



Southwest Seventh

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SUBWAY CONSTRUCTION IN SOUTHWEST

Plans for the METRO system include subway lines under Seventh Street and D Street, and a station with passenger access in the immediate vicinity. The pace of construction will soon be felt, especially by employees in the DOT Headquarters Building.

The excavation and construction require that the foundations of the DOT Headquarters Building be reenforced in the areas nearest the construction. In mid-October a Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) contractor will begin excavation and underpinning of the building at the P-3 level along the Seventh Street and D Street sides of the building. It is estimated that 6 to 9 months will be required to complete the job and restore the P-3 level to its original condition. Some inconvenience, including the loss of about 32 parking spaces, will be entailed during the construction period.

When the P-3 space has been restored, further construction will be undertaken to install an escalator which will penetrate all three P levels and open onto the DOT Headquarters Building plaza near D Street. We estimate that the construction will begin in the fall of 1973 and require about two years. During

this period a number of parking spaces will be lost and some inconvenience will be experienced. Some of this parking space will be returned to us upon completion of construction, but some will be lost permanently as the result of the escalator installation. OST is working with WMATA to ensure that inconvenience to employees and intrusion into DOT spaces is held to the absolute minimum. It must be acknowledged, however, that considering the magnitude of this construction project, some inconvenience will be unavoidable. Southwest Seventh will keep you informed of developments and progress on the job.

BLOOD DONOR PROGRAM

Our last minute dash to the line was successful for FY-72 and DOT met its full quota for the first time. Let's get an early start this year and see how far over the top we can go! There is no substitute for healthy human blood and the need is great.

OST has one employee who is just starting on his 13th gallon of blood donated, that means 97 trips to the blood bank! Has any one exceeded that record?

PERSONNEL HEALTH SERVICES CLINIC

The time for influenza immunization is approaching. Plan now not to miss yours. Our Influenza Prevention Program will be conducted during the month of October. Check with your agency for your scheduled time so that you don't miss this free service this year.

"CLOTHING FOR KIDS" DRIVE

The Department of Transportation has pledged its assistance in a drive to be conducted by the Urban Service Corps of the Washington school system to collect and distribute good used clothing for school children. It will start September 18, and run until mid-November. Collection boxes will be available in the ground floor lobbies of the DOT Headquarters Building and FOB-10A, and the third floor lobby of building 159 at the Navy Yard. This is a community-wide effort to make sure that no child misses his or her chances for an education just because they lack clothing. Do your part--put your good used clothing for school children in one of the collection boxes and help a local child to attend school.