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Secretary of Transportation John A. Volpe announced today new regulations requiring that any air passenger fitting the Federal Aviation Administration's security profile will not be permitted to board an aircraft unless his baggage has been searched and he himself has cleared through a metal detector or has submitted to a consent search.

Today's action was taken by Federal Aviation Administrator John Shaffer who determined that "the continuing menace of air piracy and other crimes aboard aircraft" created an emergency "requiring immediate action with respect to safety in air commerce."

The new rule effective immediately amends and strengthens existing Federal Aviation Regulation dealing with air security. Prior to today's action, the regulation required that any person "identified as a selectee under the security program" was required only to furnish identification. Today's action, spelled out in an emergency order to all airlines, makes the search procedures mandatory by the airlines.

Administrator Shaffer noted that the Federal Aviation Administration had recommended on July 14th that airlines voluntarily adopt the new search procedures. He noted that as a result of that recommendation many airlines were already practicing the new security search procedures.

Secretary Volpe ordered the action after consultations with President Nixon who early last month called on the Nation's airlines to step up their security programs. "I want to make it clear," said the Secretary, "that the screening and inspection of baggage is an airline responsibility. The airlines must meet their obligation to assure the safety of the flying public."

The order from Administrator Shaffer to the airlines announcing the new law begins as follows: "Because of the continuing menace of air piracy and other crimes aboard aircraft and because of the serious nature of this threat to the safety of persons and property, I find that an emergency exists requiring immediate action."

The new Federal Air Regulation, announced today, reads as follows:

1. No certificate holder shall permit any person who has been identified as a selectee under its security program including adult, children and infant passengers traveling in his company to board its aircraft, unless
  - A. The carry-on baggage and other articles on or about the person of each passenger has been searched and,
  - B. The certificate holder has required each passenger to clear through a metal detector without indication of unaccounted for metal on his person or
  - C. In the absence of a metal detector, each passenger has submitted to a consent search prior to boarding.

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The Department of Transportation will conduct a cargo security seminar at the Howard Johnson Motor Lodge in Newark, New Jersey, on August 2-3, 1972.

The title of the seminar is Techniques for Reducing Cargo Loss and Theft in the Trucking Industry. The seminar is the first of its kind -- specifically aimed at the small trucking company who can least afford losses from cargo theft.

In June of this year, the Department cosponsored with the Transportation Association of America (TAA) the 1972 National Cargo Security Conference. A report released by the Department (prior to the conference) stated that the theft and pilferage of cargo in the United States cost the transportation industry and the public more than \$1 billion a year. The conferees reviewed these findings and outlined plans for countering the serious problems of cargo theft.

The Department's first report on this overall problem was an exploratory study of economic, administrative and legal factors affecting freight loss and damage entitled, Freight Loss and Damage. One of the more significant points made was that carriers have faced severe management problems in dealing with the prevention of loss and that carrier management in many instances may not have considered loss and damage as a management control problem.

The Newark seminar will implement in part a recommendation made in this study that "the DOT should sponsor a number of prototype economic and management studies to determine suitable measures of loss exposure, and measurements and reporting criteria for loss and damage, and to relate these things to management responsibility and action."

Management training activities covering other transportation modes are planned.

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SPOTMASTER

Broadcast: Tuesday, August 1, 1972

This is a public service presentation of the U.S. Department of Transportation for immediate release, Tuesday, August 1. (6:00 P.M.) The following announcement by Secretary of Transportation John Volpe concerns further anti-hijacking action:

"I have today ordered that, effective immediately, any air passenger who fits our so-called "behavioral profile" will not be allowed on an airplane unless and until his carry-on baggage has been thoroughly searched and he himself has cleared through a metal-detecting device or has submitted to a consent search.

"The continuing menace of air piracy and other crimes requires stronger action, and we are taking that action."

This has been the Transportation News Report for Tuesday, August 1. For further information call: (202) 426-3883.

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SPOTMASTER

Broadcast: Wednesday, August 2, 1972

This is a public service of the U.S. Department of Transportation for immediate release Wednesday, August 2. The following are excerpts from testimony given Wednesday by Secretary of Transportation John A. Volpe before the Senate Commerce Committee concerning legislation for federal financial assistance to railroads damaged by tropical storm Agnes and the flood in the Rapid City, South Dakota, area.

"We have not been able to calculate the total financial loss resulting from tropical storm Agnes. There is no question that the loss of vital rail services due to the floods is having a profound economic impact on the Eastern Region of the nation where the economy is highly dependent on rail transportation.

"Many of the railroads hit by flood damage are not in a position to borrow through normal channels in order to finance major rebuilding projects. Therefore, in view of the size of the rebuilding job before them, and the importance to the economy of their services, we believe it is both necessary and appropriate for the government to respond to the situation with an offer of financial aid."

This has been the Transportation News Report for Wednesday, August 2. For further information call 202-426-4570.

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FOR RELEASE THURSDAY A.M.  
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Secretary of Transportation John A. Volpe today announced the acceleration of a joint government-industry project to complete a standard transportation commodity description and code system for use in domestic and international commerce.

"In conjunction with industry, we are providing additional resources for this project in response to President Nixon's call to strengthen the ability of our economy to compete in world trade," Secretary Volpe said.

"Although the technologies of computerization and high-speed data transmission have rapidly advanced," the Secretary said, "all too frequently our machines can't talk to each other. A major reason for this incompatibility in transportation is the babel of languages we have created for describing and coding commodities in their documentation through transit.

"Our new goal is to complete within a year a harmonized coding system, thus eliminating the condition where a shipment may be subject to as many as 17 different descriptions and coding systems now in active use. The result is expected ultimately to produce an annual saving of \$1.2 billion for government and industry."

The Department of Transportation has been designated by the Office of Management and Budget as the lead Federal agency for the development and coordination of all transportation data standards. The Department's responsibilities relative to the movement of cargo are carried out in its Office of Facilitation under the direction of the Assistant Secretary for Policy and International Affairs.

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The Transportation Data Coordinating Committee (TDCC), a non-profit organization established in 1969 by industry, is constructing the standard system under a continuing contractual relationship funded by the Department.

TDCC earlier this year submitted its first report on this project which reconciled the paper products commodity classification of major coding systems into a single standard system. This breakthrough confirmed the feasibility of a standard system and developed the technique by which the completion of the project will be accelerated.

The Office of Facilitation has also provided leadership in a joint government-industry effort, leading to the adoption of the U.S. system by the Customs Cooperation Council in Brussels. That worldwide organization is developing an international commodity description and coding system patterned on the Department of Transportation's approach.

The project to construct a standard transportation commodity description and code system is based on the beliefs that:

- A standard system will eliminate the preparation of numerous cargo descriptions and documents and the conversion of commodity descriptions and codes into machine language at various intervals during shipment.
- The system will simplify the determination and application of tariff rates and the administration of export and import controls, the application of duties and the gathering and compiling of statistics.
- The system will foster better use of automatic data processing and high-speed data transmission techniques and will simplify manual paperwork.
- Harmonizing a standard U.S. system with an international system will create a comprehensive commodity description and coding system for worldwide use.

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SPOTMASTER

Broadcast: August 3, 1972

This is a public service presentation of the U.S. Department of Transportation for immediate release, Thursday, August 3. The following statement concerns a project for a standard shipment coding system:

"At the present time, a shipment of goods may be subject to as many as 17 different descriptions and coding systems as it is transported in domestic and international trade. A joint Government-industry project to eliminate this condition thru a standard coding system is now being accelerated. Secretary of Transportation John Volpe announced that the new goal is to complete a harmonized system within a year. The Secretary said that additional resources are being provided for the project in response to President Nixon's call to strengthen the ability of our economy to compete in world trade. A standard transportation commodity description and code system is expected ultimately to produce an annual saving of \$1.2 billion dollars for Government and industry. The Department of Transportation is the lead Federal agency for the development and coordination of all transportation data standards.

This has been the Transportation News Report for Thursday, August 3. For further information call: (202) 426-4321. This report is changed Monday thru Friday at 2:00 P.M., Eastern Daylight Time.

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Secretary of Transportation John A. Volpe today sent to Congress the 1972 National Transportation Report.

The Report, the first of its kind, contains a comprehensive picture of the present status of the Nation's transportation system and the planning to improve it. It includes the program priorities and estimated investment needs of the states and urbanized areas, the transportation industry; analyses of selected issues in urban and intercity transportation, as well as guidelines for future consideration by Federal, State and local governments and the private transportation sector.

"This report is a major achievement in transportation planning," Secretary Volpe said. "It represents a cooperative effort between the Federal government and each of the 50 States. It was undertaken at the initiative of President Nixon and is a product of his new Federalism.

"Through this report and its successors," the Secretary said, "we shall present guidelines to all branches and levels of government involved in the attainment of the President's goal of a balanced national transportation system."

The 1972 National Transportation Report -- almost two years in compilation and analysis and some 1,000 pages in length -- covers all modes of transportation for people and goods through 1990. It is supported by an extensive survey of estimated transportation capital investment program priorities and needs developed by State governments working in cooperation with metropolitan planning groups and local governments and by a survey of private transportation carriers and users.

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In reporting transportation capital improvement programs through 1990 the States were asked to use several alternative funding assumptions -- one assuming "status quo" Federal programs, including funding levels and matching ratios; a second assuming the same amount of Federal funds with uniform matching ratios and no restrictions on the use of funds for a specific mode of transportation. Under the flexible funding program assumption, Public Transit expenditures were shown to increase by 16 percent, with significant shifts in major urban areas and urban states toward funds programmed for transit -- \$2 billion in the case of New York City. On a nationwide aggregate basis, however, there was little total change due largely to increased highway programming in the more rural states -- pointing up that loosening the present modal funding constraints in transportation would probably not cause major disruptions nationwide in the flow of funds.

In his transmittal letter to Congress, Secretary Volpe stressed the Report reaffirms the Administration's commitment to provide greater flexibility in Federal-aid programs, as is currently proposed in the Federal Aid Highway and Mass Transportation Act of 1972.

In addition to the survey of capital investment programs based on funding constraints, the States were also asked to estimate their capital investment "needs" not constrained by funding limits.

The States reported an aggregate of \$670 billion in transportation needs. By far the largest portion -- 85 percent -- of estimated transportation needs are for highway investment totalling \$560 billion. Public transit needs were reported as \$63 billion of which about 70 percent was for rail transit investments.

Other reported needs by category are: Airports, \$27 billion; Urban Highway Related Programs, \$10 billion; Other Intercity Transportation -- such as port facilities, terminals and intercity rail passenger facilities -- \$9 billion.

Beyond the survey of capital needs and programs of States and urban areas, the Department conducted a number of special studies of the components of the Nation's transportation system.

From the information compiled and analyzed, the following conclusions were reached:

- Federal-aid transportation programs should be made more flexible by removing some of the narrow restrictions in the categorical grant programs.

- The efficiency of existing urban transportation can be significantly increased with relatively low capital investments, such as preferential treatment of high occupancy vehicles, car pooling, traffic engineering, better operational techniques, improved service and modification of regulatory practices which affect taxicabs and taxi-like services.



-- More efficient use of today's rail freight transportation system would be possible by the consolidation of most traffic over a series of better service routes and the selective upgrading of links on the existing network, and this should receive additional investigation to determine its effect on service levels and on individual railroads.

-- Significant reductions can be made in current and anticipated delays at the Nation's large air traffic hubs by making better use of existing capacity prior to making major investments in increased facilities. Potential remedial actions include the diversion of some general aviation traffic to existing "reliever" airports and by minor rescheduling of commercial flights around peak periods.

-- In addition to the Northeast Corridor which has already been studied extensively by the Department, there are intercity short-haul corridor-like regions in which improved rail and air technology could be operated in a more economical and desirable manner than today's system. Further study of these regions is needed.

-- Further study is needed of the decline of rural bus service and of its causes and impacts.

-- There are opportunities for states and local governments to make more efficient use of the existing rural highway capacity, while at the same time maintaining these highways in safe, serviceable condition by the reconstruction of unsafe or obsolete facilities.

-- More research and demonstration is needed to more clearly define the problem of providing adequate transportation to the disadvantaged.

Copies of the Executive Summary of the 1972 Transportation Report may be obtained from the Office of Public Affairs (S-81), Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20590; Phone: (202) 426-4321.

The complete report is being printed by the Government Printing Office and is expected to be available from the Superintendent of Documents in mid-September.

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SPOTMASTER

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SPOTMASTER

Broadcast: Friday, August 4, 1972

This is a public service presentation of the U.S. Department of Transportation for the weekend beginning August 4. It consists of two actualities on air traffic control improvements, and proposed highway safety standards.

The Federal Aviation Administration has awarded **three** contracts totalling \$12 million for purchase of electronics equipment for the Nation's Air Traffic Control/Air Navigation System, including equipment for transmitting voice and digital data. Raymond Belanger, Deputy Director of FAA's Air Traffic Service explained:

"This electronic equipment is part of the over-all program of the Department of Transportation to automate and update the Airways-Air Traffic Control System. It will eventually result in the controllers in our air traffic control facilities being able to see the identification and the altitudes of the aircraft they are controlling."

The second release is Deputy Administrator of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Dr. Charles Hartman, concerning safety standard revisions:

"The Department of Transportation has proposed changes in the State Highway Safety Standards which would affect all drivers. Included is a requirement that all states pass laws making the use of safety belts mandatory. An estimated 18 percent of drivers and occupants now use lap belts, and about 4 percent use shoulder belts. We must find ways to increase belt usage. Another proposed change would require a uniform law in all states permitting motorists to make a right turn after stopping at a red light under specified conditions. We believe these changes will improve traffic flow and reduce deaths and injuries on the highways."

This has been the Transportation News Report for the weekend beginning Friday, August 4, 1972.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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The first Department of Transportation hearing on the problems confronting the transportation consumer in the New York metropolitan area will be held on August 16 at the Polytechnic Institute of Brooklyn, Secretary of Transportation John A. Volpe announced today.

"It is vital that the voice of the individual user of transportation goods and services in this country be heard at the decision-making level," Secretary Volpe said. "I have asked Miss Ann Uccello, Director of the Department of Transportation's Consumer Affairs Office, to find out what concerns transportation users throughout the nation."

The first hearing, open to the public and jointly sponsored by the Polytechnic Institute of Brooklyn and the New York Consumer Assembly will be held in the Rogers' Hall Student Lounge, 333 Jay Street, Brooklyn, New York at 10:00 a.m.

In welcoming the Department of Transportation to the Polytechnic Institute on the Brooklyn campus, the Vice-President for Administration and Finance, Dr. Albert E. Spruck said:

"We are enthusiastic about being a part of this program to make available to concerned citizens of the metropolitan area a vehicle for airing their views. This forum will provide meaningful communications for constructive criticism and suggestions on any aspect of transportation. It will also be a valuable opportunity for the Department of Transportation to obtain 'grass roots' information."

The second hearing, also open to the public, will be at 3:30 p.m. at the same location.

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Both hearings will feature statements by key transportation and local government officials on transportation challenges facing the New York metropolitan area in addition to presentation by private citizens.

The Department of Transportation invites comments concerning the following:

- No-fault auto insurance
- Auto repairs, their cost and reliability
- Mass transportation
- Air and noise pollution from cars and planes
- Costs relating to transportation
- Transportation for the handicapped and aged

"I urge all citizens to attend these informal hearings," Miss Uccello said. "We in the Department of Transportation are interested in your thoughts and suggestions about the transportation services available to you. We will provide time for both prepared and spontaneous presentations."

People who wish to speak at either hearing can be scheduled by calling either the Department of Transportation's Secretarial Representative, Mr. Lloyd Peterson, (212) 264-2672 or Dr. William McShane at the Polytechnic Institute of Brooklyn at (212) 643-2940. Spontaneous presentations during the hearings will be encouraged.

New York is the eighth state to be visited by the Office of Consumer Affairs. Hearings were held in Tennessee, Pennsylvania, Texas, Louisiana, Ohio, Georgia and North Carolina.

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Broadcast: August 7, 1972

This is a public service presentation of the U.S. Department of Transportation for immediate release, Monday, August 7. Following is a statement concerning Transportation Consumer Public Hearings:

"In the continuing Nationwide Program of determining the problems of the Transportation Consumer, Miss Ann Uccello, Director of the Transportation Department's Office of Consumer Affairs, will hold two public hearings in New York City on Wednesday, August 16. Both hearings, to be held at Brooklyn's Polytechnic Institute, will feature statements by key Transportation and local Government officials, as well as private citizens. New York is the eighth state to be visited in the Program to get the voice of the individual user of transportation goods and services to be heard at the decision-making level.

This has been the Transportation News Report for Monday, August 7. For further information call 426-4321. This Report is changed Monday through Friday at 2:00 P.M., Eastern Daylight Time.

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SPOTMASTER

Broadcast: August 8, 1972

This is a public service presentation of the U.S. Department of Transportation for immediate release, Tuesday, August 8. Following is a statement by Secretary of Transportation John A. Volpe concerning a new FAA procedure for jet aircraft take-offs to reduce noise levels over airport communities.

"We are implementing a new procedure which should further reduce noise levels in airport neighborhoods. It will place the aircraft several hundred feet higher above the community during departure climb out, resulting in lower noise levels beneath the flight path. This action is another step in the Government-Industry Program to combat the adverse side effects of air transportation.

"Under the new procedure, jointly developed by the Federal Aviation Administration and the Air Transport Association of America, airline pilots at take off will climb at full power to 1,500 feet instead of 1,000. Then the pilot will reduce power slightly and continue a steep climb to 3,000 feet, where he will carry out a normal departure from the terminal area."

This has been the Transportation News Report for Tuesday, August 8. For further information call: (202) 426-3883. This report is changed Monday thru Friday at 2:00 P.M., Eastern Daylight Time.

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Secretary of Transportation John A. Volpe today announced he has appointed a three-member review board to assess the safety and operation of air demonstrations held at TRANSP0 72, during which three fatal accidents occurred.

Named chairman of the board is Frank N. Piasecki, president of Piasecki Aircraft Corporation. Other members are Rear Admiral Alan Shepard, chief of the Astronaut Office of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), and David D. Thomas, president of the Flight Safety Foundation and former Deputy Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).

The board's report is expected by mid-September, but may be delayed pending completion of investigations by the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) and the Department of Defense (one of the fatalities involved a member of the Air Force precision flying team, the Thunderbirds).

Recognizing that this was DOT's first experience with air shows at an international transportation exposition, and that there may be room for improvement in the quality and safety of future such demonstrations, Secretary Volpe said, "This review will materially help to focus attention on those factors that may require more control in the total perspective of the value of such demonstrations."

The board will look at the selection of air show participants, planning and safety provisions for the shows, control over flight demonstrations, hazards to the public and accident investigation findings.

Secretary Volpe has asked Assistant Secretary for Safety and Consumer Affairs Benjamin O. Davis to work closely with the board and to provide support to their work.

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SPOTMASTER

Broadcast: Wednesday, August 9, 1972

This is a public service presentation of the U.S. Department of Transportation for Wednesday, August 9 for immediate release. The following is a statement concerning the Urban Vehicle Design Competition for students.

"Engineers of tomorrow are already involved in working toward making cars safer and better for the environment. Top engineering students from 80 universities are in Detroit this week participating in the final Urban Vehicle Design Competition, under a Transportation Department grant. An estimated 2,000 students have been designing and constructing specialized cars for city driving, with the support of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. The competition, organized by students, is an outgrowth of the Clean Air Car Race of 1971. It features many novel engineering techniques, safety and emission controls, with the vehicles still compatible with present-day traffic. Secretary of Transportation John Volpe will announce the overall winning design team on August 11."

This has been the Transportation News Report for Wednesday, August 9. For further information call 202-426-9550. The report is changed Monday through Friday at 2:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time.

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SPOTMASTER

Broadcast: Thursday, August 10, 1972

This is a public service presentation of the U.S. Department of Transportation for immediate release, Thursday, August 10. The following are excerpts from remarks by Secretary of Transportation John Volpe at the signing ceremony with the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority for a guarantee of Metro Bonds, at noon, Thursday, in Washington.

"The Federal Government has pledged to guarantee up to one billion, two hundred million dollars in Metro Bonds. And, with this guarantee those bonds should find a ready market, assuring the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority of the funding it needs to complete our rapid transit system. And I am not being partisan when I express deep appreciation to President Nixon for his support. His leadership and persistence in this matter have been invaluable."

"The private automobile is not -- and never will be -- the total solution to moving hundreds of thousands of people daily to jobs, to schools to recreation. There must be an alternative, and Metro is a viable one. A needed one."

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SPOTMASTER

Broadcast: Friday, August 11, 1972

This is a public service presentation of the U.S. Department of Transportation for the weekend beginning Friday, August 11. First is an excerpt from a release on a proposed Chicago subway. It is followed by two excerpts from an address by Secretary of Transportation John A. Volpe at the Urban Vehicle Design Competition in Ann Arbor, Michigan, for release Friday after 8:30 p.m. Eastern Daylight time. Engineering students from 80 universities competed in designing safe and environmentally sound urban cars.

"Chicago's famous Loop Elevated Transit System may soon disappear. Transportation Secretary John Volpe today in Chicago announced a \$5.8 million study grant to help provide a general design for relocating the "L" structure underground. The grant will provide a system-wide design with plans for a distributor subway in the central downtown area. Secretary Volpe said that hundreds of thousands of Chicago area commuters will eventually benefit from this bold local decision to move ahead with a modern downtown rail transit system."

"We must achieve better harmony in our transportation planning, and a better balance in our transportation services. We want cars with a social conscience; motorists with the horse sense to go with their horsepower. We want congestion on the ground to become yesterday's problem and the contamination of the air a plague of the past. Those are President Nixon's goals. They are your goals. And they are most certainly my goals."

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"You have shown through this competition that the engineering disciplines can be relevant -- that a social consciousness need not be absent from the tool rooms of technology or the proving ground of progress."

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SPOTMASTER

Broadcast: Monday, August 14, 1972

This is a public service presentation of the U.S. Department of Transportation for immediate release Monday, August 14. It concerns Transportation Secretary John Volpe's testimony Monday on the National Capital Area Transit Act of 1972.

"Secretary of Transportation John Volpe testified Monday on Capitol Hill about legislation that would enable the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority to acquire and operate all bus transit systems in the Washington Metropolitan region. The Secretary told a joint session the the Senate District Committee and a District Subcommittee of the House, that attractive and efficient mass transportation in Metropolitan Washington may very well depend on the Bill's enactment. Secretary Volpe said that regional ownership would assure stability and improve the quality of service."

This has been the Transportation News Report for Monday, August 14. For further information call 202-426-4043. This report is changed Monday through Friday at 2:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time.

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Broadcast: August 15, 1972

This is a public service presentation of the U.S. Department of Transportation for immediate release, Tuesday, August 15. The following are excerpts from testimony given Tuesday by Secretary of Transportation John A. Volpe before the Senate Commerce Committee Subcommittee on Aviation concerning hijacking.

"This year, there have been 28 hijacking attempts of which eight have been successful. The 28 hijackings are a small fraction of the more than 3 million, 300 hundred thousand scheduled air carrier flights that have taken place during this period. But even one attempt -- successful or unsuccessful -- is too many, and everyone involved must be dedicated to a complete elimination of this threat.

"Our current problem if properly and fully implemented by all parties involved -- the airlines, the airport operators, the Federal agencies and all law enforcement personnel -- would have prevented nearly all of the hijackings which have occurred so far in 1972. Granted, this would still not achieve our goal of 100 percent prevention of air carrier hijackings. But I believe that any tool that presents such a potential ought to be accepted and conscientiously applied."

This has been the Transportation news report for Tuesday, August 15. For further information call: (202) 426-4531. This report is changed Monday thru Friday at 2:00 P.M., Eastern Daylight Time.

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SPOTMASTER

Broadcast: August 16, 1972

This is a public service presentation of the U.S. Department of Transportation for Wednesday, August 16. The following is a release concerning a conference on safety at railroad crossings.

Transportation Secretary John Volpe will be the keynote speaker at the Fourth National Conference on Rail-Highway Grade Crossing Safety, August 29-31, in Columbus, Ohio. More than 250 safety and engineering experts are expected to discuss new methods of solving safety problems at grade crossings. Some 12,000 grade crossing accidents each year result in nearly 15,000 fatalities and about 7,000 injuries. Secretary Volpe said, "President Nixon has assigned a high priority to reducing this toll and through the coordination of rail and highway experts, systems will be developed to make these grade crossings safer. "

This has been the Transportation News Report for Wednesday, August 16. For further information call (202) 426-0881.

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Secretary of Transportation John A. Volpe today announced the award of four contracts totaling more than \$8-1/4 million to minority firms for work to be done in New York City, Denver and Washington, D. C.

"I am especially pleased to make these awards because it evidences the Department of Transportation's continuing effort to implement President Nixon's aim of fullest possible employment for minorities," Secretary Volpe said.

The contracts were awarded by the Department's Federal Aviation Administration with the cooperation of the Small Business Administration under President Nixon's minority enterprise program.

The awards are:

\* \$3,262,567 to E. B. Associates (a 50-50 joint venture between Black-owned Electroque Associates, Inc., and non-minority Bauer Construction Company) for Phase II expansion and modernization of the New York Air Route Traffic Control Center.

\* \$2,925,478 to Capitol City Construction Company, Inc. (a Denver-based Black-owned firm) for Phase II expansion and modernization of the Denver Air Route Traffic Control Center (essentially the same work as for New York)

\* \$2,022,154 to Burno Construction Associates, Inc. (Black-owned firm sponsored by a non-minority firm, Curtis & Johnson) for renovation of the main runway at Washington National Airport.

\* \$45,843 to the School of Engineering of Howard University (in Washington, D. C.) for a study of antenna isolation.

"These contracts, and their impact on minority employment on a large scale, could not have been possible without the magnificent cooperation of the Small Business Administration," Secretary Volpe declared.



"In Fiscal Year 1973," he went on to say, "we hope to triple the record of over \$7.5 million we made last year in SBA 8(A) contracts to minority firms."

The upsurge in minority participation in transportation programs was only recently highlighted when the National Urban League was awarded two contracts totaling nearly \$1 million for Federal Highway and Federal Aviation Administration work. As of the end of Fiscal Year 1972, the Department of Transportation had awarded over 325 contracts to minority firms under the Small Business Administration 8(A) program.

A special contract signing ceremony was held today in Secretary Volpe's conference room.

Among those in attendance were: David Blaine of Electrorque Associates of New York City; Tony Bauer of Bauer Construction, New York City; Lou Dodds, Capital City Construction Co., Denver; Anthony Chase, Deputy Administrator, SBA; John Jenkins, Director, Office of Minority Business Enterprise, Department of Commerce; and James E. Dow, Associate Administrator for Administration, FAA.

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# NEWS

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SPOTMASTER

Broadcast: August 17, 1972

This is a public service presentation of the U.S. Department of Transportation for immediate release, Thursday, August 17. The following are excerpts from Secretary of Transportation John Volpe's remarks from signing ceremonies in Washington, D.C. for four contracts totalling more than \$8 1/4 million to minority firms. The contracts involve aviation-connected work in New York, Denver and Washington, D.C.

"I'm especially pleased to participate personally in these signing ceremonies, because we feel that this Department has worked very hard to implement President Nixon's aim of fullest possible employment and business opportunities for minorities. I learned many years ago, when I first entered the construction business myself, that it's not so important who is doing the work. What's important is how it's done. Well, today we're winning on both these counts. We have qualified, capable contractors and we're delighted with who they are as well.

"I might also note that today's contracts are certainly not a first for the Department. We have awarded over 325 minority contracts under the SBA 8-A Program alone. And because we encourage competitive bids from minority firms, they have won many competitive awards as well."

This has been the Transportation News Report for Thursday, August 17. For further information call: (202) 426-4321.

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FOR RELEASE MONDAY A.M.  
August 21, 1972

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Phone: (202) 426-4350

Secretary of Transportation John A. Volpe today announced the Department will sponsor a Transportation Facilitation Forum designed to improve intercity and urban commercial passenger services.

Under the theme of "Improvement of Services for People Who Travel", the Forum will be held at the Mayflower Hotel in Washington, D.C., on October 3rd and 4th.

"The U.S. transportation system is the most advanced in the world," Secretary Volpe said, "but that level of achievement is not good enough. We can move more swiftly toward President Nixon's goal of a balanced transportation system by cooperatively alleviating or eliminating the problems that impede or inconvenience personal travel.

"We are calling together representatives of government, transportation management and labor, and organizations fostering the interests of the traveling consumer for what we expect to be a transportation problem-solving session."

Secretary Volpe will deliver the keynote address. Participating with him in the opening session will be Chairman Secor D. Browne of the Civil Aeronautics Board, Chairman George M. Stafford of the Interstate Commerce Commission and John L. Hazard, Assistant Secretary of Transportation for Policy and International Affairs.

Other Department of Transportation officials who will participate are Urban Mass Transportation Administrator Carlos C. Villarreal, Assistant Secretary for Environment and Urban Systems John E. Hirten and Director of Consumer Affairs Ann P. Uccello.

State and regional government activities will be represented by J. Donald Reilly, Executive Vice President of Airport Operators Council International, Inc. and Francis J. Riordan, President of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners.

John M. Elliott, President of the Amalgamated Transit Union, will represent transportation labor.

The transportation industry will be represented by Stuart G. Tipton, President of the Air Transport Association; Roger Lewis, President of AMTRAK--the National Railroad Passenger Corporation; Charles A. Webb, President of the National Association of Motor Bus Owners; William D. Toohey, President of Discover America Travel Organization; and Thomas Keesling, President of American Society of Travel Agents.

Representing passenger interests at the Forum will be Paul W. Guyler, Director of Traveler's Aid International; Anthony Haswell, President of the National Association of Railroad Passengers; and Eileen Halenza, President of the National Passenger Traffic Association.

For further information, contact Mr. Berney T. Wilburn, Forum Coordinator, Office of Facilitation, Department of Transportation, at 202-426-4350.

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SPOTMASTER

Broadcast: Tuesday, August 22, 1972

This is a public service presentation of the U.S. Department of Transportation for immediate release, Tuesday, August 22 and concerns an emergency medical training course.

"A two year old federally funded emergency medical training course for ambulance personnel is showing excellent results in saving lives at automobile accidents. Some 40 states have adopted the course developed by the Transportation Department's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. It consists of 81 hours of intense instruction in prompt and adequate care for accident victims. It's estimated that 80 percent of this country's 120,000 ambulance drivers and attendants will be able to receive the training during the next year. The value of the course was shown in a recent bus-truck accident in Tennessee where emergency personnel were credited with saving many lives."

This has been the Transportation News Report for Tuesday, August 22. For further information call 202-426-9550. This report is changed Monday through Friday at 2:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
August 31, 1972

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Phone: (202) 426-4321

Secretary of Transportation John A. Volpe today announced the appointment of J. Richard Jones as Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary of Transportation for Policy and International Affairs.

As Special Assistant, Mr. Jones will aid the Assistant Secretary, John L. Hazard, in developing a program to provide the Department of Transportation with a long-range research program.

Prior to his appointment, Mr. Jones was an associate professor of marketing at Georgia University in Athens. Experienced in the areas of transportation distribution and marketing, he has also taught at the University of Houston and Arizona State University in Tempe.

"Richard Jones is one of the young professionals of the new, but burgeoning field of transportation sciences," Secretary Volpe said. "We need expertise such as his and we welcome him to the Department."

Mr. Jones, 32, received his BA in 1962 and his MBA in 1964 from Michigan State University. He received his doctorate in marketing from Arizona State University in 1969.

He has numerous publications in trade and business journals, such as Nation's Business, The Atlanta Economic Review, and Transportation and Distribution Management. A recent publication appeared in Handling and Shipping, April 1972, "Can a Green Graduate from State College USA Find True Happiness in a Public Warehouse."

Mr. Jones is a member of the American Society of Traffic and Transportation, the Southern Marketing Association, and the American Institute for Decision Sciences.

A native of Saginaw, Michigan, he and his wife and four daughters will reside in Vienna, Virginia, a suburb of Washington, D.C.

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