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A national panel of experts met Thursday to begin judging 227 entries in the Department of Transportation's first annual Highway Beauty Awards competition.

The contest, announced a year ago by Secretary of Transportation Alan S. Boyd, was initiated to stimulate interest throughout the country in President Johnson's highway beautification program.

Entries consist of either a single color or black-and white photo, or a pair of "before and after" prints plus a supporting text. The panel expects to complete its judging this week and will then make recommendations to Secretary Boyd who will approve the final 14 selections.

The competition is for highway beauty work performed by state, county, and local highway departments, freeway or toll authorities, civic organizations, and business and industry. Judging will be made in two general categories, for highway oriented action programs by civic organizations and for highway oriented action programs by business or industry, and in two specific categories, for screening junkyards and development of scenic overlooks.

Announcement of the winning entries will be made in the next few weeks.

Members of the Highway Beauty Awards panel are: I. M. Pei, Architect, Cambridge, Mass.; Hideo Sasaki, Chairman, Department of Landscape Architecture, Harvard University; Conrad Wirth, Chairman, Board of Directors, The National Conference on State Parks, Washington, D. C.; Henry Diamond, Assistant to Lawrence Rockefeller, New York; Mrs. Albert Lasker, New York; Edmund M. Bacon, Planning Division, City of Philadelphia; Edwin Keister, Managing Editor, Parade Magazine; John Ryan, Chief, Landscape Architect, New York State Department of Transportation; Charles M. Brady, American Automobile Association, Washington, D. C.; John Morton, Commissioner, Department of Public Works and Highways, State of New Hampshire; Charles Haar, Assistant Secretary for Metropolitan Development, Department of Housing and Urban Development; Edward C. Crafts, Director, Bureau of Outdoor Recreation, Department of the Interior; M. M. Nelson, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture.

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The Department of Transportation today announced a major step in the development of its Planning - Programming - Budgeting system.

The PPB system will enable the Department to analyze and manage more effectively the major transportation programs which were located in several agencies before the creation of the Department.

The new system groups programs serving similar purposes together to improve comparisons between them. The new categories are:

- Urban Transportation
- Interurban Transportation
- International Transportation
- Other National Interests
- General Support

The approach will implement President Johnson's directive to develop new planning and programming practices patterned after the system developed by the Department of Defense.

The Defense agency established categories depending upon whether programs are for Strategic Purposes, Tactical or Continental Defense to replace the old categories of Army, Navy, and Air.

Transportation's new categories replace the designations of Highway, Air, Rail, and Coast Guard (primarily water).

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FOR WEDNESDAY AM'S RELEASE
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The Department of Transportation announced today that it is issuing an order establishing the boundaries of three new time zones in Alaska and Hawaii. The new zones were established by the Uniform Time Act, enacted by Congress in 1966.

The order extends the western boundary of the already established Pacific time zone to encompass that portion of southeastern Alaska lying east of 137° W. longitude. This means that Pacific time will be observed in the Cities of Juneau, Sitka, and Ketchikan. Pacific time has been unofficially observed in this area of Alaska for several years.

The first of the new zones, Yukon standard time, is designated for the area between 137° W. longitude and 141° W. longitude. The town of Yakutat is located in the Yukon time zone.

Central Alaska and all of the Hawaiian Islands are located within the new Alaska-Hawaii standard time zone, according to the Department's order. This zone covers the area between 141° W. longitude and 157°30' W. longitude. Honolulu as well as Anchorage are located in this zone. The new official designation represents no change from the time being currently observed in these cities.

The last of the new zones, the Bering zone, includes all of Alaska lying between 157°30' W. longitude and 172°30' W. longitude, as well as all of the Aleutian Islands lying west of 172°30' W. longitude.

The Department of Transportation has authority under the provisions of the Uniform Time Act to define the limits of all United States standard time zones. The Act requires the Department to consider the convenience of commerce in defining the limits of time zone boundaries.

In most instances the new boundaries established under the Department's order make official the various times already being observed throughout Hawaii and Alaska.

The Department's order will become effective on March 18, 1968. The action taken was proposed in an official notice of proposed rule making on August 9, 1967. A period of 105 days was provided for interested persons to comment on the proposal.

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FOR RELEASE SUNDAY
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Secretary of Transportation Alan S. Boyd today announced approval of a Federal grant of $750,000 to Texas for expanding a state-wide driver education program.

The grant will assist the Texas Education Agency in financing its state-wide driver education program expansion. A unique feature of the program is that local communities will be authorized to employ non-degree teaching assistants to be used in both classroom and in-car instruction. These assistants, teaching under the supervision of regularly certified teachers, would be certified by the state agency as being qualified to teach in the laboratory phase of driver education.

Boyd noted that last year the Texas Legislature enacted a series of highway safety laws in keeping with Congressional and Presidential efforts to provide more effective state highway safety programs. One of the new laws requires successful completion of a state-approved driver education course as a prerequisite to licensing of all drivers between 16 and 18 years of age. This requirement, according to state officials, raises the likelihood of a shortage of driver education teachers in the state. Last year, only one-third of eligible students actually were enrolled in a high school driver education course.

The grant announced today was approved by Dr. William Haddon, Jr., Director of the FHWA's National Highway Safety Bureau, under the Highway Safety Act of 1966. The Act provides matching Federal grants to assist the states and their local communities in developing highway safety programs to meet Federal performance standards issued last June by Secretary Boyd.

(For further information, contact B. A. Boaz, FHWA Public Affairs Office, 962-8528.)

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A study to determine the Department of Transportation's responsibility for the U. S. national interests, goals, and objectives in the polar region was announced today by Secretary Alan S. Boyd.

The study will be guided by an executive committee chaired by Under Secretary Everett Hutchinson and composed of representatives of the Departments of State, Defense, Interior and Commerce in addition to the National Council on Marine Resources and Engineering Development, National Academy of Sciences and the National Science Foundation.

The study will concentrate on logistic and transportation problems in the marine and coastal areas of the Arctic and Antarctic. Government and scientific agencies with a vital interest in the polar regions have been asked to assign representatives to assist in the project.

A "Long-Range Polar Objectives" conference, which will be related to the study, will be held at the Tidewater Inn in Easton, Md., on March 4, 5, and 6.

Participants will include key officials responsible for the economic development, resource development, and polar programs in government agencies and experts from the scientific community. Represented also will be specialists in marine transport economy and experts in the fields of oceanography, geology, biology, geophysiology, seismology, and astronomy.

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The Arctic Institute of North America, under a Department of Transportation contract, will manage the conference.

The Department of Transportation through the U. S. Coast Guard fleet of polar icebreakers provides logistical support for scientific, commercial and strategic efforts in the Arctic and Antarctic.

New and better transportation systems will be needed in the future to move people and goods through the polar regions. These systems will be vital aids to man's quest for knowledge about weather forecasting, ocean conditions, plant and animal life, and in the conduct of scientific research, exploration and charting.

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