



# Southwest Seventh

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION HEADQUARTERS BUILDINGS

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## 1974 SAVINGS BOND CAMPAIGN

Although the campaign was officially over on May 31, late returns are still being received from "scattered precincts." However, on the basis of information received in time for publication in this issue the record shows that 83.7% of all DOT personnel were signed up to buy bonds at the close of the campaign.

This is an excellent showing and all who contributed their efforts toward this achievement are congratulated for a job well done.

Participation by individual reporting elements is as follows:

USCG	88.4%	ARR	26 %
FAA	82.9%	SLS	80.7%
FHWA	74.4%	UMTA	49.6%
NHTSA	77 %	NTSB	72 %
FRA	71 %	OST	69.5%



## COST-OF-LIVING INCREASE--RETIRED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES

The Civil Service Retirement Law provides for the automatic increase of civil service annuities whenever the Cost-of-Living, Nationwide, goes up at least 3 percent over the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the month used as a base for the most recent cost-of-living annuity increase and stays up at least 3 percent for 3 consecutive months.

The Civil Service Commission has announced that the CPI has gone up at least 3 percent for the months of February, March, and April 1974, and that retired employees and employees who retire by June 30, 1974, will receive an automatic Cost-of-Living increase in their annuity payment effective July 1, 1974. The amount of the annuity increase is 6.4 percent (the highest percentage rise of 5.4 percent plus the 1 percent authorized by law). This increase applies to employees who retire before July 1, 1974. In addition, employees who retire on or after July 1, 1974, but before the effective date of any future cost-of-living increase, are guaranteed that their annuities will be no less than the annuities computed on service and pay as of June 30, 1974, plus the 6.4 percent increase. Persons contemplating retirement may wish to contact their personnel office for comparative estimates of their annuities.

## DOT BLOOD DONOR PROGRAM

The Blood Donor Program was given a substantial boost by the Bloodmobile visit on May 23, when the Red Cross collected 182 units of blood.

Three Administrations are over the mark--FRA is ahead with 138%, followed by FHWA with 126%, and NHTSA with 102%. Our thanks to all these employees, and to all the employees who have donated over 1400 units since last June.

We still have two weeks to give, and most Administrations are within easy sight of their goal. If you have not given blood since April, call your recruiter and arrange for one of the visits to the Red Cross Blood Center when other employees go over. One is scheduled for June 20, 25, and 27. Call today:

OST	Sarah Adams	TAD-18	61177
USCG	Betty Martin	GCAS-81	62329
FAA	Helen Wisner	AAM-410	63252
FHWA	Sandra Jones	HPT-10P	60485
FRA	Teresa Stolt	RA-16	69771
NHTSA	Lillian Owen	N48-20	61441
UMTA	Jim Webb	UAD-40	64865
NTSB	Lois Ryan	BGM-20	68932