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BROADCAST NEWS SERVICE 74-94 Broadcast: Wednesday, May 1, 1974

The U.S. Department of Transportation Broadcast News Service for Wednesday, May 1, has a story dealing with deaths and injuries to children involved in automobile accidents.

The U.S. Department of Transportation is warning parents of the importance of using automobile safety restraints on their children. This follows reports that 980 children, under five years of age, died in traffic accidents last year while 155,000 suffered significant injuries. At the same time, there was a sharp decrease in the national sales of children's car seats. The Department's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration said good protection is available in child car seats, harnesses and infant carriers and that the new, three-point belt required in 1974 cars offer improvements for protecting some child passengers.

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BROADCAST NEWS SERVICE 74-95

Broadcast: Thursday, May 2, 1974

The U.S. Department of Transportation Broadcast News Service for Thursday, May 2, has two cuts dealing with the effects here of a possible air controller strike in Canada.

The Federal Aviation Administration says that if Canadian Air Traffic Controllers go on strike as planned, jet passenger service between Canada and the U.S. and through Canadian airspace over the North Atlantic will halt as of midnight Sunday, May 5. Special Projects Officer A. L. Waldin said:

OFFICER WALDIN: "We suggest air travelers planning trips across the Canadian/United States border should check with their air carrier for possible alternative trip plans. Also, trans-Atlantic travelers should expect to experience probable ground delays, particularly at major international airports such as Kennedy in New York.

In the Canadian airspace itself, there will be some lightweight general aviation flights which use propeller aircraft. This is limited to aircraft no larger than a DC-3 and they will be permitted to fly under visual flight rules because these do not require ground control services. We would like to stress, though, that this type of flight can only be made with prior approval from the Canadian Air Ministry and provided that a flight plan has been filed before departure."

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BROADCAST NEWS SERVICE 74-96

Broadcast: Friday, May 3, 1974

The U.S. Department of Transportation Broadcast News Service for Friday, May 3 has a consumer alert, and a story on subsidizing air carriers. The consumer alert follows a lead-in.

The U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration issued a Consumer Advisory today, to provide a status report on its investigation of ignition problems in certain Ford Motor Company automobiles, and to find out if Ford owners can shed any more light on the problem. The Department's Director of Consumer Affairs, Ann Uccello, explained.

MISS UCCELLO: "Safety investigators are trying to reach owners of 1968 and '69 Fords who may still have a faulty electrical connection between the ignition switch and the connector leading to other electrical systems in the car. Heat build-up from a faulty connection may possibly cause the engine not to start -- or stop while the car is moving, or failure of other electrical accessories. The Safety Administration needs more information from owners of these Fords to continue the investigation. Because of the potential danger, we are asking the owners who have experienced any symptoms of failure to have their ignition switches inspected, and to please report any failure to the Office of Consumer Affairs of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration in Washington."

For further information, call (202) 426-9550. Next, a story on international air carriers.

Assistant Secretary of Transportation-Designate Robert Binder says that direct subsidy to the U.S. international air carriers should be viewed as a last resort in resolving their financial problems. Speaking to a New York audience Thursday night, Mr. Binder said in the short term, he believed that the carriers can do a lot to adjust their routes. He also noted that much can be done, with the carriers and government cooperating, to facilitate an improvement in revenue through increased rates that could be implemented this year.

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BROADCAST NEWS SERVICE 74-97

Broadcast: Monday, May 6, 1974

The U.S. Department of Transportation Broadcast News Service for Monday, May 6, has an actuality on commercial vehicle accidents and a story on three consumer publications. First, the actuality, which follows a lead-in.

The Director of the Department of Transportation's Bureau of Motor Carrier Safety, Robert A. Kaye, speaking to a Trucking Association Conference in Honolulu today, expressed the Bureau's concern for assuring the safety of commercial vehicle drivers.

DIRECTOR KAYE: "Our accident data show that the driver is a key factor in the overwhelming majority of commercial vehicle accidents. We need to train him better, improve his morale, improve his means of controlling his vehicle, monitor his physical and emotional condition, and generally aid him in every way possible so that he will save not only lives and injuries, but your valuable vehicles and cargo."

Next, a story on aids for prospective car buyers.

The U.S. Department of Transportation today announced publication of three consumer booklets to help prospective buyers compare safety features of 1974 model passenger cars and motorcycles. The booklets compare performance levels on brakes, tire reserve load, and acceleration and passing ability. Comparisons are based on information furnished by domestic and foreign manufacturers. All three publications are available from the Government Printing Office in Washington, D.C.

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BROADCAST NEWS SERVICE 74-98

Broadcast: Tuesday, May 7, 1974

The U.S. Department of Transportation Broadcast News Service for Tuesday, May 7 has an actuality on a carpooling project and a story on a Federal Aviation Administration warning. The actuality is first and follows a lead in.

The U.S. Department of Transportation is seeking to encourage the use of carpools through demonstration projects. The latest, and largest funding to date, by the Federal Highway Administration, involves \$540 thousand for the Los Angeles area from highway construction funds. Federal Highway Administrator Norbert Tiemann commented:

ADMINISTRATOR TIEMANN: "It's important to realize that the easing of the gasoline shortage doesn't affect the need for good carpooling programs in this country. Our interest goes back to 1968 when we were well aware that increased auto occupancy was the solution to easing highway congestion and reducing air pollution. And, as a result of the recent fuel crisis, and in the face of a continuing fuel shortage, carpooling becomes even more important."

The program will also provide match lists to people who fill out application forms, plus information valuable in forming bus or vanpool commuter service.

Next, the FAA Story.

"The Federal Aviation Administration is urging pilots with an emergency locator transmitter in their plane to make sure the equipment is 'armed' so it will be automatically activated in case of accident to speed up search and rescue operations. The FAA says that there have been a number of general aviation accidents in which the transmitters -- known as ELT's -- were unarmed."

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"In one case, a passenger survived a crash for 30 hours but finally died of injuries and exposure. The system, activated by shock forces, emits a signal to alert search and rescue units and allow them to home in to the plane. After June 30th, most of the more than 145,000 U.S. registered aircraft must have an ELT and have it turned on during flight."

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BROADCAST NEWS SERVICE 74-99

Broadcast: Wednesday, May 8, 1974

The U.S. Department of Transportation Broadcast News Service for Wednesday May 8, has an actuality on the need for mass transit, and a story on a safety meeting. The actuality is first, it follows a lead-in.

Federal Highway Administrator Norbert Tiemann said today there is a "desperate need" for mass transit facilities in many cities. Speaking to the annual Highway Transportation Congress in Washington, he observed:

ADMINISTRATOR TIEMANN: "I want to emphasize to you particularly -- as highway users -- that in most instances mass transit means buses, which travel on highways. All of the experts agree that at most, 14 of our cities might eventually operate rail transit systems, but because of cost, time, and other factors, this number could well turn out to be about eight or nine. People movers and other exotic systems may play some role, but for most of our cities, mass transit is going to be in the form of buses, using exclusive lanes and other types of preferential treatment."

Mr. Tiemann stressed that the proposed Unified Transportation Assistance Program is legislation intended to meet the pressing problems of urban areas now, while continuing to give full attention to rural needs.

Next, a safety meeting story.

"Safety experts from the United States and five other nations will target in on problems posed by the increase of smaller cars on the highway at the Third International Congress on Automotive Safety. The meeting is set for July 15 thru 17 in San Francisco. They will examine the increasing traffic mix of small and large cars with special concern over the reduced protection for occupants in small cars should crashes occur. The conference will also study the possibility of improving car designs as a method of reducing pedestrian and bicyclist fatalities, which last year counted almost 12,000 victims in the U.S."

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Copies may be obtained from the National Technical Information Service, 5285 Port Royal Road, Springfield, Va. 22151. Orders should include accession number PB-229-998/AS, title, and a check or money order for \$4.50 for a printed copy or \$1.45 for microfiche.

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BROADCAST NEWS SERVICE 74-100

Broadcast: Thursday, May 9, 1974

The U.S. Department of Transportation Broadcast News Service for Thursday, May 9 has a story dealing with Transportation Week. It will follow in two seconds.

Next week, May 12th through 18th, is National Transportation Week, set aside to honor the people of the transportation industry. The week traditionally includes National Defense Transportation Day, which this year falls on Friday, May 17. As part of the week's observance, Under Secretary of Transportation John Barnum will ride the Linear Induction Motor research vehicle at the Department of Transportation's test track in Pueblo, Colorado. The vehicle recently broke the world speed record for steel wheels on steel rails by traveling unmanned at 220 miles per hour. Also in line with studying the newest transportation technology, Under Secretary Barnum will view the computerized rail yards of Southern Pacific Railroad in Ontario, California, and the Coast Guard's fully electronically controlled vessel traffic systems center for the San Francisco Bay Area.

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BROADCAST NEWS SERVICE 74-101

Broadcast: Friday, May 10, 1974

The U.S. Department of Transportation Broadcast News Service for Friday, May 10 has a 32 second story on an air traffic control agreement for the North Atlantic, and an advisory on special upcoming reports.

First, the aviation story.

"The Department of Transportation's Federal Aviation Administrator Alexander Butterfield has signed an international Memorandum of Understanding to provide improved communications and air traffic services over the North Atlantic. The joint international program will test, evaluate, and demonstrate the use of aeronautical satellites. Other participants are Canada and the ten countries of the European Space Research Organization. The aeronautical satellite project is intended to provide information for a follow-up operational system to be needed in the mid-1980's."

The Broadcast News Service next week will feature two special reports concerning cars:

On Monday, May 13 -- "The cost of owning and operating an automobile."
On Wednesday, May 15 -- "A Consumer Protection Bulletin on steering wheel problems."

There will also possibly be coverage of a major speech by Secretary Brinegar on aviation early in the week.

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BROADCAST NEWS SERVICE 74-102

Broadcast: Monday, May 13, 1974

The U.S. Department of Transportation Broadcast News Service for Monday, May 13 has 2 cuts of 41 and 45 seconds of Secretary Brinegar talking about aviation. Each is preceded by a lead-in. The first follows in 2 seconds:

Transportation Secretary Claude Brinegar said today that if Pan Am and TWA continue to suffer large losses because of foreign fuel costs, the situation could affect their future viability. Speaking to the Aviation/Space Writers Association in Washington, he added:

SECRETARY BRINEGAR: "As a result of these fuel price increases, both Pan Am and TWA have applied to the CAB for foreign-domestic fuel price differential subsidies that total some \$300 million. While the Administration opposes such direct taxpayer support to these private companies, we are hard at work on trying to help them in other ways. We particularly oppose the idea of tying public support to something as uncertain -- and as subject to foreign pressures -- as a fuel price-differential. We have not ruled out some form of interim financial assistance, but it should be -- in our judgement -- strictly an option of last resort."

In Washington today, Transportation Secretary Claude Brinegar discussed the relationship of user fees paid by General Aviation in relation to services by the Federal Aviation Administration. The Secretary was addressing the Aviation/Space Writers Association:

SECRETARY BRINEGAR: "General aviation I find has reached its present level of prominence slowly and over a long period of time. As it has grown in size and complexity, the service provided to it by the FAA has likewise grown. And now, no matter how you look at it -- and I can tell you, I've looked at it 10 different ways -- there's a serious gap between the user fees being paid by general aviation and what the FAA is spending to provide that service. I'm not proposing anything abrupt -- in fact, in view of the uncertainties raised by the recent fuel problems, I've delayed proposing anything at all -- but I must say that, in time, we need to agree on some method for general aviation to pay a fairer share."

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The U.S. Department of Transportation and the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) today signed a memorandum of understanding which seeks to avoid inconsistency and duplication of effort in establishing transportation-related consumer product safety standards.

The memorandum defines the statutory authority and responsibilities of the DOT and CPSC in protecting consumer health and safety. It also calls for the designation of liaison offices in DOT and CPSC to serve as the primary point of contact between the agencies.

The liaison offices will exchange information on projected activities and research analysis.

The memorandum of understanding recognizes and formalizes the informal liaison that has been in effect between various offices of DOT and CPSC.

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BROADCAST NEWS SERVICE 74-103

Broadcast: Tuesday, May 14, 1974

The U.S. Department of Transportation Broadcast News Service for Tuesday, May 14, has two actualities of Secretary Brinegar of 55 seconds on AMTRAK and 40 seconds on lowered highway speed limits. They each follow a lead-in.

Transportation Secretary Claude Brinegar, speaking at the National Press Club in Washington today, talked about AMTRAK's problems and a new direction for the rail passenger corporation.

SECRETARY BRINEGAR: "AMTRAK clearly has a valid role in moving passengers in our densely populated corridors-- such as the Washington to New York to Boston area, and possibly a few others. But I seriously question AMTRAK's role in trying to provide cross-country service in competition with our fine air and intercity bus service. The economics are simply wrong. AMTRAK should specialize in what it's good at, and stop trying to do too much. I'm not saying that it should be forced to operate at a profit, which may well be hopeless, at least in a traditional business sense. But certainly we ought to be able to agree on a tolerable level of taxpayer support, and then work to maximize service within that limit. I very much hope we will be able to re-focus AMTRAK's direction along these lines before the whole thing becomes hopelessly politicized."

Transportation Secretary Claude Brinegar addressed the National Press Club in Washington today and talked about the value of retaining the 55 mile per hour speed limit.

SECRETARY BRINEGAR: "In our National Highway Safety Administration we have been working very hard to find ways to, say, reduce our traffic deaths by as much as 25% over, say, ten years. Well, we've done it in the first quarter of this year, deaths are running about a thousand a month less than a year ago. This is quite remarkable. Yes, I think a good case can be made for a permanently lowered speed limit, whether it's exactly 55 -- or whether it's exactly that all over the country I don't know. We would like to go ahead through this present piece of legislation, let it run its course, collect our facts, and then see what our position is beyond that."

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BROADCAST NEWS SERVICE 74-104

Broadcast: Wednesday, May 15, 1974

The U.S. Department of Transportation Broadcast News Service for Wednesday, May 15, has two actualities of 43 and 17 seconds on a Consumer Protection Bulletin. They follow a lead-in.

The U.S. Department of Transportation issued a Consumer Protection Bulletin today, to warn owners of certain 1969 and 1970 General Motors cars of the possibility of steering wheel breakage which might result in loss of control. National Highway Traffic Safety Administrator, Dr. James Gregory, explained the problem:

DR. GREGORY: "The vehicle group which may include as many as four million automobiles, involves 1969 Camaros and, in the model-years 1969 and '70, all full-size Chevrolets, Novas, and Chevelles. There is no record of serious injuries or fatalities resulting from the failures, but reports from 35 owners indicate steering wheel failure can occur without warning while the vehicle is being driven.

Information to date indicates that most failures have occurred after long and heavy service -- 55,000 to 60,000 miles of highway use. The breakage occurs when the steering wheel's spokes separate from the steering wheel hub."

DR. GREGORY: "If you drive one of the listed vehicles and notice any looseness in the steering wheel -- or the appearance of cracking where the hub and the spokes join together -- have your steering wheel checked immediately.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
Wednesday, May 15, 1974

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An Interstate Commerce Commission proposal that would modify the rules which permit private motor carriers to lease equipment to regulated motor carriers is supported by the U.S. Department of Transportation.

The Department's view was made known in response to issuance by the ICC of a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking and an order instituting an investigation regarding proposed new and less restrictive leasing arrangements between the carriers (Ex Parte No. 43, Sub. 3).

"The proposed modifications would permit private carriers to lease equipment to regulated carriers, under certain prescribed rules, in order to maximize the efficient allocation of scarce energy resources, while at the same time maintaining necessary controls over such 'trip leasing' operations," the Department said. "...DOT believes that the Commission is to be commended for re-examining this matter in light of the energy situation." The Department did suggest, however, that the Commission re-examine the proposed rules concerning the amount of private carriage equipment for which the rules would have application, the proposed trip-lease distance limitation and the establishment of compensation to be paid for the trip lease.

The Department previously expressed support of Commission measures to realize inherent flexibility and economics of motor transportation, in its comments to the ICC in (Ex Parte No. 55, Sub. 8), Motor Carriers of Property, Routes and Service (Petition for the Elimination of Gateways by Rulemaking), filed last December.

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In successfully fighting last winter's energy shortage, the nation won a skirmish but not the war, U.S. Secretary of Transportation Claude S. Brinegar said today.

While addressing a meeting of the Public Relations Society of America at the White House, Secretary Brinegar said, "The toughest part of the continuing conservation job is convincing consumers of its necessity. To succeed, we must challenge well-established travel patterns and change some longstanding transportation habits."

In addition to Detroit's movement toward the production of more energy-efficient vehicles, Secretary Brinegar said there is a need to make more efficient and intelligent use of the car.

"Today's average automobile occupancy of less than two persons represents an enormously underutilized resource," the secretary said. "Carpooling offers double efficiency. It increases occupancy, passenger miles per gallon and decreases travel time."

Secretary Brinegar cited a study proving that a 20 percent reduction in urban arterial vehicle travel would increase the average traffic speed by 80 percent -- from 15 to 27 miles per hour.

Speaking of a \$600,000 Federal grant to Los Angeles for a highway carpool demonstration, Secretary Brinegar said, "We hope through computer matching to see 2 million respondents within a year; and, as a result of increased carpooling, remove 800,000 to 900,000 cars a day from the traffic stream, save 170 million gallons of gasoline a year, and reduce by 71,000 tons the quantity of pollutants injected into the air over the Los Angeles basin."

"If we could increase the automobile occupancy rate nationally from just two to three, we would save hundreds of millions of gallons of gasoline annually," Secretary Brinegar said.

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BROADCAST NEWS SERVICE 74-106

Broadcast: Friday, May 17, 1974

The U.S. Department of Transportation Broadcast News Service for Friday, May 17 has actualities dealing with a new navigation system for ships, and automobile costs.

The U.S. Department of Transportation has established a precision radio navigation system for the coastal regions of the nation. Under Secretary John Barnum, who made the announcement in Los Angeles, said it will permit a ship to determine its position with great accuracy.

UNDER SECRETARY BARNUM: "The system is known as Loran-C. It will be put in place and maintained by the Transportation Department's United States Coast Guard. And seventeen million dollars have already been budgeted for the initial work and the Coast Guard is ready to proceed."

Under Secretary of Transportation John Barnum has announced a new radio navigation system - known as Loran-C - for the coastal areas of the U.S. He said it is important to the entire country, but it has special importance for the West Coast.

UNDER SECRETARY BARNUM: "It will permit the greatly increased transportation of oil through Pacific waters from our Alaskan reserves with new safeguards against accidental damage to the environment. At the same time it will open new possibilities for off-shore oil exploration which must be undertaken if we are to find our economy self-sufficient in fuel."

What does it really cost to own and operate a car? L. L. Liston of the Federal Highway Administration, discusses the findings contained in a new publication.

MR. LISTON: "The standard size car, according to our study, will account for about 15.9 cents per mile including all costs and taxes. The compact car will be 12.9 cents a mile and the subcompact, 11.2 cents a mile."

Mr. Liston turns to the greatest single cost involved for the various types of cars.

MR. LISTON: "The single greatest cost for the standard size automobile is depreciation, as it has been for the compact and the subcompact. This may come as a surprise to you, but with the very large increases in gasoline costs in the last few months, the cost of gasoline has jumped into first place for the smaller cars."

Directly relating to the cost factor is the equipment Americans order on their cars.

MR. LISTON: "The nationwide sales records of the 1974 model standard size car and the compact showed that 90 percent had automatic transmissions and radios. And, 85 percent of the standard cars had air conditioners. For the subcompacts, the number with power steering was negligible; 27 percent had air conditioning and 57 percent had automatic transmissions. And, by the way, 83 percent of them had radios."

The findings, based on conditions in suburban Baltimore, Md., are contained in the publication "Cost of Operating An Automobile" available from the Federal Highway Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, Washington, D.C.



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Secretary of Transportation Claude S. Brinegar today announced departmental actions designed to increase the use and improve the safety of the bicycle as a form of transportation.

"The bicycle is an energy-efficient, non-polluting, low cost transportation vehicle," Secretary Brinegar said. "Its increasing use in recent years indicates the public no longer looks upon it simply as a form of recreation, but also as a mode of transportation."

Secretary Brinegar requested the Federal Highway Administration to augment its research on bicycle facility design and construction, and to encourage the use of highway aid planning and construction programs to facilitate the use of the bicycle as a transportation vehicle. The Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1973 enables states to build bikeways in conjunction with highway construction projects. In addition, states may develop bikeway projects independently of such construction with a \$2 million per state ceiling, total nationwide expenditures not to exceed \$40 million per year for such projects.

In an accompanying memorandum, Secretary Brinegar has requested the Urban Mass Transportation Administration to encourage the use of mass transit grant funds to facilitate the bicycle as a feeder service to mass transit facilities. Within its current legislative authority, the Urban Mass Transportation Administration can fund bicycle parking facilities at transit stations.

In addition to conducting a study and issuing a report on bike safety as required in the Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1973, Secretary Brinegar requested the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration to increase its work in bicycle safety education and to draft uniform state bike safety regulations. Bicyclist fatalities for an 8-month period ending in February 1974 were up 14 percent over the same period for the previous year. "It is our responsibility to integrate the bicycle into our transportation systems, and to improve bike safety on our streets, roads, and highways," Secretary Brinegar said.

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BROADCAST NEWS SERVICE 74-107

Broadcast: Monday, May 20, 1974

The U.S. Department of Transportation Broadcast News Service for Monday, May 20, has a 34 second story on motor vehicle recall figures for 1973, it follows in two seconds.

"The U.S. Department of Transportation announced today that due to safety defects, more than 7 million motor vehicles were recalled by foreign and domestic manufacturers in 1973. The figure was well below the 1972 total which was the largest in history. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration was responsible for 56% of the vehicles recalled through its standards enforcement investigations. Last year's total brings to about 44 million the number of vehicles recalled since the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act was passed in 1966. Under this legislation, manufacturers must notify owners of any safety-related defect found in their vehicles."

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BROADCAST NEWS SERVICE 74-108

Broadcast: Tuesday, May 21, 1974

The U.S. Department of Transportation Broadcast News Service for Tuesday, May 21 has a 51 second actuality dealing with mass transit. The cut, preceeded by a lead-in, will begin in two seconds.

There should be better guidelines for selecting mass transit facilities in order to assure that federal funds are well spent. This observation today from the Urban Mass Transportation Administrator Frank Herringer, in a Washington speech.

ADMINISTRATOR HERRINGER: "It is becoming increasingly evident to us that we are going to have to develop better criteria for approval of major new projects. A great deal of attention has been given both in the general press and in the transit press recently to remarks by the Secretary and others regarding the desirability of rail transit, usually with bus. I think it is easy to oversimplify this controversy and reduce it to an issue of rail versus bus. As far as I am concerned, that is not the issue. What I want to do, and what the Secretary wants to do also, is to assure ourselves, and the Executive Office of the President, and the Congress, that money we are spending for major transit projects, especially for new mass transit systems, is money that is being wisely spent.

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BROADCAST NEWS SERVICE 74-109

Broadcast: Wednesday, May 22, 1974

The U.S. Department of Transportation Broadcast News Service for Wednesday, May 22 has a 23 second cut on bicycle safety. It follows a lead-in.

With bicycle deaths running 39% over last year, The National Highway Safety Advisory Committee is developing recommendations for U.S. Secretary of Transportation Claude Brinegar on the bike safety problem. Committee member, Dr. Ruth Winkler of Tulsa, Oklahoma, gives these details.

DR. WINKLER: "We want to improve the bicycle accident investigations and the data collection systems. We want research in improving visibility and conspicuousness of the bicyclist himself. We are recommending bicycle education be made available through the public schools for all ages."

A resolution adopted by the committee states that bicyclists obeying laws of the highway should be given the same rights of any highway vehicle, and treated as such.

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BROADCAST NEWS SERVICE 74-110 Broadcast: Thursday, May 23, 1974

The U.S. Department of Transportation Broadcast News Service for Thursday, May 23, has two cuts of 24 and 33 seconds from a news conference today on the reduction of highway deaths. They each follow a lead-in:

The U.S. Department of Transportation says that the number of persons killed on the Nation's highways was down again in April -- the sixth consecutive month that highway fatalities were below the same month last year. At a news conference in Washington today, National Highway Traffic Safety Administrator James Gregory gave these figures:

ADMINISTRATOR GREGORY: "Preliminary figures that we have for April, which have come in from the states, show a reduction from 4,448 in April of 1973, last year, to a total, estimated, 3,444 in April this year -- that's a saving of just over a thousand lives in a single month or a 22.6 percent reduction."

National Highway Traffic Safety Administrator James Gregory at a news conference today, cited a further reduction in nationwide highway deaths in April -- 1004 fewer fatalities than April last year. The Administrator commented on the effect of lower speed limits:

ADMINISTRATOR GREGORY: "The April figures indicate that the 55 mph speed limit continues in our judgement to have a strong effect on highway fatalities. The Federal Highway Administration conducted a 10 state survey -- a preliminary one -- to check on whether the 55 mph speeds were being observed. They found that actual average travel speeds, based on this 10 state survey, are ranging between 55 and 60 mph."

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Secretary of Transportation Claude S. Brinegar said today there has not been any decision on the routes proposed for the new experimental AMTRAK run ordered by Congress last year.

The Secretary said none of the proposed routes has been eliminated from consideration. He said all are included in current studies and that he expects to make a decision within the next month.

Secretary Brinegar made the statement following published reports that one of the proposals, a route running between Boston and Chicago, had been dropped. He said this is not true; that the route remains under consideration along with a number of others.

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BROADCAST NEWS SERVICE 74-111

Broadcast: Friday, May 24, 1974

The U.S. Department of Transportation Broadcast News Service for Friday, May 24, has actualities on safety-related stories for the Memorial Day Weekend.

The first - 45 seconds in length - features Acting Secretary of Transportation John Barnum; the second cut of 28 seconds, involving racing driver Jim McCormick, has a lead-in. Now, the Barnum cut:

ACTING SECRETARY BARNUM: "This year, lowered speed limits have dramatically reduced our highway death toll. This Memorial Day Weekend, let's remember that lesson. Wherever you drive, keep within the posted speed limits and wear your lap and shoulder belts.

But, while highway deaths have decreased; unfortunately, bicycle fatalities have risen sharply! Watch out for bicyclists and if you are on a bike, obey the traffic laws; they are meant for your protection.

And, for the thousands of Americans out boating this weekend -- please use extra caution and make provisions for the safety of all passengers.

Safety is the key to a happy holiday.

Jim McCormick, driver of the unlimited hydroplane, REDMAN, has joined forces with the Coast Guard to encourage safe boating. Mindful of more than 1,700 fatalities in boating accidents during 1973, McCormick made this observation about the Memorial Day Weekend:

MR. MC CORMICK: "Literally, thousands upon thousands of people will be taking to the water for fun and games. Many of them, unfortunately will become involved in recreational boating accidents. Now, I'm not going to say 'don't do this and don't do that.' I will say 'before they go boating, they should check in with the nearest Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla or Coast Guard Boating Safety Detachment. The Coast Guard will provide the boaters with the information they need to boat safely.'"

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BROADCAST NEWS SERVICE 74-112

Broadcast: Tuesday, May 28, 1974

The U.S. Department of Transportation Broadcast News Service for Tuesday, May 28, has a 40 second story on an engine mount problem in some GM cars. It will begin in two seconds...

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has made an initial determination that a safety defect exists in the engine mounts on certain General Motors passenger cars. Involved are 1965 through 1968 Buick Electra 225's and Buick Wildcats and 1970 Cadillacs with cruise control, except El Dorados. An estimated 441,000 of these cars are still on the road. Fatigue failure of the rubber in these engine mounts under certain conditions can cause the engine to rotate and the accelerator to jam open. The Safety Administration has notified GM of the preliminary findings that these cars create an unreasonable risk by affecting driver control. A public meeting on the problem has been scheduled at Department of Transportation Headquarters in Washington on June 18.

For further information call (202) 426-9550. This has been the Transportation News Report.

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BROADCAST NEWS SERVICE 74-113

Broadcast: Wednesday, May 29, 1974

The U.S. Department of Transportation Broadcast News Service for Wednesday, May 29, has a 36 second actuality on Memorial Day highway deaths and an advisory on a change of command ceremony. The actuality follows a lead-in...

American motorists came through the three-day Memorial Day holiday with the lowest highway death count in more than a decade. National Highway Traffic Safety Administrator James Gregory today commented on the reduction:

ADMINISTRATOR GREGORY: "This year's immediate count of 390 highway deaths is 149 fewer than last Memorial Day -- that's a remarkable drop of almost 28 percent. It has to tell us a great deal about speed and driving habits. Not only are we gratified at these latest figures, we are heartened by the conviction that the public is continuing to cooperate with the lower speed limits. American motorists should be congratulated for showing that individual action and cooperation does lead to worthwhile results...and if we keep it up during this summer's peak driving time, the payoff will be seen in the lives that we save."

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(The following advisory was used only on the Washington area Broadcast News lines.)

This advisory for newsrooms: The Coast Guard will hold change of command ceremonies at 11:30 a.m. Friday, May 31, at the Navy Yard in Washington. Transportation Secretary Brinegar will participate in the ceremony in which Admiral Siler will relieve Admiral Bender as Commandant. The ceremonies will be particularly colorful since they will be on board the cutter Ingham, with the sailing ship Eagle anchored nearby. That's 11:30 a.m. Friday, May 31.

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United States Secretary of Transportation Claude S. Brinegar announced today that more than a half billion dollars in additional Federal funds have been made available for public transportation purposes under a provision in last year's Federal Highway Act.

The additional funds will be available for mass transit projects in the Boston area under a provision of the Federal Highway Act which permits substitution of such projects for controversial or unwanted segments of the Interstate Highway System. In the action announced by Secretary Brinegar today, segments of I-95 and I-695, both of which were to be located within the Route 128 beltway around Boston, have been dropped.

With the announced approval by the Transportation Department, the \$671 million which would have been spent on those segments is released for other transportation projects, including mass transit. Initial planning indicates that more than \$600 million of the new funds will be used for mass transit projects, which can include rail rapid transit and rolling stock for rail transit and buses. The remainder of the funds will be used for improvements to the Southeast Expressway in Boston and completion of a segment of Interstate Route 495 in southeastern Massachusetts.

In making the announcement Secretary Brinegar pointed out that the new Federal mass transit money made available by this one action compares to the Department's Urban Mass Transportation Administration's total annual budget for 1974 of \$872 million. He said there are a number of other cities with controversial Interstate segments which are in a position to take advantage of the Interstate transfer provision.

Projects to be substituted for the deleted Interstate segments must be approved by both the Federal Highway and Urban Mass Transportation Administrations of the Department. Massachusetts' Governor Francis W. Sargent was notified of the Department's approval of the requested

transfer of funds in a letter signed by the heads of the two agencies, Federal Highway Administrator Norbert T. Tiemann and Urban Mass Transportation Administrator Frank C. Herringer.

Funds made available for mass transit projects through Interstate transfers are in addition to the regular Urban Mass Transportation Administration capital grant program. The Federal share of a substituted transit project becomes 80 percent, the same as with UMTA projects.

The decision to request withdrawal of an Interstate System segment and to replace it with a mass transit project must be made jointly by the Governor and responsible local officials, and the Federal Highway Administrator must determine that the segment to be withdrawn is not essential to the overall Interstate System.

The proposal also must include assurances that the public mass transportation system will be fully utilized, and that a toll road will not be constructed in the withdrawn segment's traffic corridor.

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BROADCAST NEWS SERVICE 74-114

Broadcast: Thursday, May 30, 1974

The U.S. Department of Transportation Broadcast News Service for Thursday, May 30, has two actualities: one dealing with controversial segments of the Interstate Highway System and another on a new aerial sport. First the Interstate cut which runs 43 seconds and follows a lead-in:

The U.S. Department of Transportation has approved the first transfer of funds from controversial or unwanted segments of the Interstate Highway System to other transportation projects. By this action, Boston, Mass., will divert \$671 million from previously planned Interstate segments and will use it primarily for mass transit purposes.

Urban Mass Transportation Administrator Frank Herringer commented:

ADMINISTRATOR HERRINGER: "This substitution of funds was made possible under the 1973 Highway Act. It gives cities more flexibility in solving critical transportation needs and it makes available significant additional funding for mass transit. The importance of this transfer is apparent when you compare the amount -- \$671 million -- with the total 1974 capital grant budget of the Urban Mass Transportation Administration -- \$872 million!

"This is only the first case. Nationally there are at least 20 states which have controversial Interstate highway projects. Combined, this is a potential of about \$4.1 billion of transferable funds available for other transportation projects."

The actuality on safety in a new aerial sport runs 17 seconds and follows a lead-in:

There's a fast-growing and popular sport known as "hang gliding" or "sky sailing" which involves the use of a craft similar to a kite -- the operator is suspended below the wing and guides it by shifting his weight. The Federal Aviation Administration is recommending some safety standards for those who participate as Larry Youngren, of the agency, explains:

MR. YOUNGREN: "We are recommending that operators do not fly higher than 500 feet above the general terrain... and that no operation take place within five miles of the boundary of any airport, in any restricted or prohibited airspace, or within 100 feet of, or at any altitude over dwellings or populated areas."

The agency will continue to monitor the sport in order to determine the need for regulatory action.

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Interagency Task Force Discussions on U.S. Flag
International Air Carriers.

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Secretary of Transportation Claude S. Brinegar is coordinating an interagency task force to improve the financial situation of U.S. flag international air carriers serving North Atlantic markets. This task force consists of representatives of the Departments of Transportation, State, Justice, Treasury, Defense, Commerce, the Council on International Economic Policy, the Domestic Council, the Office of Management and Budget and the Council of Economic Advisors. Civil Aeronautics Board staff officials frequently attend task force meetings as observers.

Several weeks ago, two U.S. flag scheduled carriers who had filed for mail pay subsidy at the CAB were asked to furnish the task force with lists of non-subsidy action items for the government to implement or support which would be of financial benefit. These two carriers have furnished such lists and the task force is considering them. The task force is also prepared to consider submissions from other airlines.

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It is the intention of the task force to develop a government action program that would generally benefit U.S. flag international air carriers, scheduled and supplemental. Matters that would competitively impact on other carriers--such as new route awards--will not be included in the program.

Among the subjects under discussion are:

1. Revenue increases resulting from the establishment of a compensatory charter rate floor and a compensatory scheduled rate structure, both to take effect late this year.
2. A program to eliminate the rebating and discounting from established fares that currently significantly erode carrier revenues.
3. Load factor increases resulting from capacity reduction agreements between U.S. carriers and their foreign flag competitors.
4. Programs to increase the use of American flag carriers by American citizens traveling abroad.
5. Programs to eliminate excessive user charges and discriminatory practices which burden our international air carriers abroad.

The task force expects to complete the formulation of its action plan in June. Meanwhile, attention is being given to immediate priority items, including industry consideration of a North Atlantic scheduled fare increase related to fuel costs which would be effective July 1.

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BROADCAST NEWS SERVICE 74-115

Broadcast: Friday, May 31, 1974

The U.S. Department of Transportation Broadcast News Service for Friday, May 31, has two separate stories on the Coast Guard Change of Command. The first story includes two actualities of 15 and 20 seconds with announcer wrap-around. The second is a 30 second straight story on the event. They will begin in 2 seconds.

Admiral Owen Siler became the Commandant of the U.S. Coast Guard today in ceremonies at the Navy Yard in Washington, D.C. He was sworn in by Secretary of Transportation Claude Brinegar.

Admiral Siler noted in his remarks:

ADMIRAL SILER: "I need the loyalty and support of the personnel of the Coast Guard. But loyalty is not a one-way street. I said I need your loyalty -- you'll have mine. I pledge that I'll do all that is possible within my ability to support and work for the good of our service."

The outgoing Commandant, Admiral Chester Bender, retiring after more than 40 years in the Coast Guard, reflected on what it has meant to him:

ADMIRAL BENDER: "It has accepted my weaknesses and amplified my strengths. It has always given me more than I was able to return. I will be forever indebted to the Coast Guard for the meaningful and rewarding life that I have enjoyed. If I could do it all over again, I would gladly trade these four stars for a cadet uniform tomorrow morning."

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The 38 thousand men and women of the U.S. Coast Guard have a new Commandant. He's Admiral Owen Siler, who was sworn in today by Transportation Secretary Claude Brinegar during colorful ceremonies at the Navy Yard in Washington. The 52-year-old Admiral is a World War II veteran who has spent much of his career since the war in aviation.

Secretary Brinegar presented the outgoing Commandant, Admiral Chester Bender, with the Distinguished Service Medal - the highest peacetime military decoration.

The Coast Guard, a major agency of the Department of Transportation, is the only military service not a part of the Defense Department.

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