



DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

THD-493
NEWS

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20590

FOR RELEASE THURSDAY
May 4, 1972

DOT-R-23
Phone: (202) 426-0434

Secretary of Transportation John A. Volpe has received a unique expression of gratitude from residents of "The Hill," a small community near the heart of St. Louis, Missouri, for his role as a good "Samaritan" in promoting transportation that unifies people and communities.

Father Salvatore E. Polizzi and James Bracco, representing the Italian-American community, presented Secretary Volpe with an exact replica of a ten foot tall, bronze statue of the Italian Immigrants. The original will stand outside the St. Ambrose Catholic Church in "The Hill" community in memory of those early immigrants who settled this country.

The statue, created by sculptor/artist Rudolph Torrini, a local resident, depicts a man and woman arriving in America with a suitcase full of hopes and dreams that later proved to be reality in making this the great country it is.

Terming the award one of great personal gratification, Secretary Volpe noted that until a few months ago "The Hill" faced possible extinction with the completion of Interstate 44 through the northern portion of their community.

The highway isolated 150 families, cutting them off from friends and neighbors who live only a block away, but across the Interstate. Insurance rates soared and there was difficulty in getting emergency vehicles into the area.

Local leaders, determined to save their community, appealed to State and Federal officials, including senators, representatives, and the Department of Transportation. Finally the appeals came to the attention of Secretary Volpe. The result is the bridge which restored access to the rest of the community.



U.S. INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORTATION EXPOSITION
DULLES INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT * MAY 27-JUNE 4, 1972

"Personal mobility has traditionally ranked among man's highest values," Secretary Volpe said. "The bridge over Interstate 44 had to be built to bring this community back together....to restore the lifeline of these proud people."

"The Hill" is one of the oldest Italian-American communities in the United States, laying claim to famous personages such as Joe Garagiolo and Yogi Berra. Long noted for its clean, neat rows of quaint houses, its rustic cobble-stone streets, its friendly Italian-American inhabitants and its spirit of civic pride, "The Hill" has been a model for civic-minded communities everywhere.

The big event in the community is the annual Hill Day Festivities, scheduled this year for August 20. The one-day festival draws more than 125,000 visitors.

#####



DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

NEWS

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20590

FOR RELEASE TUESDAY
May 16, 1972

DOT-R-26
Phone: (202) 426-4321

Secretary of Transportation John A. Volpe today announced the award of a \$372,835 contract to Dynatrend, Inc., of Burlington, Massachusetts, for technical and management services to support the Department's Climatic Impact Assessment Program (CIAP).

The competitive contract will run for 22 months. It will provide scientific, technical and management support to implement the complex interdisciplinary programs in CIAP's atmospheric measurements and monitoring program. This will include close liaison between scientists and their technological support groups.

CIAP is administered by the Assistant Secretary for Systems Development and Technology of the Department of Transportation, and seeks to determine the effects on the atmosphere of fleets of high-altitude jets aircraft.

"This is one of a number of programs either initiated or supported by the Department to assess the climatic impact of those aircraft," Secretary Volpe said. "We must answer such environmental questions in the research and planning phase before we can safely introduce a fleet of high-altitude aircraft in order to implement President Nixon's program of clean air development."

#####



DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

NEWS

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

WASHINGTON, D. C. 20590

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
May 16, 1972

DOT-R-27
Phone: (202) 426-4321

Secretary of Transportation John A. Volpe announced today that the Federal Aviation Administration has authorized an additional \$92,112 in aid funds for Burlington (Vt.) International Airport to help plan and finance development of this facility to meet future traffic demands.

The Secretary said the money is being made available under two separate programs established by President Nixon's Airport and Airways Development Act of 1970 to encourage the orderly and timely expansion and modernization of the national airport system. Burlington International will receive \$52,112 under the Airport Development Aid Program (ADAP) for land acquisition and \$40,000 under the Planning Grant Program for creation of an airport master plan.

The two awards bring the total Federal investment in the Burlington airport to \$690,241. This includes a previous ADAP allocation of \$181,400 announced last June, for land acquisition and improvements in the North/South runway and associated work. Under the old Federal Aid Airport Program, which preceded ADAP, the airport received \$416,729 in grants.

The master plan for Burlington International will serve as a guide for future development of this facility. It will include an inventory of existing facilities, traffic forecasts, a demand and capacity analysis and layout, land use, airport access and environmental plans.

The ADAP allocations will be used for land to accommodate future expansion of terminal facilities, including improved access and enlarged parking areas.

ADAP allocations generally are provided on a matching fund basis with the Federal Government and the airport sponsor each contributing 50 percent of the cost of a project. On planning grant studies, however, the Government funds two-thirds of the total cost.

#



DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

TAD-492
NEWS

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20590

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

DOT-R-28
Phone: (202) 426-4043

Department of Transportation contracts to minority enterprises have increased over 400 percent during the last fiscal year and will see a substantial increase again in FY 1972, Secretary of Transportation John A. Volpe today announced.

In FY 1970 twenty contracts totalling \$900,000 were awarded to minority-owned firms. This increased in FY 1971 to 106 contracts totalling \$3,400,000. The third quarter figures for FY 1972 (\$2,810,000) double those for the same period a year ago (\$1,278,000.) These figures were reported to President Nixon in conjunction with DOT's "Small Business Week" activities.

"I am committed to President Nixon's program supporting small businesses in general and minority-owned businesses in particular," Secretary Volpe said.

"President Nixon has proclaimed the week of May 4 'Small Business Week' and has thus focused our attention on the vital role played by small businesses in our Nation's economic life. I know what it means to be a small businessman and I can appreciate the importance of the government's efforts to promote and sustain new and small firms," Secretary Volpe said.

The Small Business Administration has complimented the Department of Transportation for its intensive campaign to emphasize the program for promoting minority group small businesses and has recognized the Department's achievements by presenting DOT with a citation for their work in this area.

A substantial number of Department contracts are in the service and small construction categories, but progress is being made in placing more sophisticated Minority Business Enterprise contracts. At this time, DOT has 18 contracts with minority consulting firms. Their total value exceeds \$2,000,000, including one \$200,000 contract for architectural services. Other large contracts include purchase of electronic equipment, installation of navigational equipment and fabrication of river buoys

####



DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

NEWS

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20590

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

DOT-R-29-72

Phone: (202) 426-4321

Secretary of Transportation John A. Volpe today, in a letter to Senator Norris Cotton of New Hampshire, reaffirmed the Administration's support for no-fault automobile insurance and the conviction that insurance reform should be enacted at the state level.

Replying to Senator Cotton's request for comments on the proposed National No-Fault Motor Vehicle Insurance Act (S.945), Secretary Volpe said:

"I want first to reaffirm the Administration's view that the present insured tort liability reparations system should be replaced by a system based on the concept of first-party, no-fault insurance. We are persuaded that the no-fault concept promises a genuine response to the consumer's requirement for more equitable, comprehensive and effective treatment in the field of automobile insurance. I believe that all those who have examined this general concept with the public interest in mind share this conclusion.

"There is, however, a basic difference of views on the best approach to achieving reform through conversion to a no-fault system. The Administration continues to believe we should look first to the States to consider and implement insurance reform. We believe that experimentation by the States and the experience thus provided will be invaluable in developing a full understanding of the impact of no-fault insurance."

Citing the fact that only Massachusetts and Florida are currently operating under no-fault systems and that Florida's plan is of only a few month's duration, Secretary Volpe said the experience is not yet extensive enough to justify Federal action on no-fault insurance.

- more -

"But," he said, "the preliminary information developed in these two states shows that no-fault can be made to work and thereby tends to belie the criticisms of those who oppose the concept. This provides an added basis for confidence that the States will act favorably on no-fault proposals soon. As this information becomes available, state legislators will have concrete experience to rely upon instead of theoretical arguments when they consider no-fault proposals."

While conceding that state action toward automobile insurance reform had not met the Department's expectations, Secretary Volpe said, "we are very encouraged that virtually every convening legislature did consider no-fault this year. No-fault is a reform of major proportions. While there were many close votes, it is not altogether surprising that more progress was not made at the State level in this first year of widespread deliberations on no-fault."

"But it does not follow that preemptive Federal action is desirable or necessary," Secretary Volpe said. "As I noted earlier, information is now becoming available on how no-fault plans operate in practice and I believe this will serve to encourage State action. Also, consumers are becoming increasingly aware of the potential advantages of no-fault and they will be making their interest known in a forceful way to their State legislatures. Moreover, despite the disappointment that New York did not enact no-fault, such states as California, Michigan and Pennsylvania are still delivering on no-fault legislation in what we understand to be a positive atmosphere."

####

052572

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
Washington, D.C. 20590

Official Business

POSTAGE AND FEES PAID
DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION

FIRST CLASS





DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

TRD 493
NEWS

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

WASHINGTON, D. C. 20590

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

DOT-R-33
Phone: (202) 426-4321

After conferring recently in Washington with Secretary of Transportation John A. Volpe, Polish Minister of Communications Mieczyslaw Zajfryd inspected transportation projects and installations throughout the United States.

Secretary Volpe and Minister Zajfryd conferred on the status of research cooperative programs under a Memorandum of Understanding reached by the two men during Secretary Volpe's visit to Poland in November of 1971.

Cooperative programs are being formulated in the areas of highway traffic safety including driver training and stress studies; pedestrian safety; and development of rail fasteners for concrete railroad ties.

"Transportation problems facing the nations of the world are broadly similar and their solutions will be greatly expedited by international cooperation," Secretary Volpe said.

"Poland is an energetic partner in this effort. My meeting with Minister Zajfryd was extremely fruitful," the Secretary said.

Minister Zajfryd and his party concentrated their U.S. tour in the San Francisco-Oakland and Chicago areas.

In San Francisco, the party inspected the Bay Area Rapid Transit System scheduled to become operational later this year and marine cargo handling facilities in the port at Oakland.

In the Chicago area, the Polish delegation visited the General Motors locomotive manufacturing plant at La Grange, the Illinois Central freight yards and maintenance facilities and the ARTS III Installation at O'Hare Airport.

####

052672



DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

NEWS

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY WASHINGTON, D.C. 20590

FOR RELEASE FRIDAY AM
May 26, 1972

DOT 49-72
Phone: (202) 426-4321

Secretary of Transportation John A. Volpe said today his Department is initiating a top priority program to establish a quiet short haul air transportation system in an effort to relieve two of aviation's greatest problems -- congestion and noise.

In a speech to the Air Line Pilots Association in Washington, D.C., the Secretary said he has directed the Department's Federal Aviation Administration to take "positive action towards this goal by designating certain existing airports in the National Airport System Plan as short haul airports." At the same time, he added, "FAA will develop strict standards on noise and pollution so that this short haul system will be compatible with the community."

Volpe emphasized that the short haul system would complement rather than compete with rail and other surface transportation programs and in the process contribute to the Nation's total transportation capability.

"Where there is extremely heavy traffic and rail right-of-ways exist we will strive to provide fast, modern, efficient rail service comparable to our very successful Metroliner program but there are areas where rail connections do not exist and where traffic would not justify rail service," he added. In many of these localities there are existing airports which, with modest upgrading, can be serviced by a new class of extremely quiet short haul aircraft. I believe we need both systems, each complementing the other and each providing a unique service suited to a particular transportation need."

FAA's first task in developing a short haul system will involve evaluation of a large number of available secondary airports to determine which best meet community and airline requirements for designation as

-more-

"short haul airports," the Secretary said. Next, planning grants will be made available to assure that these airports serve the best interests of the community, general aviation, and the airlines. Finally, Airport Development Aid Program (ADAP) funds will be used wherever applicable to assure the orderly and timely improvement of these airports to air carrier standards. Simultaneously, the air traffic control system will be developed along lines already planned within the FAA and will take full advantage of available technical advances.

In addition, Volpe continued, "FAA will use its certification authority to guarantee that this system will be safe and environmentally sound. Performance, operations, noise and pollution standards will be developed consistent with improved flight safety and minimum environmental impact. These standards will provide guidance to industry for the development of engines, airplanes and airline procedures for the short haul system."

Volpe said the short haul aviation program is responsive to the goals of the Congressionally inspired joint DOT-NASA Civil Aviation Research and Development (CARD) Policy Study. He noted it would achieve the following benefits utilizing existing facilities and technology:

Reduce congestion and delay at the major hub airports by diverting short haul passengers to convenient short haul airports.

Provide convenient service and reduced trip times for the short haul passenger.

Result in very low noise and pollution for short haul operations.

Avoid the many problems and costs of siting and building new airports.

Provide attractive short haul airline economics.

Allow for ordered growth and utilization of new technology.

Responsibility for implementation of the program will be charged to FAA's V/STOL Special Projects Office.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Washington, D.C. 20590

Official Business

POSTAGE AND FEES PAID
DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION

FIRST CLASS

