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The U.S. Department of Transportation's Office of Consumer Affairs has sent letters to leaders of Dallas' civic and consumer-oriented groups inviting participation in transportation hearings to be held on Tuesday, January 25.

The hearings represent the Department's effort to get a true picture of the problems of the individual transportation user by going directly to the people.

Miss Ann Uccello, Director of the Office of Consumer Affairs, will conduct the hearings. She has sought the involvement of groups as diverse as the League of Women Voters, the Chamber of Commerce, and the Dallas County Community Action, Inc.

Views will be sought on all modes of travel; auto, aircraft and boat rental; vehicle purchase and use, including repairs and maintenance; and auto safety devices.

Texas is the third state to be visited by the Office of Consumer Affairs. Hearings were held during October and December of 1971, in Tennessee and Pennsylvania.

The first Dallas hearing will begin at 1 p.m. on the campus of Southern Methodist University. Sponsored by the Student Activities Directorate, the hearing will be held in the Senate Chambers of the Umphrey Lee Student Center.

The second hearing will be held at 7:30 p.m. in The Town Hall, One Main Place.

After Dallas, Miss Uccello will go on to Baton Rouge, Louisiana where she will conduct two more hearings before returning to Washington.

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The Office of Consumer Affairs was invited to Texas and Louisiana by Secretary Volpe's Regional Representative, Ed Foreman, a former U.S. Congressman.

"We believe that people here in Texas and Louisiana can make a positive contribution to the Office of Consumer Affairs. We anticipate that imaginative solutions to our urban transportation problems will result from these nationwide hearings," Mr. Foreman said.

When Secretary of Transportation John A. Volpe announced this series of hearings, he said that too many people just didn't know where they could turn with their transportation problems. The Office of Consumer Affairs within the Department was established to close that gap.

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Secretary of Transportation John A. Volpe will keynote a Conference on Transit Mobility and Minority opportunities with a luncheon address at Howard University on Monday, January 17.

The two-day conference, January 17-18, sponsored jointly by the Department of Transportation's Urban Mass Transportation Administration and the Howard University School of Social Work is expected to attract 58 black and Spanish surname and other minority members of public transit boards in the nation.

Carlos C. Villarreal, Administrator of UMTA, in announcing the meeting said, "It is hoped that recommendations will emerge from the deliberations that will have an immediate and direct impact on the solution of our urban problems, especially those of the minority residents in urban areas."

Mr. Villarreal, who will open the conference, and Dr. James Cheek, President of Howard University, are among the list of speakers that will include prominent leaders of the minority group and transit community.

The workshop panel discussions will include:

"Improvement of transit service in minority areas; citizen participation in transit affairs; minority membership on transit boards; opportunities for minority business enterprise in mass transit."

Dr. Douglas Glasgow, Dean, Howard University School of Social Work and Harold B. Williams, UMTA's Director of Civil Rights and Service Development are principal conference planners.

Co-chairmen of the conference are Gerald Anderson, former President of the Cleveland Transit Board; the Rev. Jerry Moore, member of WMATA Board and Benny Cantu, member of the Transit Board of San Antonio, Texas

Sessions will be held in the auditorium of the School of Social Work.

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The Department of Transportation's Office of Consumer Affairs will continue its series of public hearings on consumer transportation problems on January 26 and 27, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Miss Ann Uccello, Director of the Office of Consumer Affairs, will conduct two hearings in Baton Rouge. She anticipates views from a wide cross-section of citizens and students. Letters have been sent to leaders of civic and consumer-oriented groups inviting their participation.

Secretary of Transportation John A. Volpe initiated this series of hearings to determine and evaluate transportation consumer needs throughout the nation and bring them to the attention of decision makers in the Department.

Views will be sought on all modes of travel; mass transit; auto, aircraft and boat rental; vehicle purchase, repairs and maintenance; and use of auto safety devices.

The first hearing, hosted by the Baton Rouge Goals Congress, will be held at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, January 26, at the Catholic Life Center, 1800 South Acadian Thruway.

The second hearing, hosted by the Division of Continuing Education, Louisiana State University, will be held at 1 p.m., Thursday, January 27, in the Royal Ballroom of the Student Union Building.

Louisiana is the fourth state to be visited by the Office of Consumer Affairs. Hearings were held in Tennessee and Pennsylvania in October and December of 1971, and Miss Uccello conducted two hearings in Dallas prior to her arrival in Baton Rouge.

The Office of Consumer Affairs was invited to Texas and Louisiana by Secretary Volpe's Regional Representative, Ed Foreman, a former U.S. Congressman.

"We believe that people here in Louisiana and Texas can make a positive contribution to the Department of Transportation's Office of Consumer Affairs. We anticipate that imaginative solutions to our urban transportation problems will result from these nation-wide hearings," Mr. Foreman said.

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Secretary of Transportation John A. Volpe today announced the appointment of William P. Davis of Laurel, Maryland, as Deputy Assistant Secretary for Administration.

A native of Elberton, Georgia, Davis (44) will serve as Deputy to Assistant Secretary of Transportation for Administration, William S. Heffelfinger.

Since May 1969, Davis served as Deputy Director of the Office of Management Systems, Office of the Secretary of Transportation. Prior to that Mr. Davis was Director, Manned Space Flight Management Programs, National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

During his 16 years experience in Federal administration, Mr. Davis has been presented several Outstanding Achievement Awards, including the DOT Secretarial Award for Meritorious Achievement in December 1970. Mr. Davis entered the Federal service as a Auditor with the General Accounting Office in 1956.

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