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DOT R-48-76

Secretary of Transportation William T. Coleman, Jr. today announced the award of \$112,553,760 in Interstate Highway Transfer funds to the District of Columbia and the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) for continued construction activities on the METRO rapid rail transit project.

"WMATA and the Washington metropolitan area have been leaders in utilizing Interstate transfer funds for mass transit purposes," Secretary Coleman said. "Their making good use of this additional source of funding is a significant indication of their dedication to the completion of the METRO system."

The Federal monies, which pay 80 percent of the total project cost, will be used for right-of-way acquisition, engineering and design costs, construction of right-of-way, stations and parking facilities; purchase of fare collection equipment, vehicle control and communication equipment; and for utility agreements for provision of electrical power to the system.

This transfer is funded by a previous withdrawal by the District of Columbia of portions of I-95 and I-270 within the District. The withdrawal of these segments had permitted the transfer of \$286.6 million to METRO purposes in October, 1975.

"UMTA will continue to process Interstate transfer grants for METRO construction through Federal Year 1977," UMTA Administrator Robert E. Patricelli noted. "Approximately \$475 million more has been budgeted and appropriated through the course of Fiscal Year 1977, an amount that will permit critical construction to continue without delay."

The transfer of Federal funds from the Federal Interstate highway program to mass transit uses was made possible by the 1973 Federal-Aid Highway Act. Under this program, Interstate highway segments determined to be non-essential to the completion of the Federal highway network may be withdrawn and the funds held for that purpose transferred to fund mass transit projects in the same area.

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For additional information contact Warren Quenstedt,
Acting General Manager, Washington Metropolitan Area Transit
Authority, (202) 637-1234. (Project IT-23-9003)

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DOT 68-76

Seminars on the problems encountered in the intermodal transportation of hazardous materials will be conducted by the U.S. Department of Transportation in October, November and December at Pittsburgh, Pa., and Houston, Texas.

All of these seminars will be conducted by personnel from the DOT's Office of Hazardous Materials Operations and the Department's modal administrations.

The seminars will be held October 19 & 20, 1976 at the Sheraton Motor Inn - North in Pittsburgh, Pa., and November 30 & December 1, 1976 and December 2 & 3, 1976 at the Host International Hotel in Houston, Texas.

James T. Curtis, Jr., director of the DOT's Materials Transportation Bureau said the seminars are part of a continuing series of programs being sponsored by the MTB throughout the country to enable shippers, carriers, freight forwarders, container manufacturers and suppliers to discuss the problems of intermodal transportation of hazardous materials.

These seminars are free and open to the public. However, space will be limited and attendance will be on a first-come, first-served basis. Persons wishing to attend should make reservations with:

Sandra D. Cureton
Operations Division, MTH-30
Office of Hazardous Materials Operations
Materials Transportation Bureau
U.S. Department of Transportation
2100 2nd Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20590

Telephone: (202) 426-2301

Persons wishing to attend must make their own arrangements for lodging.

NOTE: SEMINAR REGISTRATIONS WILL NOT BE CONFIRMED.



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DOT 70-76

DOT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
CHAIRMAN NAMED

Trevor Jones, Director of the General Motors Proving Grounds, Milford, Mich., has been appointed chairman of the National Highway Safety Advisory Committee by U. S. Secretary of Transportation William T. Coleman, Jr.

Mrs. Susan Baker, an associate professor at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, has been appointed vice chairman.

In the past, the chairmanship of the committee, first created by Congress in 1966, was designated by legislation to be either the secretary or another high-ranking department official of his selection. With the enactment of the Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1976, chairmanship selection from among the committee's members was made possible. The members strongly endorsed Mr. Jones and Mrs. Baker for the leadership positions.

The Advisory Committee's 35 members are appointed by the President and represent national, state and local public and private interests. The group advises the secretary on highway safety matters.

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The first comprehensive directory of transportation courses and programs offered by U.S. colleges and universities was issued today by the Department of Transportation.

The 204-page Directory of Transportation Education lists institutions of higher education which offer degree and non-degree programs in various transportation fields.

The book catalogues courses and degrees offered, names of department chairmen, addresses and phone numbers. It is divided into two sections. One identifies courses offered as part of degree programs. The other section covers seminars, workshops and institutes offered as part of non-degree programs.

Included in the directory is an index of colleges and universities by various transportation modes and fields: aviation, highway, urban mass transportation, railroad, water transport, pipeline, intermodal, environmental and consumer education.

Copies of the Directory of Transportation Education are available, at a per copy price of \$2.80, from:

Superintendent of Documents
U.S. Government Printing Office
Washington, D.C. 20402

Stock number: 050-000-00121-1



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FOR RELEASE THURSDAY
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DOT 71-76

Marshall Taylor, chief of the Compliance and Enforcement Division of the department's Office of Pipeline Safety Operations' Kansas City field office, will head the department's on-site monitoring team along the trans-Alaska pipeline, Deputy Secretary of Transportation John W. Barnum announced today.

The team was sent to Alaska in July to monitor all aspects of the construction of the pipeline for the remainder of the 1976 construction season. Such surveillance is necessary in order to assure that the pipeline is constructed in accordance with DOT regulations.

The five-member monitoring team is composed of two U.S. Coast Guard radiographic specialists and three DOT Office of Pipeline Safety Operations compliance inspectors. A third U.S. Coast Guard radiographic specialist will be assigned if necessary to provide additional capability to evaluate the adequacy of the radiographic records of the pipeline girth welds made in the field during the 1975 construction season. The team is also charged with the task of assessing the adequacy of the Alyeska Pipeline Service Company's remedial program to repair all welds that have been identified as having defects in excess of the DOT standards.

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**CONSUMER ADVISORY
REQUEST FOR
PUBLIC COMMENT**

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DOT 72-76

A draft report on automobile fuel economy goals beyond 1980, released last month by the President's Energy Resources Council, will be the subject of a public hearing on October 21, Deputy Secretary of Transportation John W. Barnum announced today.

The testimony will be heard by Barnum; John Hill, Deputy Administrator of the Federal Energy Administration; John Quarles, Deputy Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency; and a representative from the Energy Research and Development Administration. The hearing will begin at 10 a.m. in the third floor auditorium of Federal Building 10A (FAA Building) 800 Independence Ave., S.W., Washington, D.C. and will continue until all who have requested to speak have been heard.

Persons who want to testify at the public hearing should contact the Docket Clerk, Motor Vehicle Goals, Assistant Secretary for Systems Development and Technology, Room 10414, U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh St., S.W., Washington, D.C. 20590. Phone: 202/426-4461

The hearing's purpose is to obtain public comments on the information and issues presented in the draft report before a final report is written. Deputy Secretary Barnum said the future characteristics of the automobile would affect millions of auto owners, workers and manufacturers and, therefore, the report needs the widest possible exposure and discussion.

Representatives of Ford, General Motors, Chrysler, American Motors and the Motor Vehicle Manufacturers Association are expected to speak at the public hearing. Leaders of public interest groups and other interested persons also are invited to testify.

Deputy Secretary Barnum said he anticipated the speakers will comment on such issues as the auto industry's ability to make the necessary investments to meet the fuel economy standards mandated by the Energy Policy and Conservation Act of 1975, future consumer acceptance of "different" cars and the fuel economy impact of the failure of Congress to enact amendments to the Clean Air Act.

The report, which was released on September 13, was prepared by the Interagency Task Force on Motor Vehicle Goals Beyond 1980.

The Task Force consisted of representatives from the U.S. Department of Transportation, the Environmental Protection Agency, the Energy Research and Development Administration, the Federal Energy Administration and the National Science Foundation. The Task Force also drew upon other government departments including the Department of Commerce, the Department of Defense, the Department of Labor and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

Written comments will be received by the Department of Transportation through December 13. Such comments (three copies if possible) should identify the file number (OST File No. 40) and be sent to the Docket Clerk, Office of General Counsel, (TGC), Department of Transportation, Washington, D.C. 20590, where all comments will be available for reading.

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FEDERAL SUPPORT GIVEN
DETROIT AREA TRANSIT

A commitment in principle of \$600 million for mass transit construction in the Metropolitan Detroit area was announced today by Secretary of Transportation William T. Coleman, Jr.

The federal funds are to be matched by \$220 million in state funds, already approved by Governor Milliken, and are contingent upon agreement by the Detroit business community to invest \$600 million in urban residential and commercial development along the route of the ultimate transit system.

Secretary Coleman noted that an alternatives analysis study for Detroit has not yet been completed and it has not been determined whether the area will be served by a heavy rail system, a light rail system, buses on exclusive lanes, people movers or some combination of these technologies.

Secretary Coleman said he is announcing the commitment of funds at this time because of the prompt action of the Governor and Michigan Legislature of enacting legislation to ensure state and local support of mass transit improvement for the Detroit area.

"The determination of the type of system," Secretary Coleman said, "should to as large an extent as possible be based on local discretion as to how the funds can best meet the needs of the area.

"I congratulate the citizens of Metropolitan Detroit and the State of Michigan on the strong leadership which has worked with us consistently and has been instrumental in our decision in principle to fund improved mass transit in Southeastern Michigan," the Secretary said.

Other contingencies placed on the commitment in principle by Secretary Coleman are that any transit construction will be carried out with union cooperation in providing training and jobs for unemployed youths, a major factor in Detroit's problem of urban unrest; and that opportunities will be provided for minority contractors.

In regard to another matter, Secretary Coleman informed Governor Milliken the Federal Highway Administration is examining the feasibility of a system of emergency call boxes for installation on Michigan highways.

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DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME
ENDS ON OCTOBER 31

Clocks should be turned back one hour at 2 a.m., Sunday, October 31, ending six months of daylight saving time.

Under the Uniform Time Act daylight saving time is observed from the last Sunday in April until the last Sunday in October. Barring congressional action, daylight saving time will return at 2 a.m., Sunday, April 24, 1977.

This year Congress failed to approve a recommendation by the U.S. Department of Transportation to extend daylight saving time from the first Sunday in March to the first Sunday in November.

Areas which do not observe daylight saving time are Arizona, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands, American Samoa and that portion of Indiana within the Eastern Time Zone.

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DOT 75-76

SECRETARY COLEMAN ANNOUNCES LABOR CERTIFICATION CHANGES

Secretary of Transportation William T. Coleman, Jr. today announced changes that will improve the administration of the labor protective provisions of the Urban Mass Transportation Act. Section 13(c) of the Act of 1964, as amended, requires that before any federal funds may be granted by the Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA), the Secretary of Labor must certify that fair and equitable arrangements have been made to protect the rights of mass transportation employees affected by an UMTA grant.

"These changes have been designed to streamline the grant approval process and to avoid the frustration and delays which sometimes have been associated with the current 13(c) procedures, while fully maintaining the protection of affected employees as intended by the law," Secretary Coleman said.

The changes, which were developed cooperatively by the Department of Transportation and the Department of Labor, involve:

- Publication of written guidelines to assist applicants in their understanding of the Department of Labor's criteria for making the labor protection determination;

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- Setting of time limits by the Secretary of Labor within which bargaining on protective arrangements must be concluded;
- Establishment of a procedure for making a single certification on a major project that is accomplished in stages over a period of several years and funded through amendatory UMTA grants. For such UMTA grants the Department of Labor will, on its own initiative, apply the same terms and conditions to the amendments as were certified for the original grant; and
- Establishment of categories of recurring grants for which the Department of Labor would automatically certify arrangements within 30 days, unless objections were made, based on previously existing 13(c) agreement of that type. This procedure will apply to UMTA capital grants for vehicle purchase, right-of-way rehabilitation, and grants that are part of specified multi-year projects.

Still under review is the establishment of a so-called 13(c) negative declaration procedure for UMTA general operating assistance grants.

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DOT 76-76

MINORITY BUSINESS RESOURCE
CENTER WEST COAST OFFICE

Secretary of Transportation William T. Coleman, Jr., today named Secretarial Representative Lawrence H. Dunn as the West Coast contact for the Minority Business Resource Center.

Dunn, who is based in San Francisco, Calif., will serve in an interim capacity as the western region representative for Director Kenneth Bolton on opportunities for minority business contractors in the massive upgrading program for the nation's railroads. A permanent West Coast representative will be named later.

Secretary Coleman said, "I consider all DOT activities to encourage the involvement of minority businesses in Federal programs so important that I am lending the support of my personal staff to assist the Minority Resource Center as this new entity gets on its feet. Mr. Dunn will work closely with Kenneth Bolton, the Director of the Minority Resource Center, to ensure that there is a full exchange of information regarding the opportunities for minority firms in the ongoing and forthcoming rail improvement program."

"At this time, we are concentrating our efforts on ConRail, the Northeast Corridor and AMTRAK," FRA Administrator Asaph H. Hall said. "We do expect, however, that minority businesses throughout the nation will participate by furnishing goods and services purchased by these railroad companies," he said.

"With the funding of Title V of the Railroad Revitalization and Regulatory Reform Act this fiscal year, we anticipate that railroads in the West will begin to receive financial assistance from FRA. We want to get some of those projects underway as quickly as possible because they offer additional opportunities for minority businesses on the West Coast."

The Minority Business Resource Center was established under a provision of the Railroad Revitalization and Regulatory Reform Act of 1976 to provide minority firms with information and assistance on business opportunities in the revitalization of the railroads. The center, which is administered by the Federal Railroad Administration, will establish a national clearinghouse for informing minority businesses of opportunities that are available to them, conduct market research on such opportunities, and assist these firms in obtaining investment capital and debt financing.

Mr. Dunn is the DOT Secretarial Representative for Region IX, which encompasses the States of Arizona, Nevada, California, Hawaii, as well as American Samoa, Guam, and the Trust Territories of the Pacific. His address is as follows:

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Secretarial Representative
United States Department of Transportation
Embarcadero Two, Suite 610
San Francisco, California 94111
Phone: 415-556-5960

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EXPERTS HELP DOT EVALUATE TECHNIQUE OF TESTING WELDS

A panel of experts was convened today by U.S. Deputy Secretary of Transportation John W. Barnum to assist the department in evaluating fracture mechanics analysis as a technique in determining the structural integrity of the trans-Alaska pipeline.

The panel, composed of experts in the fields of radiography, fracture mechanics, non-destructive testing, and welding, will comment on two significant issues:

-- Whether a fracture mechanics analysis can properly serve as an alternative to the current DOT standards set for determining the structural integrity of girth welds in the main line of the trans-Alaska crude oil pipeline system;

-- And, if so, whether the technical information, in particular the measurements of weld defect sizes, provided for the public docket provides a valid basis for applying a fracture mechanics analysis to the particular girth welds for which the Alyeska Pipeline Service Company seeks waivers of the current standards.

"Fracture mechanics analysis is a relatively new science used with some success in aerospace and nuclear engineering applications, but not widely used to determine the toughness of pipelines. In addition, there is uncertainty in the radiographic measurements of weld defect sizes. Therefore, I have called together this panel of experts to supplement the report provided to the Materials Transportation Bureau by the National Bureau of Standard in order to get the advantage of as much expertise as possible while we consider these important issues," Deputy Secretary Barnum said.

Members of the panel and their fields of expertise are:
Dr. Herbert T. Corten, professor of theoretical and applied mechanics, University of Illinois (expert in fracture mechanics analysis);
Dr. Matthew Creager, president of Del West Associates (expert in fracture mechanics analysis and testing); Dr. Robert C. McMaster, regents professor of welding and electrical engineering, Ohio State University (expert in metallurgy, welding, non-destructive testing and radiography); Dr. Warren F. Savage, professor of metallurgy and director of welding research, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (expert in metallurgy and welding); and Edward Criscuolo, Naval Surface Weapons Center (expert in welding and radiography). Dr. Corten is the panel chairman.

The panel will review the NBS report and subsequently submit a written report that will include specific recommendations to the DOT.

In addition to the NBS report, the panel's report and the remaining technical material in the docket, Deputy Secretary Barnum will conduct a public hearing on October 28, 1976, on the two fracture mechanics analysis questions.

The hearing will begin at 8:30 am and will be held in the third floor auditorium of Federal Building 10A (FAA Building) at 800 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C.

Public testimony is invited at the hearing, which is being held specifically to consider a petition by the Alyeska Pipeline Service Company for a waiver of certain girth weld requirements in the trans-Alaska pipeline system. Presentations should be limited to the uncertainties of fracture mechanics analysis.

Persons wishing to make presentations should contact the Docket Clerk (Peggy Hammond), Office of Pipeline Safety Operations (OPSO Docket No. 76-12W), 2100 Second Street, S.W., Washington, D.C., 20590 (telephone 202/426-0135) not later than noon, Tuesday, October 26, 1976, giving the following information:

- (1) Name.
- (2) Address.
- (3) Phone number during normal working hours.
- (4) Capacity in which presentation will be made (e.g. private citizen, public interest group, public official, standard-setting group, private business firm together with the name of the group, firm or particular interest concerned).
- (5) Position - pro or con on each of the issues stated above.
- (6) Time (maximum 15 minutes) desired for presentation.



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DOT 78-76

SEMINARS ON INTERMODAL TRANSPORTATION OF HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SLATED BY DOT

Seminars on the problems encountered in the intermodal transportation of hazardous material will be conducted by the U.S. Department of Transportation in November and December in San Juan, Puerto Rico; Ponce, Puerto Rico; and Memphis, Tenn.

Each seminar will be conducted by personnel from the DOT's Office of Hazardous Materials Operations and the Department's modal administrations.

The seminars will be held November 9 and 10, 1976, at the Holiday Inn - Condado in San Juan, Puerto Rico; November 11, 1976, at the Holiday Inn, Ponce, Puerto Rico; and December 14 and 15, 1976, at the Holiday Inn - Rivermont, Memphis, Tenn.

James T. Curtis, Jr., director of the DOT's Materials Transportation Bureau, said the seminars are part of a continuing series of programs being sponsored by the MTB throughout the country to enable shippers, carriers, freight forwarders, container manufacturers and suppliers to discuss the problems of intermodal transportation of hazardous materials.

These seminars are free and open to the public. However, space will be limited and attendance will be on a first-come, first-served basis.

Persons wishing to attend or to obtain more information on the seminars to be held in Puerto Rico should contact:

Juan L. Villafane
Flight Standards District Office
U.S. Department of Transportation/FAA
RFD No. 1, Box 29A Loiza St. Sta.
San Juan, Puerto Rico 00964

Persons wishing to attend or to obtain more information on the seminar to be held in Memphis, Tenn., should contact:

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Sandra D. Cureton
Office of Hazardous Material Operations, MTH-30
U.S. Department of Transportation
2100 2nd Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20590

Telephone: (202) 426-2301

Persons wishing to attend any of the three seminars must make their own arrangements for lodging.

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DOT 79-76

DOT AWARDS CEREMONY

U.S. Secretary of Transportation William T. Coleman, Jr., today presented 54 DOT awards for bravery or outstanding achievement.

In the ninth annual awards ceremony, held at the Departmental Auditorium in Washington, D.C., 47 civilian employees and seven members of the Coast Guard were honored.

Thomas Ferrando, a member of the department's Federal Aviation Administration, received the Secretary's Award for Valor. Ferrando was honored for his exceptional courage in the face of great personal danger, when he rescued a semiconscious occupant of a burning automobile on the Long Island Expressway on the morning of December 6, 1975. His quick actions are credited with saving the person's life.

The DOT Gold Medal, given for outstanding achievement, was awarded posthumously to Alexander D. Gaither. The award was presented to Mr. Gaither's widow, Dorothy. Mr. Gaither, who was the director of the Office of Civil Rights for the Federal Highway Administration, was honored for his role in developing and carrying out the responsibilities for assuring the protection of civil rights and equality of opportunity.

Secretary Coleman said, "It is especially important that we pause to recognize such excellent performance in this Bicentennial year. As our republic enters its third century of existence there is nothing more vital to the continued progress of our nation than heightened public trust and faith in the workings of government. By their deeds our honorees have helped build such trust and faith."

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The DOT Silver Medal, given to recognize exceptionally meritorious service to the department or federal government, was presented to 45 civilian DOT employees and one member of the Coast Guard, LCDR. Thomas Nunes of the Coast Guard's Third District.

Receiving the Silver Medal within the Office of the Secretary were Ernest T. Bauer, Constance L. Abrams, Larry C. Johnson, Nancy T. Ebersole, Eleanor Sugrue, Charles Swinburn, Ira Laster, Jr., Francis E. Unti, Russell K. McFarland, Wilbur Williams, Karen Deeds, Leroy Johnson, James P. Andersen, William H. Close, Cline W. Frasier, Richard R. John and Louis W. Roberts.

In the Federal Aviation Administration, recipients were Charles R. Foster, Lynn L. Hink and Victor Onachilla. Civilian members of the Coast Guard who received Silver Medals were Millard H. Allen, Jr., Byron J. Clark and Lysle Gray.

Silver Medal recipients in the Federal Railroad Administration were Weaver E. Franklin, Anne-Marie Hyland, James L. Newkirk, Kenneth B. Ullman, Madeleine S. Bloom, Robert C. Hunter, Patrick O'Driscoll and Garold R. Thomas.

Six employees of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration received Silver Medals. They were Robert L. Carter, Charles F. Livingston, Gilbert L. Watson, Frank A. Berndt, John R. Burke and William H. Marsh.

Urban Mass Transportation Administration Silver Medal recipients were Charles J. Daniels, Charles H. Graves, C. Kenneth Orski, George J. Pastor and Diane Enos.

In the Federal Highway Administration, three persons received Silver Medals. They were Stanley Gordon, Frank Johnson and Vincent Paparella.

In the Coast Guard, LCDR John M. Lewis received the Distinguished Flying Cross Medal for his actions as helicopter pilot in rescuing the captain of an ocean drilling rig which capsized and sank during a storm off the coast of Texas. LCDR David I. Scott also received the Distinguished Flying Cross Medal for his actions as helicopter pilot in the successful evacuation of a critically ill seaman from a fog shrouded fishing vessel 60 miles off the coast of Massachusetts.

CAPT William J. Bickford and Master Chief Machinery Technician Kenneth W. Augustus received the Coast Guard Medal for their actions when, as passengers aboard a commercial jet aircraft which crashed while attempting to land at Ketchikan, Alaska, they assisted in the rescue of passengers and crewmembers from the burning wreck.

CDR Hugh D. Williams received the Meritorious Service Medal and Aviation Electronics Technician Second Class James H. Pate was the recipient of the Air Medal.

Francis J. Mulcahy, Jr., a trial attorney with the Federal Highway Administration, was this year's recipient of the Lawrence R. Schneider Award, given annually to an especially competent and productive DOT attorney during the first 10 years after admission to the bar.

Deputy Secretary John W. Barnum was master of ceremonies and William S. Weffelfinger, assistant secretary for administration, introduced the award winners, giving a brief summary of the deed or achievement that merited the award.

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DOT TO HOLD PUBLIC HEARING
IN MEMPHIS ON I-40 PROPOSAL

CONSUMER ADVISORY
REQUEST FOR
PUBLIC COMMENT

Phone: (202)426-4321
DOT 80-76

The proposed construction of a 3.6-mile section of Interstate highway 40 in Memphis, Tenn., including one mile through Overton Park, will be the subject of a public hearing to be conducted by U.S. Deputy Secretary of Transportation John W. Barnum in Memphis on November 23.

The U.S. Department of Transportation has the responsibility for deciding whether to approve the application from the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) for a federal grant to complete the construction of I-40.

TDOT has submitted a proposal for a fully-depressed, partially-covered design through Overton Park. An environmental impact statement on the proposal was prepared by TDOT in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Highway Administration.

Deputy Secretary Barnum said he would conduct a public hearing on the proposal because of the considerable interest and controversy which has surrounded the issue of the construction of this section of I-40. Interested elected public officials and representatives of civic organizations will have the opportunity to express their views, he said.

The location of the hearing will be announced later. The hearing will run from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. The agenda will be:

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| 10 - 11 a.m. | -- | elected public officials favoring construction; |
| 11 a.m. - noon | -- | elected public officials opposed to construction; |

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- 2 - 3 p.m. -- representatives of civic groups favoring construction;
- 3 - 4 p.m. -- representatives of civic groups opposed to construction.

Participants will be permitted a maximum of 10 minutes for each presentation. Those with the same point of view have been asked to combine their presentations. Written copies of presentations are helpful, but are not required.

Any elected public official or representative of a civic, public interest or industry group wanting to participate in the hearing should write to the Deputy Secretary of Transportation (I-40 Hearing), 400 Seventh Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20590. Phone: 202-426-4357. The request should be received no later than November 10 and should contain the following information:

1. Name.
2. Address.
3. Phone number during normal working hours.
4. Capacity in which presentation will be made (i.e., public official or civil, public interest, or industry group representative, with name of group represented.)
5. Position - pro or con.
6. Time desired for presentation (maximum of 10 minutes).

In addition, written presentations by any interested persons, including those who may not have sufficient time to express their full views at the hearing, may be submitted directly to Deputy Secretary Barnum. (Send the material, to be received no later than November 30, to the Deputy Secretary of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20590. Write I-40 Presentation on the envelope.)

The proposed environmental impact statement is available for review at the public libraries in Memphis. A limited number of copies also will be available on November 1 and can be obtained by citizen groups, businesses and governmental bodies potentially affected by the decision. Copies may be obtained at the office of Frank P. Polumbo, Jr., Director of Public Works of the City of Memphis, 125 N. Main Street (room 602), Memphis, Tenn. 38103.

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DOT COMMITS FUNDING FOR STATE STREET MALL IN CHICAGO

A grant of \$767,172 in federal funds for architectural and engineering studies of Chicago's State Street Pedestrian and Transit Mall was announced today by U.S. Secretary of Transportation William T. Coleman, Jr.

Funding for the project was provided by the department's Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA). Today's grant represents the study phase of a \$12 million project to improve transportation in Chicago's downtown area.

These funds will be made available immediately to the city of Chicago to begin the first phase of an innovative pedestrian and transit project between Wacker Drive and Congress Parkway in the heart of the Loop, Chicago's Central Business District. An additional \$8 million in Federal-aid Highway Urban System Funds and Urban Mass Transportation funds will be available to complete various phases of this \$12 million project over the next several years. Local funds will be used to supplement the federal contribution.

Secretary Coleman said, "The nine block auto restricted zone encompassed by the State Street Mall will provide the type of urban environment that will assure a high level of comfort, convenience and safety to the pedestrian, users of public transportation and the private motorist. Both public and private planning groups have been fully involved in developing the design and operational features of this project. Consequently, we believe that it will

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not only provide adequate movement patterns for vehicular traffic and improved movement of public transit but will also provide a pleasant pedestrian environment and stimulate the retail activity of the area.

"Such meaningful and forward-looking projects as the State Street Mall represent one of the best means by which we can start to revitalize our major urban areas. They demonstrate that central business districts, properly designed and operated can provide a healthy, safe, and comfortable environment for urban living. The city of Chicago is to be commended for its imagination and foresight in developing this urban vision of the future."

Local contact: Mr. Marshall Suloway, Commissioner, Department of Public Works, City Hall, Room 406, 121 N. LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois, 60610, (312) 744-3680.

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