damageability without sacrificing safety.

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It further authorizes the Secretary to conduct necessary research and testing, including crash-testing. Not all makes and models of cars would be crash-tested, however, because of prohibitive costs. Instead, representative cars would be tested.

Results of these tests would be made available to the manufacturer 30 days prior to their release to the public. The manufacturer then would have the opportunity to comment. A similar arrangement would be provided for the insurance rate information.

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Secretary of Transportation John A. Volpe announced that the Department's Airport Development Grant Program for fiscal year 1972 will be increased by \$75 million. This will provide a total obligational level of \$280 million in FY 1972 which is \$110 million more than the FY 1971 level. Under the provisions of the Airport and Airway Development Act of 1970, these funds will provide the fifty percent Federal share for improving, constructing or repairing commercial and general aviation public airports in the U.S. and its Territories. The Secretary stated that as a result of nearly one year of experience in managing this grant program, he is confident that this increased level can be successfully carried out. He also stated that the Department expects to continue the program at the \$280 million annual obligational level.

In addition to the \$280 million available for airport development, \$15 million is available annually for airport planning purposes.

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Secretary of Transportation John A. Volpe announced the appointment of 4 new members and the reappointment of a former member to his Urban Transportation Advisory Council.

Secretary Volpe is Chairman of the Council which is sponsored by the Assistant Secretary for Environment and Urban Systems.

The Council's new members are:

Louis J. Gambaccini, Director of Rail Transportation, Port of New York Authority and President, Port Authority Trans-Hudson of New York;

Paul McGowan, Washington, D.C. attorney and former Legislative Assistant to Representative Edward Boland of Massachusetts;

C. S. Harding Mott, President of Charles Stewart Foundation of Flint, Michigan; and

Bryce W. Wyman, General Electric Corporation, Vice President and General Manager of its Transportation Business Systems Division. Mr. Wyman has been a member of the Governor of Pennsylvania's Committee on Transportation, Chairman of Transport Technology Committee of the Transportation Association of America, and a member of the Board of the Railway Progress Institute.

Reappointed is John Paul Jones, President of the Cincinnati Transit Incorporated and former President of the American Transit Association, to the Advisory Council.

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At the Council's next meeting on June 22, Secretary Volpe will administer the oath to Messrs. Jones, Bambaccini, McGowan, Mott, Wyman and J. Erik Jonsson, former Mayor of Dallas who was named to the Council earlier this year.

The Urban Transportation Advisory Council support the Secretary of Transportation in identifying and suggesting resolutions for problems in urban transportation systems. The membership represents a high level of state and local as well as public and private interests in urban transportation and urban transportation planning.

Secretary Volpe has said that, "the Council, representing a broad national cross-section of urban transportation interests, reflects one of the Department's efforts to bring local decision-makers and transportation opinion molders into the Department's focus on transportation planning. We believe that the Council gives a voice to the role of citizens and communities in transportation planning at a significant level."

Other members of the Urban Transportation Advisory Council are: Edmund N. Bacon, Planner, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Honorable J. D. Braman, former Mayor of Seattle and former Assistant Secretary for Environment and Urban Systems; Judge Edward F. Bell, Wayne County Circuit Court, Detroit, Michigan; Henry F. Davenport, Vice President for Passenger Services for Illinois Central Railroad; Samuel R. Freeman, Attorney, Denver, Colorado; Joseph Fugere, President, Pilgrim Airlines, New London, Connecticut; Alfred E. Johnson, Executive Director, American Association of State Highway Officials, Washington, D.C.; Herman H. Rappaport, President, North American Building Technology, Inc., Los Angeles, California; Milton Pikarsky, Commissioner of Public Works, Chicago, Illinois; John E. Robson, Attorney, Washington, D.C.; Mark Robeson, Yellow Freight System, Inc., Kansas City, Missouri; James Roche, Chairman of the Board of General Motors Corporation, Detroit, Michigan; Dr. William J. Ronan, Chairman of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority, New York, New York; Willard Rouse, Vice Chairman of the Board of the Rouse Company, Columbia, Maryland; Charles F. Stafford, President, George C. Stafford & Sons, Inc., Laconia, New Hampshire; B. R. Stokes, General Manager, Bay Area Rapid Transit District, San Francisco, California; and Mayor A. Price Woodard, Jr., Wichita, Kansas.

Secretary Volpe has announced that he "has accepted with regret" the resignation of James R. Ellis, Attorney of Seattle, Washington. "The dynamic leadership of Jim Ellis in Seattle's Forward Thrust is an example of the best in citizen and community participation in establishing community goals and in finding the means for accomplishing those goals. Other citizen leaders might well emulate Jim Ellis' example as a citizen leader and his efforts to create a better urban environment in his own city and across the Nation."

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Secretary of Transportation John A. Volpe today announced the appointment of Paul G. Fahlstrom of Lanham, Maryland, to coordinate work already begun on an extensive study of aviation cost allocation and taxation.

The study, authorized by the Airport and Airway Development Act of 1970, is being conducted through Charles D. Baker, Assistant Secretary of Transportation for Policy and International Affairs.

Fahlstrom comes to his new position from the Office of Supersonic Transport Development in the Department of Transportation. He was previously associated with the Goddard Space Flight Center and the Langley Research Center of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

A native of Minnesota and a licensed instrument pilot, Fahlstrom is a graduate of the University of Minnesota and received his master's degree from the George Washington University.

A report to Congress is required by May 1972 on the allocation of costs of the Federal airport and airway system among users such as the commercial airlines, general aviation, the military as well as general public benefits not related to a particular user.

The legislation also requests data to enable Congress to appraise the level of aviation user taxes and their assessment on users and beneficiaries of the airport/airway system.

Users of the airport/airways system will be consulted during the study. A public record room will be maintained for this purpose in Room 112, Donohoe Building of the Department of Transportation, 400 Sixth Street, S. W., Washington, D. C. 20590 Telephone: 202-426-2292.

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Secretary of Transportation John A. Volpe today announced approval of a \$51.5 million project to construct an exclusive busway in the Los Angeles area.

The 11-mile bus roadway will be built partly within and partly adjacent to the San Bernardino Freeway (I-10) between Mission Road in Los Angeles and the City of El Monte.

"In our concentration on the need to move numbers of people instead of numbers of vehicles, the use of exclusive busways has proved an effective method of dealing with rush hour, urban traffic congestion," Secretary Volpe said.

"Successful experiments with exclusive buslanes in the metropolitan areas of Washington, New York and Seattle have demonstrated that commuters save significant amounts of time by parking their cars and leaving the driving to others," the Secretary said.

"The fast, clean, comfortable service now provided on exclusive busways has resulted not only in a savings of time for the commuter, but also has reduced traffic congestion, increased safety and rehabilitated a lot of once frayed tempers."

The San Bernardino busway project is supported by grants from two Department of Transportation Administrations -- \$29.1 million from the Federal Highway Administration and \$6.8 million from the Urban Mass Transportation Administration.

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Local contributions will be made by the California Division of Highways, \$3.3 million; the Southern California Rapid Transit District, \$7.3 million; and cities and other jurisdictions, \$5 million.

Funds provided by UMTA will be used to build three new bus stations along the busway and to purchase a fleet of modern buses. One of the three stations will provide fringe parking facilities.

The project involves the shifting of Southern Pacific Railroad tracks to provide space for the two new bus lanes.

Other features of the project are:

Exclusive curb lanes for buses on streets in the Los Angeles central business district.

A 6.6-mile section of the busway will be constructed in the median of the San Bernardino Freeway between the Long Beach Freeway and El Monte, consisting of a 17-foot bus lane with a 10-foot common shoulder with the freeway lanes in each direction.

A 3.8-mile section adjacent to the freeway between Mission Road and the Long Beach Freeway, consisting of a 54-foot two-way busway, with 12-foot lanes, an eight foot right shoulder, a four foot left shoulder, in each direction, separated by a positive barrier.

During the first two years of the five-year experimental use of the busway, only buses will be permitted to use the lanes during rush hours. Other vehicles may be permitted on them during off peak hours and on weekends. During the following three years, cars may be admitted to the busway during rush hours, but on a strictly metered basis so as not to impede the movement of buses.

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Secretary of Transportation John A. Volpe today announced a contract of \$85,879 to the National Urban League to develop and conduct a series of department-wide human relations seminars.

"The seminars are another step in achieving my objective to make equal employment opportunity in the Department of Transportation a fact and way of life," Secretary Volpe said.

The program is an outgrowth of a December 1970 meeting between President Nixon, the Cabinet, and the late Whitney M. Young, Jr., Executive Director of the Urban League. The National Urban League will:

- Interview DOT's supervisory and managerial personnel and conduct a problem census;

- Develop two pilot seminars and conduct them for DOT's top and middle-management;

- Conduct a minimum of 12 seminars for the Department on a nationwide scale; and

- Develop a multiphased evaluation system that can be administered by the Department to determine the effectiveness of the program.

In the two-and-half years since Secretary Volpe assumed office total minority group employment has increased about 2,000. The Department presently has 18 minority group members holding executive positions, the highest number among Cabinet agencies. Twenty-five months ago the was zero.

"We now have minorities represented in jobs in at levels where previously they were missing," Secretary Volpe said, "Hopefully we have built up the momentum necessary to establish an even better record in equal employment hiring in the future."



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The Department of Transportation is co-sponsoring four one-week courses on "Transportation of Hazardous Materials" in cooperation with Rutgers Univeristy, June 28 - July 2; University of Oklahoma, August 30 - September 3; Golden Gate College, September 20-24; and the University of Wisconsin, October 26-28.

Each course is designed to provide a better understanding of the hazardous materials regulations as they apply to preparation for shipment, packaging, marking, labeling and placarding, including requirements for certification and documentation. It is primarily aimed at middle management level personnel involved in safety, enforcement, insurance, container manufacturing, packaging, and shipping and transportation of hazardous materials by all modes (Except pipeline).

Extensive use of films, slides, reference materials, training aids, field trips and demonstrations are incorporated in the course. Individual participation and practical exercises will be emphasized.

These courses are part of a continuing program. Additional dates and schools will be announced later. Other schools or groups who had not yet been contacted and who are interested in making the course available in their area should contact: U.S. Department of Transportation, Office of Hazardous Materials (TSA-24), 400 Sixth Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20590. Phone: (202) 426-2301

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Secretary of Transportation John A. Volpe has announced the award of a \$53,970 contract to the National Urban League to conduct a ten-month study for the Office of Consumer Affairs of the Department of Transportation.

Purpose of the study, he said, will be to better determine the special interests and needs of disadvantaged urban users of transportation.

In making this determination, the study will also seek to develop recommendations for improving the channels of communication between these urbanites and the Department of Transportation.

"Improved channels of communication will enable us to become more aware of the requirements of groups of consumer," Secretary Volpe explained, "and, in turn, provide the means by which they will become more fully informed of information and programs designed by the Department to help them meet their needs."

Disadvantaged urbanites in many ways bear the brunt -- or benefit the most -- from transportation projects, according to the Secretary. "Therefore, we do not only need to hear their voice but we must be able to respond," he added.

Secretary Volpe noted that his Department's Office of Consumer Affairs, headed by former Hartford, Connecticut, Mayor Ann Uccello, is the focal point for the consumer to communicate his views on transportation.

"That office is the catalyst by which the consumers' voice will be heard by the decision-makers in the Department who are in a position to take action," he said. "This will be the first time such a purely 'consumer'-oriented project aimed at determining a Department-wide approach will have been undertaken," he added.

Although concentrating on the disadvantaged urbanite, the study will encompass all individual users of transportation goods and services.

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The U. S. Department of Transportation today made a \$950,000 grant to the Southeastern Michigan Transportation Authority (SEMTA) to help finance a preliminary engineering study for rapid transit in Detroit's Woodward Avenue Corridor.

The grant, made by the Department's Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA), will cover two-thirds of the \$1,425,000 project cost. Local contributions will pay for the remaining one-third.

The technical study also will provide for a ridership and routing development program in Detroit's other major travel corridors and will formulate a bus service improvement program.

Secretary of Transportation John A. Volpe said "today's grant lays the long-range groundwork necessary to implement an important rapid transit facility for the Detroit area. At the same time, the project will look into short-range improvements for the city's current bus transportation."

The Woodward Corridor stretches 26 miles between the foot of Woodward Avenue in downtown Detroit and the City of Pontiac, Michigan to the north. An estimated 1.4 million persons live in the corridor, about half of them in Oakland County, north of Eight Mile Road.

Several cities are traversed by Woodward Avenue, including Highland Park (which is bounded on all sides by Detroit), Ferndale, Pleasant Ridge, Huntington Woods, Berkley, Royal Oak, Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills and Pontiac.

During the morning rush-hours, as many as 100,000 persons bound for downtown Detroit or the New Center enter Detroit from the Oakland County portion of Woodward Corridor. Many others travel to additional points within Detroit's portion of Woodward Avenue. A significant volume of "reverse" commuters travel from Detroit to job opportunities in the Oakland County portion of the Woodward Corridor, including to the General Motors facilities in Pontiac.

Administrator Carlos C. Villarreal of UMTA said that "the initial six miles of rapid transit line could be built beneath Woodward Avenue."

Then, from Six Mile Road, north to Pontiac, a distance of 20 miles, Woodward Avenue is 204-feet wide, including a thirty-foot center mall, which will allow construction to take place without the need for property acquisitions, other than for stations and parking facilities, Administrator Villarreal said.

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Secretary of Transportation John A. Volpe today announced that Deputy Attorney General Richard G. Kleindienst and Congressman J. J. Pickle will be the featured speakers at the concluding sessions of the Cargo Security Conference on July 6-7 at the Mayflower Hotel in Washington, D. C.

The series of conferences is jointly sponsored by the Department of Transportation and the Transportation Association of America. The opening sessions were held on June 17-18.

"The guidance and support of the Department of Justice is vital to the success of our cargo security program directed toward curbing the inroads of crime in transportation," Secretary Volpe said. "That support is personified by Dick Kleindienst's participation in our conference.

"Congressman Jake Pickle's interest in the solutions of problems in transportation is longstanding," the Secretary said. "His participation in the conference is typical of the strong support we have received from the Congress in our efforts to blunt the penetration of crime in transportation."

The July sessions of the Cargo Security Conference will concentrate on the responsibilities of carrier management and labor, shippers and insurance underwriters for corrective and preventive actions leading to an effective cargo security program. The June sessions were devoted to identifying the roles of government agencies at all levels.

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Harold F. Hammond, President of the Transportation Association of America, said, "The solution of the many cargo security problems is possible only through the combined efforts of Government, industry and labor. It is essential that all interests give full time attention to this full time problem."

"At the June sessions, Government made clear its commitment to solving the problem. As will be apparent at the July sessions, industry stands ready to do its share in developing solutions.

"Labor, I am sure, also will outline the steps it is prepared to take to alleviate this transportation crisis," Mr. Hammond said.

Mr. Hammond will preside at the July 6 session of the Cargo Security Conference.

Lieutenant General Benjamin O. Davis, Acting Assistant Secretary of Transportation for Safety and Consumer Affairs, responsible for the Department's newly initiated Transportation Security Program, will chair the July 7 session.

In addition to Deputy Attorney General Kleindienst and Congressman Pickle, the following persons will participate in and address the conference:

- Stuart G. Tipton, President of the Air Transport Association.
- Albert E. May, Vice President of the American Institute of Merchant Shipping.
- James P. Fernan, Director of the Committee on Theft and Hijacking of the American Trucking Associations.
- R. R. Manion, Vice President for Operations and Maintenance of the Association of American Railroads.
- Stanley Hamilton, Director of Government and Public Affairs for the National Association of Motor Bus Owners.
- John J. Oberdorf, Vice President for Operations of the U.S. Freight Company, representing the Freight Forwarders Institute.
- J. F. O'Donnell, General Counsel to the Transport Workers Union of America (AFL-CIO).
- George P. Delaney, Legislative Representative, International Longshoremen's Association (AFL-CIO)

- Donald N. Cagle, Assistant Research Director for the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Chauffeurs, Warehousemen and Helpers of America.
- Howard J. Batchelder, Vice President of the Railway Patrolmen and Security Officers of the Allied Service Division of the Brotherhood of Railway, Airline and Steamship Clerks, Freight Handlers, Express and Station Employees.
- Bob C. Worley, Manager of the Fort Smith Freight Bureau, representing the National Industrial Traffic League.
- Richard A. Maxwell, Import Traffic Manager of Associated Dry Goods Corporation, representing the American Importers Association.
- Charles A. Washer, Transportation Counsel to the American Retail Federation.
- Dale E. Taylor, President of the American Institute of Marine Underwriters.

Reservations for attending the Cargo Security Conference may be made by contacting Edward J. Sanbourn at the Transportation Association of America, 1101 17th Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. 20036 -- telephone: (202) 296-2470.

NOTE TO EDITORS: Media representatives wishing to attend either or both of the July sessions should contact no later than July 2 William W. Bishop at the Office of Public Affairs, Department of Transportation, Washington, D. C. 20590 -- telephone (202) 426-4321.