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TEXT:

Here is the latest... Some of the changes that have been made reflect a

different name, more detail on the budget, a mention of ISTEA, more on

Commuter Choice, more on NAAQS, less on Brownfields Showcase Communities

(at OSWER's request).

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patterns will help to not only revitalize communities, but improve air quality and transportation efficiency.

## Proposal

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**Budget Impact**

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| Total | \$44 million |
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Plus Tax Incentives for TDR \$10 million - Estimated loss in Treasury Revenues

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TEXT:

Senate EPW committee unanimously approved a bill today, which has  
been

renamed "ISTEA II." Except for formulas and a few other issues, this  
is VERY close to NEXTEA, and includes a lot of what we didn't get in  
the house bill -- e.g., innovative finance, flexibility for rail and  
bus projects, as well as transit. Floor time has been scheduled for  
the week of OCT 1 -- Sept 29-Oct 1, perhaps.

There is no access to jobs provision because this is in the  
jurisdiction of the senate banking committee, along with the rest of  
the transit programs. We are working on getting D'Amato -- who plans  
to do a pretty simple amendment consistent with the House bill's  
transit provisions -- to include access to jobs at a level ABOVE the  
\$42 million we got in the House. Mosely Braun is committed to  
introducing our Access to Jobs proposal as a standalone bill. We and  
others are trying to find a committee republican to co-sponsor.

Also,

I'm trying to get something in the NY Times to spur D'Amato.

We'll keep you posted.

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Reply Separator

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Subject: What is status of Access to Jobs in Senate

Author: Cynthia\_A.\_Rice@oa.eop.gov at Internet

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Has the Senate passed a transportation bill? If so, I assume there is no

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TO: Cabinet Affairs ( Cabinet Affairs [ UNKNOWN ] )

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MEMORANDUM FOR ERSKINE BOWLES, THE WHITE HOUSE     September 24, 1997

FROM:           Secretary Slater

SUBJECT:           DOT Weekly Report -- Week of September 29, 1997

The following is the Department of Transportation Weekly Report:

#### KEY DEPARTMENT NEWS

Little Rock, AR: On September 25, Secretary Slater will join President Clinton in Little Rock for the Presidents address at Central High School. The Secretary will be involved in a number of events while in Little Rock, September 24 through 28, including an address to the Southwestern Bell Arkansas Education Trailblazers and attendance at an African Development Foundation luncheon.

ISTEA Reauthorization Markup: On September 24, the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee took a two-track approach to ISTEA reauthorization by approving two surface transportation authorization

bills: H.R. 2400, the Building Efficient Surface Transportation and Equity Act (BESTEA), and H.R. 2516, legislation to extend ISTEA authorization for six months.

The Committee adopted 3 amendments to H.R. 2400, including a managers amendment, an amendment to extend the life of the bill from three to six years, and an amendment to guarantee that the BESTEA funding levels are fully paid for and will not cause a breach in the budget agreement. On September 17, the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee unanimously approved S.1173, a bill to reauthorize the highway title of ISTEA. Floor action has not been scheduled for either the House or the Senate.

**Secretary Meets with Civil Liberties Groups to Discuss Airline Passenger Screening:** Pursuant to a recommendation of the White House Commission on Aviation Safety and Security, DOT and DOJ are reviewing the CAPS program (Computer Assisted Passenger Screening System) designed by the FAA as a part of an overall passenger bag-match system. The White House Commission heard concerns from civil liberties groups that such a system might infringe upon the civil rights of U.S. citizens and recommend such a review. DOJ is expected to issue a public report finding the system as designed does not discriminate impermissibly. The report also recommends that DOT undertake regular, periodic reviews of CAPS. On September 22, in advance of DOJ's issuance of the report, Secretary Slater met with representatives of civil liberties organizations to discuss their concerns regarding airline passenger screening undertaken at U.S. airports. The Secretary assured the groups that the civil liberties of the traveling

public are a priority of the Department, and he has pledged to continue to work with them on this matter.

**Secretary Slater Praises New Mexico Innovative Financing Agreement:** On September 23, Secretary Slater praised New Mexico state leaders for reaching an agreement on \$624 million worth of highway infrastructure projects that will enable the projects to be completed years earlier than under conventional financing. This issue generated considerable interest from the New Mexico Congressional Delegation.

**Modernization Task Force:** On September 15, FAA Administrator Jane Garvey established a task force of FAA and constituency groups to review the issue of national airspace modernization. The task force's mission is to review the various efforts which have been undertaken so far on elements of the agency's modernization efforts, and determine where there are technical decisions yet to be made, policy decisions which are not completely supported by the interested parties and schedules for implementation which may need revision. FAA anticipates that this task force will complete its work by the end of October and will use the results to brief the Hill and others on modernization plans and funding requirements.

**U.S.-Japan Aviation Negotiations:** The U.S. and Japan have resumed international aviation negotiations in Tokyo. The Department is represented by Assistant Secretary Charles A. Hunnicutt.

**FAA Announces India, Bermuda, and Jamaica comply with international**

safety standards: As part of an effort to provide the public with more information about aviation safety in international travel, FAA announced that both India and Bermuda comply with international standards in providing safety oversight of its air carriers that operate in the U.S. Both countries have been rated as Category I (the highest level). Also, FAA completed a reassessment of Jamaica which moved from Category II to Category I.

Long-Term Funding Plans for Major Airport Projects: FAA is in final negotiations on agreements to provide long-term funding for construction of new runways to reduce air traffic delays at Atlanta, GA, and Seattle, WA. The final support will be provided for each location by a Letter of Intent (LOI) in which the FAA sets forth the amount it intends for each location. In the case of Atlanta, FAA intends to issue an LOI for \$75 million to assist in the estimated cost of \$450 million to construct a new commuter runway. Grants would begin in fiscal year 1999 and run through 2009. FAA discussions with Seattle are still underway, but are expected to be completed before the close of 1997 fiscal year. Both airports are subject to substantial delays costing airlines and travelers millions of dollars each year, and the new runways will reduce current delays and avoid worse congestion in the coming years.

Airport Grant Announcements: On September 19, Secretary Slater announced the grants of \$15 million for improvements at airports in MO and \$3.7 million for improvements at airports in OH.

Light-Rail Project at Kennedy Airport: Officials of the Port Authority

of New York and New Jersey have proposed to use approximately \$1.5 billion in passenger facility charge (PFC) revenue to construct a light rail system to provide alternate access to JFK Airport. FAA must approve the project before the Port Authority can use the funds for construction.

Questions regarding project justification, rights-of-way, and environmental impacts must be resolved before the FAA can reach a final decision. The city of New York and the airlines serving JFK, represented by the Air Transport Association, are strongly opposed to the project. A final decision by FAA should be made by September 30.

**Airworthiness Directive (AD):** On September 17, FAA issued an AD to ensure that center fuel tanks of Boeing 767 aircraft are operated with enough fuel to prevent ignition of fuel vapors. The action was taken in response to a report that a fuel pump failed due to damage to an impeller unit and is believed by the FAA not to be related to the differently-designed 747 fuel pump or the TWA 800 accident.

**National Civil Aviation Review Commission (NCARC):** The NCARC will hold a public hearing on October 8 seeking comments and suggestions regarding safety-related issues.

**FAA Proposes Civil Penalty Against COPA Airlines:** On September 18, FAA will announced a \$138,000 fine against COPA Airlines, based in Panama, for operating a 737-200 aircraft without an approved maintenance program.

**Application of American Airlines and British Airways for Antitrust**

**Immunity - (Docket OST-97-2058):** On September 5, the Department issued an

Order which addressed certain confidential document issues, announced a hearing procedure, and established procedural dates to commence processing the case. The applicants were directed to file their in camera documents by September 10. However, on September 9 the applicants filed a motion for an extension of time until September 19 for the applicants to file their documents and for any interested party to file petitions for reconsideration of Order 97-9-4. DOT issued a notice on September 12 granting the motion. On September 19, American, British Airways, Virgin Atlantic, and a coalition of eight U.S. airlines filed petitions for reconsideration of Order 97-9-4. Answers to the petitions are due September 29. The applicants filed some of their confidential documents and withheld others.

Lakewood, Ohio Listening Session: On September 21, FRA Administrator Jolene M. Molitoris sponsored a constituent listening session with Congressman Dennis Kucinich to gain information for use in formulating the Departments filing with the Surface Transportation Board (STB) in the Norfolk Southern/Conrail acquisition proceeding. The forum was held at Lakewood Town Hall and allowed the more than 600 residents who turned out to express their concerns over the expected increase in rail traffic through their community should the acquisition be approved by the STB. The hearing was attended by local governmental officials as well as representatives from NS and the STB.

AMTRAK Emergency Board: The Presidential Emergency Board appointed to review the dispute between Amtrak and one of its employee groups, the Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way employees (BMWE), submitted its report

to the White House on September 21. The report supported labor's request for increased compensation across the board, but urged the parties to arbitrate other issues -- benefits, per diem compensation, vacation policies and work rules -- without taking a specific position. If the parties do not reach an agreement, either labor or management may take self help (e.g., strike, lockout, etc.) measures beginning at 12:01 a.m. on October 21. This would precipitate a stoppage of Amtrak service in the Northeast Corridor and would seriously impact major commuter rail operations in the northeast, including the Philadelphia, New Jersey and New York metropolitan areas.

**AMTRAK - Penn Station Redevelopment:** FRA Administrator Jolene M. Molitoris signed a grant agreement between the FRA and Amtrak which transfers \$16.6 million to Amtrak for Penn Station/Farley safety improvements to ready the facility for the start of high speed rail service in October, 1999. This project is of particular interest to Senator Moynihan.

**Coast Guard Seizes Fast Boat and Cocaine:** On September 17, an Operation Bahamas, Turks and Caicos (OPBAT) helicopter located a suspicious fast boat leaving Cuban territorial waters headed for the Bahamas. Coast Guard and Customs aircraft chased the fast boat for 50 miles, forcing it to beach itself on the south coast of Andros Island, Bahamas. The boats 5 crew members fled the area but left behind 780 pounds of cocaine.

**U. S. Coast Guard/Haitian Coast Guard Break up Two Drug Smuggling Attempts:** The respective services continue to achieve success in jointly

stopping drugs off Haiti, with the 5th and 6th cocaine seizures so far this fiscal year.

On September 14, the Cutter ESCANABA, in coordination with the Haitian Coast Guard, boarded a Colombian motor vessel. Using Ionscan drug detectors, the joint boarding team discovered 9 pounds of cocaine on the ship. At the request of the Haitian government, ESCANABA detained the crew and escorted the vessel to Port Au Prince for a dockside inspection.

On September 21, the Cutter CAMPBELL, along with a Haitian Coast Guard shiprider, intercepted a Colombian fast boat off Haiti. CAMPBELL's combined boarding team arrested the boat's 5 crew members and seized 1,746 pounds of cocaine.

State Infrastructure Bank (SIB) Implemented: The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) was appropriated \$1.5 million in General Fund seed money as a result of its recently approved SIB application. As its initial SIB-financed project, the NCDOT intends to fund a multi-modal transportation center in Greensboro with an estimated cost of \$2.2 million. This project is a central transfer facility that includes fixed-route bus service, American Disabilities Act para-transit service, AMTRAK, and inner-city bus service.

Houston DBE Update: Finding that Houston Metro's recently submitted Small Business Program for federally-funded projects substantially complies with Federal law governing Disadvantaged Business Enterprises, the Federal Transit Administration has approved a seven-month exemption of

certain requirements so long as the Small Business Program is successful in achieving acceptable DBE participation levels. Houston Metro has been constrained for 17 months by a preliminary court order which does not allow Metro to comply with DBE requirements.

## WORK ON PRESIDENTIAL POLICY PRIORITIES

### REINVENTION

Hawaii Airport: On September 9, the Governor of Hawaii announced a 2-year suspension of landing fees at Hawaii's airports. The Governor stated the suspension of landing fees is affordable due to a . . . cash surplus in the Airport Revenue Fund resulting from efficient cost savings measures, unplanned reimbursements, and steps to reduce debt service costs. . . . Airport officials have confirmed the unplanned reimbursements are the \$64.4 million, plus interest, returned to the airport as the result of a 1995 OIG audit report. The Governor's announcement is a real-time significant and measurable example of outcome as envisioned by the Government Performance and Results Act. This action comes about as a result of a combined effort within DOT between the FAA, the General Counsel, and OIG. The suspension of landing fees is expected to save air carriers, and hopefully the flying public, up to \$40 million in each of the next two years. The suspension has been heralded by the air carriers servicing Hawaii and by the tourism industry.

### WELFARE TO WORK

Widen Welfare to Work Opportunities: The New York Division met on August 20 and September 15 with the New York State Department of Transportation to discuss how their On-the-Job (OJT) Supportive Services Program could assist the welfare-to-work efforts. Two potential initiatives were identified. The State will consider referrals from local social service agencies as part of their recruiting to assist construction contractors in meeting Equal Opportunity Employment and Training goals. The OJT pre-employment supportive services used to prepare prospective candidates for employment in the construction industry will be expanded to include training for a commercial drivers license.

WELFARE TO WORK CONFERENCE: On September 16, FTA Deputy Administrator Nuria Fernandez spoke to 70 attendees of the Albuquerque, New Mexico, Welfare To-Work Conference.

Over 400 people have now attended the four Welfare To Work Conferences held in Region VI (Arkansas, Texas, Louisiana, and New Mexico). The next conference will be held in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma on November 5. Michael Winter has indicated his intention to represent FTA at the conference.

Reverse commute routes designed and implemented under an FTA/HHS funded job links project are being utilized so well that the City of Kansas City, Kansas has extended the program for another year with local funds. The routes link inner city Kansas City, Kansas residents with jobs in suburban Johnson County, Kansas.

BACK TO SCHOOL

OSDBU: On September 23, Luz Hopewell, OSDBU Director, participated in the American Goes Back To School campaign by visiting DOT's adopted school, Hine Jr. High. The Director will share in Hine's dedication of their Garrett A. Morgan Program table and will discuss the transportation industry and careers to some of the students.

Propeller Club Partnership: The U.S. Propeller Club has agreed to work with the Department under the Garrett A. Morgan Technology and Transportation Futures Program. Although details of how to partner have not been completed, the first activity has been to send announcements of the Department's 30th Anniversary poster contest to each of the 102 schools that are currently paired with ships through the Propeller Club Adopt-A-Ship Program.

On September 18, Louise Stoll, the Assistant Secretary for Budget and Programs, conducted a discussion with students on the Garrett Morgan Education Initiative in Boston, MA.

Coast Guard: In support of the Presidents national education initiative, the Commandant has directed senior commanders to participate in relevant activities throughout the U. S. The Coast Guard is already committed to nearly 200 schools through its Partnership in Education program.

Highlights of Coast Guard participation thus far and in the near-term:

MI: Admiral Kramek speaks at the Univ. of Michigan on Sep 25 about transportation careers.

DC: Vice Admiral Loy, Chief of Staff, will speak in late September at Andrew Bowen School, a CG Partnership in Education school in the District of Columbia.

VA: Vice Admiral Rufe, Atlantic Area Commander, will talk to students at Cradock Middle School on Sep 30 about transportation careers.

VA: Rear Admiral Barrett, Atlantic Maintenance & Logistics Command, visited An Achievable Dream Elementary and Middle School for at-risk inner city children in Newport News, VA. The MLC staff is organizing volunteers to work with children at the school on a regular basis.

OH: Rear Admiral McGowan, 9th District commander, speaks to students at Anton-Grdina Elementary School on Sep 20. The school is a participant in the Coast Guards Partnership in Education program in Cleveland.

AK: Rear Admiral Cross, 17th District commander, will direct a visit with native Americans at Glacier Valley Elementary School on Sep 24.

FL: Rear Admiral Saunders, 7th District commander, and Secretary of Education Riley spoke to students at the Maritime Science and Technology Academy in Miami on Sep 18. The school has the only Coast Guard Junior Reserve Officer Training program in the nation.

OK, NJ, MD, VA, CA, AL, & CT: Other senior CG commanders have scheduled events in the next few weeks in all of these states.

## NOTABLE CONGRESSIONAL ACTIVITY

**FY98 MARAD Authorization:** During the week of September 22, conferees may meet to reconcile differences on the FY98 Defense Authorization bill, which includes language authorizing MARADs operations and training activities and Title XI loan guarantee program.

**FY98 MARAD Appropriations:** On September 24, the House began consideration of H.R. 2267, the FY98 appropriations bill for the departments of Commerce, Justice, State, the Judiciary and Related Agencies, which includes funding for the Maritime Administration. The Senate approved its appropriations measure in July.

**Salvage Vehicle Reform:** On September 25, the Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee will hold a hearing on S. 852, legislation to establish nationally uniform requirements regarding the titling and registration of salvage and rebuilt vehicles. The Department is not expected to testify.

**Closure of Flight Service Stations:** On September 30, the House Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee on Aviation will hold a hearing on the Closure of Flight Service Stations. FAA Director of Air Traffic Ronald Morgan will testify.

**Unconstitutional Set-Asides: ISTEAs Race-Based Setasides After Adarand v. Peña:** On September 30, the Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on Constitution,

Federalism and Property Rights will hold a hearing on Unconstitutional

Set-Asides: ISTEAs Race-Based Setasides after Adarand v. Peña. The

Department will not testify.

Wide Area Augmentation Systems: On October 1, the House Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee on Aviation will hold a hearing on Wide Area Augmentation Systems. FAA Associate Administrator for Research and Acquisitions George Donohue will testify.

Foreign Repair Stations: On October 9, the House Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee on Aviation will hold a hearing on legislation that would extend to foreign repair stations and their personnel the standards on aircraft repairs that apply to domestic repair stations. The legislation, introduced by Congressman Robert Borski, is being actively supported by transportation unions. FAA Associate Administrator for Regulation and Certification Guy Gardner will testify.

House Hearings on Employment Discrimination in the Federal Workplace: Part II - Race and Gender Quotas in Federal Employment are now scheduled for September 25. The scope of the hearings have changed. Rather than inviting Federal agencies (FAA, IRS, NPS and USFS) as originally planned, the Subcommittee has decided to invite complainants alleging reverse discrimination. There will also be a Congressional panel consisting of Representatives Kennedy and Herger. A third panel remains as scheduled with the American Enterprise Institute, Federal Managers Association, Senior Executives Association, and Walter Olson, author of "The Excuse Factory".

## Secretarys Schedule

September 24-28

Secretary Slater will join President Clinton in Little Rock, AR, to commemorate the 40th Anniversary of the desegregation of Central High School.

## The Deputy Secretarys Schedule

September 26

The Deputy Secretary will participate in a Livable Communities Task Force luncheon meeting sponsored by Congressman Earl Blumenauer. This event will be attended by White House personnel, other Departments, and Members of Congress.

October 2

The Deputy Secretary will participate in the USCG arrival ceremony of the CG Cutter Legare.

October 8

The Deputy Secretary will participate in the U.S.-Canadian Deputies

meeting in Canada.

October 20-23

The Deputy Secretary will participate in the Intelligent Transportation Society of Americas World Congress Meeting in Berlin, Germany.

October 24-25

The Deputy Secretary will meet with the Russian Minister of Transport in Moscow, Russia, to discuss key transportation issues.

Modal Administrators/Assistant Secretaries

September 26

FTA Administrator Linton will participate in the Florida Trails & Greenways Conference.

FTA Deputy Administrator Fernandez will participate in the Old Colony Dedication ceremony in Boston, MA.

FHWA Acting Administrator Jeff will deliver the keynote speech at Western Transportation Seminars Western Regional Roundup meeting in Tucson, AZ.

September 27

MARAD Acting Deputy Administrator Bondareff will speak at the Training Vessel christening ceremonies at Maine Maritime Academy in Castine, ME.

September 29-October 2

Inspector General Mead will tour the LA Metro Rail Project and stopover in Kansas City for a regional office oversight visit.

September 30

Assistant Secretary for Aviation and International Affairs Hunnicutt will address the International Federation of Freight Forwarders in Vienna, Austria.

USCG Admiral Kramek will attend a meeting at the Department of Defense.

FAA Administrator Garvey will speak at an ACI conference in Detroit, MI.

FRA Administrator Molitoris will delivery the opening address of FRAs Railroad Safety Advisory Committee full committee meeting in Baltimore, MD.

October 1

FTA Deputy Administrator Fernandez will give remarks at the opening of the Riverfront Trolley Line in Memphis, TN.

FRA Administrator Molitoris will participate in the Penn Station Redevelopment Corporations Board meeting.

RSPA Acting Administrator Coyner will launch the 1997/1998 Teaching and Education Mentoring Program Team.

October 3

RSPA Acting Administrator Coyner will meet with staff from the NTSB on the Garrett A. Morgan Technology and Transportation Futures Program in Washington, D.C.

October 3-5

USCG Admiral Kramek will attend events at the Coast Guard Academy.

October 6

FTA Administrator Linton will speak at the Madison Wisconsin Urban Transit Association.

RSPA Acting Administrator Coyner will deliver remarks on NEXTEA at the 1997 Annual Transportation Conference in Orlando, FL.

October 7

USCG Admiral Kramek will host the Congressional celebration of the Coast Guards birth

NHTSA Administrator Martinez will speak at the 11th Annual Childhood Injury Conference in San Diego, CA.

October 8

USCG Admiral Kramek will attend The Interdiction Committee luncheon.

FTA Deputy Administrator will delivery the keynote address at the Welfare to Work Conference in Los Angeles, CA.

NHTSA Deputy Administrator Recht will speak at the Association of

International Automobile Manufacturers Technical Committee Meeting in  
Victoria, BC, Canada.

FAA Administrator Garvey will visit United Airlines in Chicago, IL.

October 8-9

USCG VADM Herr will visit the Coast Guard Aviation Training Center in  
Mobile, AL.

October 9

USCG Vice Admiral Herr will meet with Deputy Secretary Downey for the  
monthly meeting.

October 10

USCG Admiral Kramek will attend the Navy League awards dinner in Seattle.

October 11-12

USCG VADM Herr will attend the Pterodactyl National Convention.

October 15

NHTSA Deputy Administrator Recht will speak at the American Bar  
Associations Traffic Court Seminar in San Francisco, CA.

October 15-16

FAA Administrator Garvey will participate in the FAA Strategic Plan  
meeting in Annapolis, MD.

October 16

NHTSA Administrator Martinez will address the American College of Emergency Physicians Scientific Assembly in San Francisco, CA.

October 17

USCG Admiral Kramek will attend the Women in the Military (WIMSA) Dinner in Washington.

Assistant Secretary for Governmental Affairs Palmer will address the South San Diego County Economic Development Councils Seventh Annual Economic Summit in Coronado, CA.

RSPA Acting Administrator Coyner will speak at the Center for Transportation Studies luncheon to MIT graduates, students, faculty, and research staff and Boston area businesses at the MIT campus in Cambridge, MA.

October 18

USCG Admiral Kramek will attend the WIMSA dedication in Washington.

October 19-21

FTA Deputy Administrator Fernandez will travel to Salt Lake City, UT, to participate in the Transit Construction Round table.

October 20

NHTSA Administrator Martinez will participate in the first public conference of the Crash Injury Research Engineering Network in Ann Arbor,

MI.

October 21-24

NHTSA Deputy Administrator Recht will speak at ITS Americas 4th Annual World Congress in Berlin, Germany.

October 22

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RSPA Acting Administrator Coyner will participate in the CERF Corporate Advisory Board Meeting in Washington, D.C.

October 24

RSPA Acting Administrator Coyner will speak on behalf of the Secretary at the 20th Anniversary of the University Transportation Centers Program at the University of California at Berkeley.

October 28

USCG Admiral Kramek will attend the Coast Guard Combat Veterans Person of the Year presentation.

FTA Administrator Linton will speak at RailVolution in St. Louis, MO.

October 29

USCG Admiral Kramek will address students at the National Defense University.

RSPA Acting Administrator Coyner will attend a meeting with Government University Industry Research Round table members in Washington, D.C.

October 30

USCG Admiral Kramek will attend the Coast Guard Foundation Dinner in New York City and meet with the editorial board of the Journal of Commerce.

USCG Vice Admiral Herr will attend the Executive Committee Meeting of the Coast Guard Foundation in New York City.

October 31-Nov 2

USCG Admiral Kramek will attend the Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Armed Services (DACOWITS) annual conference being hosted by the Coast Guard in Tampa, FL.

#### MEDIA INQUIRIES

Newsweek is expected to feature a cover story on air bags in the issue that hits newsstands September 29. NHTSA Administrator Martinez was interviewed.

ABC 20/20, September 19, interviewed the Director of the Office of Motor Carrier Field Operations concerning a story on oversight of the charter bus industry. The segment will focus on a crash in Indianapolis in October 1995. Air date is not known.

FHWA Acting Administrator Gloria Jeff was the keynote speaker Sept. 18 at

the Texas Conference of Black Mayors in Austin, TX. She was interviewed by KLBJ-AM about NEXTEA and by the Associated Press about minority set-asides and other DBE issues. The AP interview was recorded by KTBC-TV. She later appeared at an editorial board meeting of the Austin American-Statesman, where she spoke to editorial page writers about NEXTEA, reauthorization, air quality standards and the proposed I-35 bypass.

FHWA Acting Administrator Gloria Jeff conducted a live question-and-answer session on Sept. 15 from Little Rock, AK as FHWA released the 1995 National Personal Transportation Survey. Gary Maring, director of the Office of Highway Information Management, presided at the session, which drew coverage from C-SPAN and CNN. ABC News and the Salt Lake Deseret News also attended the session.

USA Today is expected to run a story September 23 concerning NHTSAs request that Ford provide information about the ignition switches in some of its vehicles and requiring Ford to certify its responses.

ABC 20/20 is preparing for a segment on risk. John Stossel interviewed NHTSA Administrator Martinez on September 12 concerning the risk associated with riding in automobiles. Expected to air in October.

Dateline has requested information from NHTSA on three different stories: Dateline has requested information on vans used as school buses and has requested an interview, which is under consideration; Dateline has also requested an interview concerning the shattering or separating of Ford

Explorer sun roofs; finally, Dateline requested information on sport utility vehicles and rollovers.

First Tri-lateral Wide Area Augmentation System (WAAS) Flight Test in Tiajuana, Mexico: Canadian aircraft will fly approaches to Tiajuana International Airport using FAA-developed National Satellite Test Bed, a forerunner to WAAS. The goal is to demonstrate benefits of WAAS to Mexican government officials. Stories expected to run the week of September 22.

Rail Press Releases: The Office of Public Affairs released announcements concerning a \$5 million grant to Oregon for improvements on the Portland-Eugene high-speed rail corridor, the \$18 million FRA award to Northern Plain states for damage suffered during last Springs floods, the Arkansas and Missouri Railroad signing a safety agreement with the FRA, the release of the National Highway-Rail Crossing Safety report and the \$10 million award to Michigan for its high-speed rail project.

## FOIA REQUESTS

NASIP final report on Prompt Air completed in April 1997; and enforcement actions against Prompt Air from February 15 to September 12, 1997 -- WHAS 11, Louisville, Kentucky

Air tower audio tapes involving a North Central Airport accident in Smithfield, Rhode Island, on September 6, 1997 -- WBZ-TV, Boston, MA

NASIP report of June 1997 inspection of Fine Air -- Air Safety Week,  
Potomac, MD

Incident involving controllers or other employees at the LaGuardia  
Airport tower on August 26, 1997; an incident involving a Falcon 50 and  
Hawker Sidley on LaGuardia runways on July 22, 1997; and an incident  
involving American Airlines and Business Express Airlines on August 26,  
1997 -- New York Post

Incident report involving a helicopter, N11CQ, in or around Grand Forks,  
North Dakota, on April 19 and 20, 1997 -- WCCO-TV, Minneapolis, MN

Report #95AC750197 on a specific person -- The Miami Herald

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be the contact. He can be reached through the FAA Operations Center at  
(202) 267-3333.

## AMPLIFICATION REPORT

### RACE RELATIONS

On Sept. 15, Secretary Slater gave the Administration's first official  
address about the commemoration of the 40th anniversary of desegregation  
at Little Rock Central High. Story ran in the Arkansas Democrat Gazette

on Sept. 16.

## BACK TO SCHOOL

On Sept. 15, Secretary Slater spoke at a back-to-school event in Little Rock at the Rightsell Incentive School. The Secretary also promoted DOT's Garrett A. Morgan Transportation Futures program, which educates America's youth about career opportunities in the transportation industry.

On Sept. 18, Secretary Slater and Gen. McCaffrey participated in a back-to-school event at multi-ethnic Langley High School in McLean, Va. The event featured student representatives of Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD), formerly called Students Against Driving Drunk; they announced SADD's new name and expanded mission.

## AMERICAN HERITAGE RIVERS

On Sept. 19, Secretary Slater and U.S. Sen. Charles Robb joined the James River Heritage Partnership in Richmond to promote the Clinton Administration's American Heritage Rivers Program. Stories ran that night on the NBC and ABC affiliates, over the Virginia News Service and in the Richmond Times-Dispatch on Sept. 20.

## BALANCED BUDGET

On Sept. 15, Secretary Slater spoke to the Southeastern Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials in Little Rock. The Secretary discussed NEXTEA and amplified the need for Congress to stick to the provisions of the balanced budget agreement. Story ran in the Arkansas Democrat Gazette on Sept. 16.

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#### KEY AGENCY NEWS

Pfiesteria piscicida: Administrator Browner attended the summit on Pfiesteria hosted by Maryland Governor Glendening in Annapolis, MD, on 9/19. Participants included governors or their designated representatives from 6 states (MD, VA, DE, PA, NC and WV). Representatives from NOAA, USDA and HHS also participated in the event. Administrator Browner pledged the federal government's support to help the States respond to Pfiesteria outbreaks. The governors signed an agreement to share information, such as human health impacts and environmental conditions at the time of an outbreak, and to coordinate states' responses to future outbreaks.

Assistant Administrator for Water Bob Perciasepe will testify before the Human Resources Subcommittee of the House Government Reform and Oversight Committee on 9/25. He will emphasize EPA's commitment to working with other federal agencies to do three things: support states' efforts to respond to Pfiesteria outbreaks; develop a coordinated federal research strategy; and reduce nitrogen and phosphorous pollution which is believed to be a major factor in Pfiesteria outbreaks. EPA and NOAA are already leading the interagency effort to research Pfiesteria. The Administration is making significant headway on the research strategy and expects to share a draft of it with the States, academia and the general public in early October to ensure that it meets all stakeholders' needs.

Superfund: On 9/25/97, EPA will celebrate the 450th Superfund cleanup at the Southern Shipbuilding site in Slidell, LA. Acting Assistant Administrator Timothy Fields will attend an event to commemorate this important milestone for the Superfund toxic waste cleanup program.

President Clinton pledged in 1996 to cleanup 900 Superfund sites by the year 2000. This event marks the half way point to fulfilling this pledge, even though Congress has yet to appropriate the additional funds needed for cleanups.

International Progress on Protecting the Ozone Layer: The Ninth conference of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol was held in Montreal, Canada. This year marks the 10th anniversary of the signing of the original Montreal Protocol, an international treaty for phasing out the production of substances which deplete the ozone layer. A key issue for EPA concerned the

continued production and use of methyl bromide, an agricultural fumigant and potent ozone-depletor. Negotiators were able to reach an agreement to accelerate the phase-out of methyl bromide in both developed and developing countries. The agreement also allows for the granting of exemptions from the phaseout for critical uses where there are no substitutes or alternatives as well as for emergency use.

Project XL: Project XL -- a Presidential initiative intended to test innovative ways of achieving better and more cost-effective public health and environmental protection -- held its annual conference last week. EPA Assistant Administrator for Reinvention Chuck Fox and XL's coordinators met to discuss the program's future. EPA expects to sign 4-5 anticipated new Final Project Agreements to be signed in the next few of months. With the new agreements, XL will have begun implementing 7 projects. Conference discussions also focused on a strategic framework for XL, ways to reduce transaction costs by shortening the approval process and strategies to increase participation in XL.

More than 20 representatives from environmental groups, environmental justice groups, companies, trade organizations, the States, and other groups met in Washington, DC, for the National Stakeholder Roundtable Meeting. These meetings are a series of discussions being held around the country to ask for comment on a range of issues, including stakeholder involvement, enforcement, building true partnerships, process concerns, desirable XL project themes, and communicating success. Project XL staff is planning to continue these discussions around the country to improve that communications lines with the program's stakeholders.

## CONGRESS

### Legislative Action This Week

On 9/23, the House Judiciary Subc. on the Constitution (Canady, FL) held a hearing on federal actions that result in property "takings" or devaluation of private property.

On 9/24, the Senate Commerce Subc. on Manufacturing and Competitiveness (Abraham, MI) held a hearing on the effects of EPA's air quality standards for particulate matter and ozone on the manufacturing industry.

On 9/25, the House Judiciary Subc. on Courts and Intellectual Property (Coble, NC) will hold a hearing on legislation that would change the court of jurisdiction for federal property takings claims.

On 9/25, the House Judiciary Subc. on Commercial and Administrative Law (Gekas, PA) will hold a hearing on legislation that would increase Congressional review and oversight of federal regulations.

On 9/25, the House Government Reform and Oversight Subc. on Human Resources (Shays, CT) will hold a hearing to look into the *Pfiesteria piscicida* outbreak in the Mid-Atlantic. EPA Assistant Administrator for Water Bob Perciasepe will testify alongside other Administration

officials.

#### Administrator's Meetings And Travel

On 9/26, Deputy Administrator Hansen will meet with Rep. Blumenauer (OR) and other members of the Livable Communities Task Force.

#### Current Legislative Issues

Superfund. The Senate Environment and Public Works Committee (Chafee, RI), this week, continued negotiations on Superfund Reform. Administrator Browner, to date, has participated in four meetings with Sens. Chafee (RI), Baucus (MT), Smith (NH) and Lautenberg (NJ). All of these meetings have focused on liability and allocation issues. EPA expects further meetings with the Senators in the coming weeks.

In the House, the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee (Shuster, PA) continued negotiations this week. There are, currently, no negotiation sessions scheduled in the Commerce Committee.

PM/Ozone. On 9/30, Administrator Browner will testify at a House Resources hearing on EPA's air quality standards. Both Agricultural Secretary Dan Glickman and Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt are expected to testify with Administrator Browner. Also, Administrator Browner will testify before the House Commerce Committee (Bliley, VA) on 10/1. The

Committee will discuss legislation introduced by Reps. Klink (PA) and Upton (MI) which would delay the implementation of the new standards.

Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA) Reauthorization.

While the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee proceeded with a mark-up of Chairman Shuster's (PA) reauthorization bill, there have been indications that Rep. Shuster will now proceed with a bill to extend the current ISTEA bill for six months. However, Shuster intends his bill to act as a starting point for action in the next session. In the Senate, the Chafee-Warner reauthorization bill was originally scheduled to be considered during the first week of October. However, the House leadership decision to proceed with a short-term reauthorization bill may affect Senate floor consideration of the Chafee-Warner six-year reauthorization bill.

Appropriations. Conference on the VA, HUD and Independent Agencies FY '98 Appropriations Act, which includes EPA's budget, was scheduled to begin on 9/24. However, conference is now expected to begin later this week.

#### UPCOMING HEARINGS & MARK-UPS

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| 9/30 | House Resources Comm. | Effects of air quality standards | Admin. |
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Browner

(Young, AK) on fire maintenance activities  
in forests

10/1 House Commerce Comm. PM / Ozone Admin. Browner  
(Bliley, VA)

## PRESS

Children's Health Protection: On Monday (9/15), Administrator Browner spoke in Washington, DC at the EPA's Conference on Preventable Causes of Childhood Cancer. Browner discussed Clinton Administration actions to protect children from environmental health threats, including those that may contribute to the rise in childhood cancer. The Associated Press, the San Francisco Chronicle and other regional newspapers covered the conference.

A story in the Sunday New York Times (9/28) about the problem of childhood cancer and the Clinton Administration's efforts to protect the health of children is expected.

Florida State University: On Thursday (9/18), Administrator Browner gave remarks on global warming at Florida State University. The three local network affiliates, the Associated Press, the Tallahassee Democrat and several local radio stations covered the speech.

Tallahassee Democrat: On Thursday (9/18), Administrator Browner met with the Tallahassee Democrat Editorial Board to discuss global warming and common-sense, cost-effective solution to the problem.

Milwaukee Journal: On Thursday (9/25), Administrator Browner will speak with editorial board of the Milwaukee Journal about the problem of global warming.

Boston Globe: On Friday (10/3), Administrator Browner will meet with the editorial board of the Boston Globe to discuss the problem of global warming.

#### ADMINISTRATOR'S SCHEDULE

9/25 Diane Rehm Interview re: Env. Justice  
9/25 Climate Change Event w/Secy. Cohen  
9/25 Milwaukee Journal Ed Board re: Climate Change  
9/25 Mtg. w/Senators Chafee, Baucus, Smith, Lautenberg re: Superfund  
9/30 House Resources Committee Hearing re: Air Rules  
10/1 House Commerce Committee Hearing re: Air Rules  
10/2 Interview w/ Water Education Foundation Newsletter  
10/3 Speech to Environmental Business Council/Boston re:Climate Change  
10/8 Mtg. w/Environmental Groups re: Homestead AFB

#### DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR'S SCHEDULE

9/25 Travel to Boston, MA: Environmental Economist Roundtable at MIT

9/26 Meeting w/Los Angeles City Council Member Richard Alarcon re:

Environmental Justice and Air Issues

9/26 At the invitation of Congressman Earl Blumenauer, will participate in lunch discussion with Livable Communities Task Force. Approximately 30 Members of Congress will participate in this discussion, along with Katie McGinty (CEQ); Betsy Moler (DOE); Mort Downey (DOT); Richard Rominger (USDA) and Bob Hickmott (HUD).

9/29 Interview by Chinese TV re: EPA Direction in Environmental Protection

9/29 Meeting w/David Shorr, World Wildlife Fund, re: CEC/free trade issues

9/30 Lunch w/Sally Katzen, Administrator, Information & Regulatory Affairs, OMB

9/30 Meeting w/Clean Air Task Force

10/1 Meeting of the President's Management Council

## REGULATORY ACTIONS

No major regulatory action occurred this week.

## FOIA REQUESTS

This week, EPA received 314 requests for information. The Agency has received a total of 82 requests this week for headquarters and 17,408 agency wide inquiries this year. We received no requests of interest this week.

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EXECUTIVE ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR JOSH GOTBAUM

FROM: OMB LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

DATE: SEPTEMBER 25, 1997

SUBJECT: LEGISLATIVE REPORT

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The House vote on census sampling was postponed until Tuesday, September 30th.

Today the Senate Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committee marked up and

approved the transit title of the Senate's ISTEA reauthorization (17-1).

Senators D'Amato and Sarbanes co-sponsored a substitute amendment. The

Senate

bill retains current program structure and provides \$35.7 billion over six

years. In addition, the bill adopts the Administration's proposed

language on

expanding the definition of capital to include preventive maintenance and

consolidating the 16 metropolitan planning factors into 7.

Senate Commerce will mark up the highway safety titles next week. The

House

and Senate are heading towards a collision in conference, with the House

planning to bring a simple 6-month extension to the Floor, and the Senate

moving ahead with its 6-year reauthorization. Majority Leader Lott said

on

the Floor again today that the Senate will do a 6-year bill within the

budget.

Representative Kasich and Senator Brownback have announced a renewed

effort to

eliminate the Commerce Department; they will likely pursue this again

during

consideration of the FY 1999 budget resolution.

House Commerce Committee today marked up two of the three FDA reform

bills, but

delayed until Friday markup on the medical device bill in order to give negotiators more time to work out a compromise.

The House Rules Committee will consider a rule on the first FY 1998

Continuing

Resolution on Friday morning, September 26th.

## CONGRESS TODAY (9/25)

### SENATE

Continued consideration of S. 1156 - District of Columbia FY 1998

Appropriations bill. The vote on the Coats-Lieberman voucher amendment is expected on Tuesday.

[SAP sent 9/18: Senior Advisors recommend veto if the bill contains the school voucher amendment.]

Approved (93-5) H.R. 2266 - Defense FY 1998 Appropriations Conference Report,

clearing the measure for the President.

[Conference letter sent, 9/9: Senior Advisors veto threat]

Passed S. 1211 to reauthorize the au pair program.

### HOUSE

This morning, the House conducted numerous votes on the motion to adjourn to

protest the vote to increase Congressional Member salaries.

Approved (356-65) H.R. 2266 - Defense FY 1998 Appropriations Conference  
Report

[Conference letter sent, 9/9: Senior Advisors veto threat]

Continued consideration of H.R. 2267 - Commerce/Justice/State FY 1998  
Appropriations bill

[Floor SAP sent 9/24: Senior advisers veto recommendation over inadequate  
funding level for Legal Services Corporation and restrictions on the use  
of  
sampling for the decennial census, including new Hastert amendment.]

While under consideration, the House took the following action on H.R.  
2267:

- o Approved (246-176) Mollohan amendment to increase the funding level for  
LSC  
to \$250 million (with offsets).
- o Adopted (356-64) Sanders amendment regarding the U.S. sovereignty and  
the  
World Trade Organization. The amendment would increase USTR funding by  
\$1  
million and direct USTR to investigate how international trade  
agreements  
effect State and local laws.
- o Rejected (107-305) Hefley amendment to reduce the funding level for  
the  
Economic Development Administration by \$90 million; thus, the House

level for

EDA remains at \$361 million.

o Rejected (177-235) Hostettler amendment to eliminate ATP.

At press time, the House is continuing consideration of Titles II, III,  
and IV,

but all votes will be rolled to occur on Tuesday, September 30th.

CONGRESS TOMORROW (9/26)

SENATE

Convene at 9am -- No Votes

At 10am, the Senate will begin consideration of campaign finance reform.

HOUSE

Convene at 9:00am for legislative business.

Continue consideration of H.R. 2267 - Commerce/Justice/State FY 1998

Appropriations bill. The House will consider Titles V and VI.

Possible - Begin consideration of H.R. 2160 - Agriculture Appropriations

Conference Report

[Letter sent 9/12: Concerns over reductions from request for WIC, rural  
development and the tobacco initiative]

Consider H.R. 901 - American Land Sovereignty Protection Act

[SAP sent 9/23: Sect. of Interior veto threat]

## CONGRESS NEXT WEEK

### SENATE

Monday, 9/29

No votes -- Continue consideration of campaign finance reform

Tuesday 9/30

At 11am, there will be a cloture vote on the Coats school vouchers

amendment to

the DC bill. If cloture is invoked, the Senate will attempt to complete

action

on the DC Appropriations bill.

[SAP sent, 9/18: Senior Advisors recommend veto if the bill contains the

school

voucher amendment.]

Consider Appropriations conference reports, as available

Consider a Continuing Resolution for FY98 Appropriations

Wednesday, 10/1

No votes after 1pm due to Rosh Hashanah.

Continue debate on campaign finance.

Thursday, 10/2, and Friday, 10/3

No votes -- Continue debate on campaign finance.

Tuesday, 10/7, or Wednesday, 10/8

Begin floor action on the Chafee/Warner/Baucus highway bill.

[DOT letter sent 9/16: "I commend you...for the thoughtful compromises

that are

clearly reflected in...S. 1173...I am especially pleased that the bill is

a

6-year measure that conforms to the bipartisan balanced budget

agreement..." 18;

the letter also identifies concerns with specific provisions]

## HOUSE

The House is scheduled to adjourn for the Rosh Hashanah holiday on

Wednesday,

October 1st, at 3pm. Items for consideration the week of September 29th

include the following:

Monday, 9/29, through Wednesday, 10/1

Consider a Continuing Resolution for FY98 Appropriations

Continue consideration of H.R. 2267 - Commerce/Justice/State FY 1998

Appropriations bill. Votes will occur late in the day on Monday. On

Tuesday,

9/30, the House will vote on the census sampling issue.

[Floor SAP sent 9/24: Senior advisers veto recommendation over inadequate

funding level for Legal Services Corporation and restrictions on the use of sampling for the decennial census, including new Hastert amendment.]

Consideration of FY 1998 Appropriations Conference Reports as they become available for action (Energy/Water, VA/HUD and Transportation).

Consider the Intelligence Authorization bill

[Defense and CIA letters sent: Senior Advisors Veto Threat]

## FY 1998 APPROPRIATIONS CONFERENCE REPORTS

### CONFERENCE ACTION PENDING

#### o Foreign Operations FY 1998 Appropriations Conference Report

[Letter sent, 9/25: President will veto a bill that contains the House language reinstating the so-- called !&Mexico City policy !8; The Secretary of State, the Secretary of the Treasury, and the National Security Advisor would recommend veto if the bill contains funding reductions of the magnitude in the House bill.]

#### o Transportation FY 1998 Appropriations

[Letter sent 9/9: Support urged for several NEXTEA programs not included by

House or Senate due to lack of authorization; support for Senate funding level  
for Amtrak operations; objection raised to transit project earmarks and various language provisions.]

- o VA/HUD/Independent Agencies

- [Letter sent 9/25: Senior Advisors veto threat]

- o Interior/Related Agencies

- [Letter pending]

- o Labor/HHS/ED

- [Letter pending]

- o Treasury/Postal

- [Letter pending West Wing]

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If it's ok with you, I need to use Gene's conference call line again today

at

1pm. Dorothy is working with people on the NEXTEA event tomorrow and

needs to

do another call. The regular WH lines that I normally use are booked.

Thanks.

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MEMORANDUM FOR ERSKINE BOWLES, THE WHITE HOUSE    October 1, 1997

FROM:        Secretary Slater

SUBJECT:        DOT Weekly Report -- Week of October 6, 1997

The following is the Department of Transportation Weekly Report:

#### KEY DEPARTMENT NEWS

Little Rock, AR: On September 24, Secretary Slater received the Southwestern Bell Arkansas Education Trailblazers Award for citizenship in Little Rock, AR. President Clinton attended the awards ceremony.

CFC Visits: On October 7, Secretary Slater, in his role as Chairman of the 1997 Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) of the National Capital Area, will visit two CFC organizations. The Secretary will visit the Anacostia Watershed Society (AWS), to lend his support to AWS's environmental education programs. He will also visit Downtown Cluster's Geriatric Day Care Center, a facility that provides quality therapeutic support services

to Washington DC's elderly residents.

**NEXTEA Event:** On October 1, Secretary Slater will discuss the Presidents NEXTEA proposal at a White House event with national urban leaders. Vice President Gore is tentatively scheduled to address the meeting.

**ISTEA Legislation Update:** On October 1, the House passed, by voice vote, H.R. 2516, legislation to extend highway, transit, and highway safety programs for six months. Authorization for the programs expired September 30. Also, on October 1, the Senate Finance Committee approved the ISTEA funding title and extended the various highway user taxes and ethanol tax credit. This week, the Senate may consider S. 1173, an ISTEA six year reauthorization bill.

**Auto Exec Meeting:** On October 2, Secretary Slater will join the President at the White House for a meeting with Automobile Executives.

**White House Climate Change Conference:** On October 6., Secretary Slater will attend the White House Conference on Climate Change held at Georgetown University.

**Livable Communities:** On October 6, Secretary Slater will speak at the Partners for Livable Communities Bridge Builders Award ceremony in Washington.

**National Launch of Presidential Seat Belt Initiative:** On October 6, Secretary Slater will conduct a national town meeting telecast to more than 80 sites around the country, to kick off "Buckle Up America!" in

support of the President's Initiative for increasing seat belt use. The President will participate via video tape in the teleconference and be joined by national figures such as former Surgeon General C. Evert Koop, members of the American Medical Association and other members of the health and medical communities, members of the law enforcement community, and highway safety groups to promote expanding partnerships to increase belt use to reach the national goal of 85 percent by 2000 and 90 percent by 2005.

**Coast Guard Anniversary:** On October 7, Secretary Slater will speak at a Washington ceremony honoring the Coast Guards 207th Anniversary.

**Divided Highways:** On October 8, Secretary Slater will attend a reception celebrating the broadcast of the documentary Divided Highways on PBS.

**Africa Mini-Summit:** On October 8, Secretary Slater will convene a conference in Washington, DC to include U.S. government officials, representatives of Congress, U.S. industry, non-governmental organizations, multilateral institutions, and the African diplomatic corps. With the theme "Transportation: The Tie That Binds," Secretary Slater will address infrastructure impediments, both human and physical, and will highlight the importance of transportation in supporting economic growth within Africa and increased trade with the United States.

**Secretary addresses Mayors Summit:** On September 26, Secretary Slater addressed the "Second Summit of Mayors to Promote the International Trade Corridor Partnership" via video. The Secretary emphasized the need for

"fast track" legislation. The Summit, sponsored by Mayor Emanuel Cleaver, II was held in Kansas City.

**Southwest Airlines Mentoring Program Unveiled:** On September 29, Secretary Slater and Secretary Richard Riley participated in an event at Seaton Elementary School to unveil Southwest Airlines Adopt-A-Pilot Program. Southwest Airlines Pilots will mentor and educate children by spending time in the nations classrooms during a four-week program reaching more than 5,000 students in the 51 cities that Southwest serves. This program will allow fifth grade students to learn more about the United States and aviation through a Pilots eyes. Adopt-A-Pilot highlights transportation careers, math and science, all components of the Garrett A. Morgan Technology and Transportation Futures Program.

**Deputy Secretary to Meet Cutter LEGARE:** On October 2, Deputy Secretary Downey and Vice Admiral Roger Rufe, Commander, Atlantic Area, will meet the USCG Cutter LEGARE as it returns to its homeport of Portsmouth, VA after completing a highly successful 4 « month deployment to the Baltic, Mediterranean and Black Seas in direct support of United States national security objectives. As requested by the U. S. European Command, the LEGARE visited 19 countries and conducted training with emphasis on necessary peacetime maritime operations, such as law enforcement, marine safety, and search and rescue.

**U.S. Canada Transport Deputies' Meeting:** On October 8, Deputy Secretary Downey will meet with the Canadian Deputy Minister of Transport, Margaret Bloodworth, to discuss issues related to St. Lawrence Seaway Operation,

Intransit Preclearance, Overflight Fees, Bilateral Civil Aviation Agreement, Air Navigation in Canada, Airport Devolution, NEXTEA, NAFTA Implementation, Immigration Reform Act, Airbags, Marine Safety Harmonization, and the possible agenda items for the meeting between Secretary Slater and Canadian Transport Minister Collenette later this month.

Oil Spill off CA Coast: On September 29, Coast Guard Captain of the Port Los Angeles/Long Beach received a report of an estimated 121,000 gallon crude oil spill from the offshore platform IRENE, in the vicinity of Point Argeullo, near Santa Barbara, CA. The Responsible Party (Torch Corp) has contracted for cleanup in accordance with their response plan, and the Coast Guard Pacific Strike Team and nearby resources are coordinating federal oversight and response. The leak was caused by a crack in the pipeline. Temporary repairs have been made and no oil is leaking. As of October 1, clean up operations are continuing with good results. The spill was not as large as first estimated, with only about 21,000 gallons released. Thus far, about 2,800 have been recovered with extensive clean up operations on the water and shore staffed by 350 response personnel. Only small patches of oil have come onto the shore. Media interest has greatly diminished.

U.S.-Japan Aviation Talks: A further round of formal aviation consultations with Japan was concluded in Tokyo on September 26. The U.S. objectives at these talks are to achieve a resolution of disputes that have restricted U.S. carrier service beyond Japan; to achieve significant immediate aviation liberalization, particularly with respect to U.S.

carriers that are virtually shut out of the market today; and ultimately to achieve complete aviation liberalization. While this round of talks was not conclusive, significant progress was made, and the two sides will meet informally in Washington on October 2 and 3, and a formal round of talks will be held in Washington in the week of October 20. The Department will be represented by Assistant Secretary Charles A. Hunnicutt.

Port Authority of New York and New Jersey: On September 30, FAA announced its timetable for ruling on the Port Authority's passenger facility charge (PFC) application for the JFK Light Rail System (LRS). In accordance with PFC statute and regulation, FAA has 120 days from the date of submission of a PFC application to make a decision. The FAA will issue its decision on this application by November 18, which is the end of the 120-day period. This issue has significant congressional and regional interest.

Long Beach Freeway (State Route 710): On October 3, Jane Garvey will chair a meeting of opponents and proponents of the CA SR710 project. The meeting will include Federal agencies with a continuing role in the project decision making. The purpose of the meeting is to determine areas of common interest and explore options as to where we go from here.

Vice President Announces \$4.8 Million in MO Grants: On October 1, Vice President Gore announced grants of \$4 million to Kansas City and \$800,000 to St. Louis for transit projects and \$5 million for improvements at Lambert-St. Louis International Airport.

Vice President Announces Grants for Northern CA: On October 1, Vice President Gore announced grants to a number of communities to reduce the impact of noise from nearby airports. Several cities received grants for soundproofing residences. San Bruno and South San Francisco each received \$2 million, San Jose received \$2.7 million, and Fresno received \$1 million. In addition, the department gave Oceano County Airport in Oceano \$374,000 to construct an apron, rehabilitate runway lighting, install a visual approach aid, install an airport beacon and tower, and install fencing. Kneeland Airport, located in Kneeland, received a grant of \$185,542 to conduct a master plan study for airport improvements. Monterey Peninsula Airport in Monterey received \$158,355 to construct an apron and install security fencing. In addition, the state of California received a grant of \$470,000 to conduct an aviation system plan study for northern California and for 26 counties which do not currently have aviation system plans.

Vice President Announces Grants for Southern CA : On October 1, Vice President Al Gore and announced the award of \$15.7 million for improvements at airports in southern California. A number of communities received grants to reduce the impact of noise from nearby airports. Ontario received \$2.5 million, Palm Springs received \$2 million, and Burbank-Glendale-Pasadena Airport Authority received \$1 million. Also, the department awarded San Diego International Airport-Lindbergh Field a grant of \$4.3 million to construct a taxiway, rehabilitate taxiway lighting and improve the terminal. Palm Springs Regional Airport received \$3.8 million to extend a runway, relocate an access road and acquire land for approaches. Santa Barbara Municipal Airport received \$1.7 million to

improve its runway safety area. In addition, the Southern California Association of Governments received two grants: \$300,000 to update its regional aviation system plan, and \$80,000 to assess current and future trends in the air cargo industry.

**Vice President Announces Grant to Inglewood, CA:** On October 1, Vice President Gore announced the award of \$10.5 million to the city of Inglewood, CA to reduce the impact of noise from Los Angeles International Airport and the award of \$8.8 million for improvements at airports in northern California.

**\$12.2 Million Emergency Relief Funds for MN:** On September 30, it was announced that Minnesota will receive \$12.2 million in emergency relief funds for repairs on roads damaged by extreme runoff and flooding last March.

**Vice President Announces \$4.4 Million to IA:** On September 30, Vice President Gore announced a \$4.4 million grant to Cedar Rapids for the purchase of eight electric buses and construction of related facilities.

**Vice President Announces Airport Grants for NH:** On September 26, Vice President Gore announced the award of \$13.3 million for improvements at airports in New Hampshire. Manchester Airport received a total of \$8.9 million. \$5.7 million will be used to construct a runway, and \$3.2 million to acquire land for development. In addition, Pease International Tradeport, located in Portsmouth, received \$4.4 million to install an instrument landing system and an approach lighting system.

Secretary Announces Airport Grants for NY: On September 26, Secretary Slater announced the award of \$24.5 million for improvements at airports throughout New York state.

Secretary Announces \$6.6 Million Loan Guarantee: On September 30, Secretary Slater announced that MARAD approved a federal guarantee in the amount of \$6.6 million to help finance the construction of seven ocean deck barges for operation in the U.S. Gulf of Mexico and in the coastal waters of the United States.

Secretary Slater Announces Loan Guarantee for Ferry: On September 30, Secretary Slater announced that MARAD approved a federal guarantee in the amount of \$9.6 million federal loan guarantee to help finance the construction of a high-speed, 250-passenger crewboat/ferry to be built in a Panama City, FL shipyard.

Grants Announcements: Secretary Slater has recently made several grant announcements. On September 23, the Secretary announced grants to states, territories and Native American tribes totaling \$6.4 million for planning and training to improve response to hazardous materials transportation incidents.

On September 26, the Secretary announced \$12.7 million for the Santa Clara, Calif., Transit District for the Tasman West Rail Extension, and \$2.7 million for Californias Central Contra Costa Transit District; \$9.9 million for Los Angeles-San Diego area transit projects; \$4.3 million to

the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority for a feasibility study for a light rail line and to purchase replacement buses with wheelchair accessibility; \$1.6 million to the Illinois Department of Transportation for the construction of a transfer center in downtown Collinsville; \$35 million to the Ohio Department of Transportation for transit projects in the state; \$5.2 million to Oregon for improvements on the Portland-Eugene high-speed rail corridor; \$24.5 million for improvements at airports in New York state; and \$13.3 million for improvements at airports in New Hampshire.

**Hartsfield Atlanta International Airport:** Secretary Slater announced with Representative John Lewis and Atlanta mayor, Bill Campbell, a FAA letter of intent for a total of \$75 million in Airport Improvement Program discretionary funds through the year 2009 to construct a fifth parallel runway at this airport to help reduce operating delays by separating commuter aircraft from larger aircraft. Construction is scheduled to begin late 1998 and be completed in the year 2002. The estimated savings from direct aircraft operating costs will exceed \$6 billion over the next 20 years.

**SeaTac International Airport :** FAA is issuing a letter of intent (LOI) for a total of \$161.5 million in Airport Improvement Program (AIP) discretionary and entitlement funds through the year 2010 to construct a third parallel runway at SeaTac International Airport. In conjunction with the LOI, the department released over \$30 million for WA with \$27.6 million going to SeaTac International Airport. Senators Murray and Gorton and Congressman Dicks of Washington coordinated an announcement with the

department.

**Turbulence Education and Training Aid:** The FAA is working with the Air Transport Association (ATA) and the Regional Airline Association (RAA) to distribute The Turbulence Education and Training Aid package to the commercial aviation community. The FAA worked in partnership with the ATA and McDonnell Douglas to develop a training video and printed material designed to teach pilots, dispatchers, and flight attendants how to avoid turbulence and what to do if turbulence is encountered.

**Hickory and New-Bern Flight Service Stations (FSS):** The two North Carolina FSSs closed on September 30. With the closure of these two FSSs, the FAA's FSS Consolidation and Modernization Program, developed some 15 years ago and implemented over the last decade, will be completed; all FSSs have been closed.

**Enforcement Actions:** On September 23, FAA issued an emergency order revoking the air carrier operating certificate of Capital Air Charter. The case involves at least 17 revenue flights using unqualified pilots and conducting operations with an expired emergency locator transmitter battery and a disabled Hobbs meter. This week, FAA will also seek to recover a civil penalty in the amount of \$495,000 from Aero Transcolombiana de Carga, a foreign air carrier. The case involves their operation of a Colombia-registered DC-8 aircraft on 66 flights within the U.S. when it did not comply with the limitations on maximum certificated weights prescribed for that aircraft.

### Santa Barbara Metropolitan Transit District Strike in Cooling off

Period: On September 22, a 60-day "cooling off" period was approved which prohibits any strike by Teamsters' bus drivers or any lockout by Metropolitan Transit District Officials. The Superior Court granted the Governor's request for the stay, interrupting a labor dispute that crippled bus service for two days this month in Santa Barbara which impacted 20,000 people. The conflict arises from a two-tier wage scale that ranges from \$7.55 to \$15.10 an hour. Union members are asking for 20 percent or \$3.11 increase in wages over the next three years.

**NJ Supreme Court-Rules in Favor of NJ Transit Police Drug Testing:** On September 25, the New Jersey State Supreme Court ruled that New Jersey Transit can continue to perform random drug tests on its armed police officers. The local Patrolmen's Benevolent Association sued in 1995 to end NJ Transit's testing policy on the ground that the test violated privacy provisions of the State Constitution. The State Supreme Court unanimously upheld lower court rulings that protecting the public by keeping the police force drug free outweighed the officer's privacy interests.

**Large Cocaine Seizure Off Colombia:** On September 27, the USS CALLAGHAN, with a Coast Guard Law Enforcement Detachment, chased a boat near the Colombian island of Malpelo in the Eastern Pacific. The boat escaped but not before dumping its cargo of 7,260 lbs of cocaine, which was recovered by the Coast Guard/Navy team. As of September 28, this seizure pushed the Coast Guard's total FY97 cocaine seizures to an all-time record of 93,445 pounds. The old record was set in 1991 at 90,335 pounds.

Seizure of Fast Boat Update: On September 22, the Cutter CAMPBELL, along with a Haitian Coast Guard ship rider, seized the boat south of Haiti. An additional 1,374 pounds of cocaine was added to the original estimate for a final total seizure of 3,138 pounds. As a result of this seizure the combined counterdrug operation with Haiti was continued through September 29.

Search of Sailing Vessel Yields Drugs: On September 24, a Coast Guard helicopter located the sailboat MISTIQUE in the Florida Straits. The Cutter MAUI escorted the vessel to Fort Pierce, FL for a joint dockside boarding with U. S. Customs. The search yielded 280 pounds of hashish oil and 406 pounds of marijuana.

Presidential Commission Conducts SUP Hearing: On September 24, the National Civil Aviation Review Commission (NCARC) conducted an aviation safety meeting on suspected unapproved parts (SUPs). DOTs IG provided testimony, along with representatives from the Aeronautical Repair Station Association, the National Air Transportation Association, and FAAs Office of Regulation & Certification. OIG provided information regarding law enforcements efforts to attack the SUP problem in aviation, and also provided input on possible new legislation and increasing criminal penalties against those convicted of crimes involving SUPs. The Commission concurred with the recommendations and advised they would include them when they issue their final report in November.

Transportation in National Parks: The President's 1996 Earth Day

speech referenced the serious transportation issues in Yosemite, Grand Canyon and Zion National Parks. The speech was followed by an Executive Memorandum directing DOT to work with DOI to address transportation issues in the National Park System specifically, to develop a plan for a comprehensive effort to improve public transportation in the national parks. On September 24, staff from each of those offices met to discuss opportunities for the two agencies to work more cooperatively and to carry out the Presidents Executive Memorandum to solve transportation issues in national parks. In November, Secretary Babbitt will announce transportation initiatives in Grand Canyon, Zion, and Yosemite.

## WORK ON PRESIDENTIAL POLICY PRIORITIES

### WELFARE TO WORK

Welfare to Work Discussed at Harvard University: On September 23, FTA Boston staff met with the Enterprise Community Oakland, CA Team at Harvard University to discuss Welfare to Work issues. This team is comprised of local and private interests that are spending a two week period of study at the JFK School to develop a program for the Oakland Enterprise Community area with a specific task to address the transportation component of Welfare to Work. The discussion included FTA's initiatives in this area, public transportation issues, development of a strategy for addressing this problem, and potential funding sources for program

implementation.

**Kansas City Job Links Program:** On September 23 and 24, FTAs Kansas City, MO received favorable TV coverage for their JobLinks program. KMBC, the Kansas City area ABC affiliate station, reported on the success of the new JobLinks transit service routes operating between Kansas City and Johnson County, KS. The objective of the service is to provide residents of Kansas City transportation to access jobs in suburban Johnson County.

**Welfare to Work in Pennsylvania:** The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation announced on September 23 grants totaling \$166,666 to operate a pilot program, in three rural counties, to provide the working poor and former welfare recipients with no-cost rides to work as well as transportation for their children to day care providers. The program, to be implemented in Perry, Juniata and Mifflin counties will begin October 15.

## BACK TO SCHOOL

**Back to School--Launch of the 1997/1998 Teaching Education and Mentoring (TEAM) Program:** On October 1, the Volpe National Transportation Systems Center launched its Teaching Education and Mentoring (TEAM) Program. The program presents Volpe Center employees and contractors with the opportunity to participate with the community in activities designed to increase skills, help prepare youth for a diverse workforce, and transfer technology, information, and transportation opportunities to others.

Back to School--Adopt-a-School Activities: On October 3, RSPA will meet with staff of the NTSB in an effort to gain participation of the agency in the Garrett A. Morgan Transportation and Technology Futures Program for an adopt-a-school activity.

America Goes Back to School Events: MARAD's North Atlantic Region Office is supporting and participating in school related events. Region environmental specialist is coordinating activities with representatives of Seward Park High School in Manhattan, NY, in conjunction with the school's career office. Our environmental specialist will meet with a number of classes of high school seniors and provide information on how to pursue careers in the maritime and transportation industries.

On September 18, Jamie Williams, Director of the Office of the Executive Secretariat, visited first graders at Central Elementary School in Arkadelphia, AR. She discussed safety and the Garrett A. Morgan Transportation and Technology Futures Program.

On October 1, Acting Deputy FHWA Administrator Kane participated in a back to school event at the Arbor Hill School in Albany, NY.

## SAFETY

Final Rule on Operational Measures: On September 23, the Coast Guard published "Operational measures to reduce oil spills from existing tank vessels without double hulls" in the Federal Register which revises the under-keel clearance requirements for single hull tank vessels. In

response to public concerns over under-keel clearance provisions of a July 30, 1996 final rule, requirements were suspended to allow for additional comments. After reviewing additional comments, and in response to the petitions, the Coast Guard issued this final rule.

**Coast Guard Establishes Minimum Standards Required By OPA 90:** On September 17, a final rule on Overfill Devices was published in the Federal Register. The Coast Guard is establishing minimum standards for overfill devices as required by the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (OPA 90). The purpose of the overfill device is to warn of cargo tank overfills. This regulation requires the phased-in installation and use of the devices on cargo tanks of certain vessels that carry oil or oil residue as primary cargo. This regulation should reduce the likelihood of spills when oil is loaded as cargo.

#### NOTABLE CONGRESSIONAL ACTIVITY

**MARAD Appropriations:** On September 30, the House passed, by a 227-199 vote, the FY98 spending bill for the departments of Commerce, Justice, State, the Judiciary and Related Agencies, which includes the Maritime Administration.

**Hearing on Unconstitutional Set-Asides: ISTEAs Race-Based Set-Asides After Adarand:** On September 30, the Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on the Constitution, Federalism and Property Rights held a hearing on Unconstitutional Set-Asides: ISTEAs Race-Based Set-Asides After Adarand v. Peña. DOT General Counsel Nancy McFadden testified in support of

continuing the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program. Senator McConnell testified in favor of an amendment that he plans to offer to replace the DBE program with an emerging small business program.

**Wide Area Augmentation Systems:** On October 1, the House Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee on Aviation held a hearing on Wide Area Augmentation Systems. FAA Associate Administrator for Research and Acquisitions, George Donohue, and Inspector General, Ken Mead, testified.

**Foreign Repair Stations:** On October 9, the House Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee on Aviation will hold a hearing on legislation that would extend to foreign repair stations and their personnel the standards on aircraft repairs that apply to domestic repair stations. The legislation, introduced by Congressman Robert Borski, is being actively supported by transportation unions. FAA Associate Administrator for Regulation and Certification Guy Gardner will testify.

## The Deputy Secretary's Schedule

### October 1

The Deputy Secretary will participate in the Partnership for a New Generation of Vehicles Operational Steering Group Committee Meeting in Washington, DC.

### October 2

The Deputy Secretary will participate in the USCG arrival ceremony of the

USCG Cutter LEGARE.

October 8

The Deputy Secretary will participate in the U.S.-Canadian Deputies meeting in Canada.

October 20-23

The Deputy Secretary will participate in the Intelligent Transportation Society of Americas World Congress Meeting in Berlin, Germany.

October 24-25

The Deputy Secretary will meet with the Russian Minister of Transport in Moscow, Russia to discuss key transportation issues.

Modal Administrators/Assistant Secretaries

September 29-October 2

Inspector General Mead will tour the LA Metro Rail Project and stopover in Kansas City for a regional office oversight visit.

October 1

FTA Deputy Administrator Fernandez will give remarks at the opening of the Riverfront Trolley Line in Memphis, TN.

FRA Administrator Molitoris will participate in the Penn Station Redevelopment Corporations Board meeting.

RSPA Acting Administrator Coyner will launch the 1997/1998 Teaching and Education Mentoring Program Team.

October 1-2

Acting Maritime Administrator Graykowski will participate in the Title XI Ship Financing Seminar in New Orleans, LA.

October 1-3

Acting SLSDC Administrator Sanders will attend the Great Lakes Commission annual meeting in Chicago, IL.

October 3

RSPA Acting Administrator Coyner will meet with staff from the NTSB on the Garrett A. Morgan Technology and Transportation Futures Program in Washington, D.C.

Acting FHWA Administrator Jeff will deliver the keynote at the 49th annual transportation symposium of the University of Californias Institute of Transportation Studies.

Acting Maritime Administrator Graykowski will present a Safety Award on the RRF CAPE V ship in Beaumont, TX.

October 3-5

USCG Admiral Kramek will attend events at the Coast Guard Academy.

October 6

FTA Administrator Linton will speak at the Madison Wisconsin Urban Transit Association.

RSPA Acting Administrator Coyner will deliver remarks on NEXTEA at the 1997 Annual Transportation Conference in Orlando, FL.

October 6-9.

FRA Administrator Jolene M. Molitoris will travel to Marrakech, Morocco to provide the keynote address at the International Rail Congress Associations quadrennial conference.

October 7

USCG Admiral Kramek will host the Congressional celebration of the Coast Guards birthday.

NHTSA Administrator Martinez will speak at the 11th Annual Childhood Injury Conference in San Diego, CA.

October 8

USCG Admiral Kramek will attend The Interdiction Committee luncheon.

FTA Deputy Administrator will delivery the keynote address at the Welfare to Work Conference in Los Angeles, CA.

NHTSA Deputy Administrator Recht will speak at the Association of International Automobile Manufacturers Technical Committee Meeting in Victoria, BC, Canada.

FAA Administrator Garvey will visit United Airlines in Chicago, IL.

October 8-9

USCG VADM Herr will visit the Coast Guard Aviation Training Center in Mobile, AL.

October 9

USCG Admiral Kramek will meet with Deputy Secretary Downey for the monthly meeting.

October 10

USCG Admiral Kramek will attend the Navy League awards dinner in Seattle.

October 11-12

USCG VADM Herr will attend the Pterodactyl National Convention.

October 15

NHTSA Deputy Administrator Recht will speak at the American Bar Associations Traffic Court Seminar in San Francisco, CA.

October 15-16

FAA Administrator Garvey will participate in the FAA Strategic Plan meeting in Annapolis, MD.

October 16

NHTSA Administrator Martinez will address the American College of Emergency Physicians Scientific Assembly in San Francisco, CA.

Assistant Secretary for Aviation and International Affairs Hunnicutt will address the Propeller Club in Savannah, GA.

October 17

USCG Admiral Kramek will attend the Women in the Military (WIMSA) Dinner in Washington.

Assistant Secretary for Governmental Affairs Palmer will address the South San Diego County Economic Development Councils Seventh Annual Economic Summit in Coronado, CA.

RSPA Acting Administrator Coyner will speak at the Center for Transportation-Studies luncheon to MIT graduates, students, faculty, and research staff and Boston area businesses at the MIT campus in Cambridge, MA.

October 18

USCG Admiral Kramek will attend the WIMSA dedication in Washington.

October 19-21

FTA Deputy Administrator Fernandez will travel to Salt Lake City, UT, to participate in the Transit Construction Round table.

October 20

NHTSA Administrator Martinez will participate in the first public conference of the Crash Injury Research Engineering Network in Ann Arbor,

MI.

Assistant Secretary for Aviation and International Affairs Hunnicutt will represent the Department in international aviation negotiations with Japan in Washington, DC.

October 20-24

The Inspector General, Ken Mead, will conduct a familiarization tour of the LA Metro Rail project and stopover for an oversight visit in Kansas City Regional Office.

October 21

RSPA Acting Administrator Coyner will speak at the Civil Engineer Research Foundation (CERF) Corporate Advisory Board Meeting in Washington, DC.

October 21-24

NHTSA Deputy Administrator Recht will speak at ITS Americas 4th Annual World Congress in Berlin, Germany.

October 22

NHTSA Deputy Administrator Recht will speak at ITS Americas 4th Annual World Congress in Berlin, Germany.

RSPA Acting Administrator Coyner will participate in the CERF Corporate Advisory Board Meeting in Washington, D.C.

October 23-24

FAA Administrator Garvey will address the AOPA in Orlando, FL.

October 24

RSPA Acting Administrator Coyner will speak on behalf of the Secretary at the 20th Anniversary of the University Transportation Centers Program at the University of California at Berkeley.

October 28

USCG Admiral Kramek will attend the Coast Guard Combat Veterans Person of the Year presentation.

FTA Administrator Linton will speak at RailVolution in St. Louis, MO.

October 29

USCG Admiral Kramek will address students at the National Defense University.

RSPA Acting Administrator Coyner will attend a meeting with Government University Industry Research Round table members in Washington, D.C.

October 30

USCG Admiral Kramek will attend the Coast Guard Foundation Dinner in New York City and meet with the editorial board of the Journal of Commerce.

USCG Vice Admiral Herr will attend the Executive Committee Meeting of the Coast Guard Foundation in New York City.

October 31-Nov 2

USCG Admiral Kramek will attend the Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Armed Services (DACOWITS) annual conference being hosted by the Coast Guard in Tampa, FL.

November 4-5

Admiral Kramek will host the Senior Advisory Group.

November 6

Admiral Kramek will speak to new flag and general officers participating in the CAPSTONE program.

November 15

Admiral Kramek will host the launching ceremony of the new Coast Guard icebreaker, HEALY, in New Orleans, LA.

November 13

NHTSA Administrator Martinez will speak at the STAPP Car Crash Conference, Lake Buena Vista, FL.

November 16-25

Admiral Kramek will lead the U.S. delegation to the 20th Regular Assembly of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) in London, UK. He will also hold an editorial board with Lloyds List in London on November 20.

December 10

Vice Admiral Herr will co-chair the Navy-Coast Guard Board with the Vice Chief of Naval Operations.

February 1998

The Inspector General, Ken Mead, will coordinate the upcoming retreat for the Presidents Council on Integrity and Efficiency, and the Executive Council on Integrity and Efficiency.

## MEDIA INQUIRIES

Newsweeks expected cover story on air bags, rescheduled several times, is now anticipated Oct. 6. NHTSA Administrator Martinez was interviewed.

ABC 20/20, September 19, interviewed the Director of the Office of Motor Carrier Field Operations concerning a story on oversight of the charter bus industry. The segment will focus on a crash in Indianapolis in October 1995. Air date is not known.

ABC 20/20 is preparing for a segment on risk. John Stossel interviewed NHTSA Administrator Martinez on September 12 concerning the risk associated with riding in automobiles. Expected to air in October.

Dateline has requested information from NHTSA on three different stories: (1) vans used as school buses (interview requested); (2) the shattering or separating of Ford Explorer sun roofs (interview requested); (3) sport utility vehicles and rollovers.

Chicago Tribune to interview FHWA Acting Administrator Jeff about suburban/exurban growth and resistance to new roads. Interview likely the

week of September 29; publication date not known.

## FOIA REQUESTS

Current crash fire rescue plans for SeaTac Airport and copy of the  
Northwest Mountain Region staff directory -- Seattle Post-Intelligence

Chicago Metroplex Airspace Airteam plan, including all recent updates and  
changes-- Chicago Tribune

Comments by the City of New York opposing the use of Passenger Facility  
Charge funds for the proposed light rail system at John F. Kennedy Airport  
-- Queens Edition

Investigation of accident report involving Northwest Airlines Flight 52  
that landed at Brussels, Belgium instead of Frankfurt, Germany, on  
September 5, 1995 -- Air Transport Intelligence, Alexandria, Virginia

Specific pilot deviation reports or pilot deviation reports involving  
specific aircraft -- WKRN, Nashville

Name, titles, and total compensation for all full-time FAA employees in  
Augusta, Georgia, for fiscal year 1997 -- The Augusta Chronicle

Cassette tape of conversation between air traffic and US Air Flight 427 on  
September 8, 1994, near Pittsburgh -- St. Petersburg Times

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Point of Contact: For the weekend of October 4-5, Michael Huerta will be the contact. He can be reached through the FAA Operations Center at (202) 267-3333.

## AMPLIFICATION PLAN

### CENTRAL HIGH/RACE RELATIONS

Secretary Slater amplified the President's race relations address in several media interviews. Notably, the Secretary participated in a live segment with Bryan Williams on MSNBC, which is rebroadcast nightly on CNBC collectively reaching 90 million households. Also placed an op-ed by Secretary Slater in the Washington Post the morning of the event.

The Secretary also was interviewed live on ABC news radio's Tom Joyner Show, reaching five million households, and Charles Jacco's Newmakers show on KMOX in St. Louis. Also placed the Secretary on all three Little Rock

network affiliates, the CBS affiliate in Shreveport/Texarkana, La., and the NBC affiliate in Memphis. Additionally, Secretary Slater was interviewed by the Arkansas Democrat Gazette, Cox newspapers, the Santa Rosa Press Democrat and WCBS radio news in New York.

#### CLIMATE CHANGE AND BALANCED BUDGET

Secretary Slater traveled to Chicago to speak at the annual convention of the American Public Transit Association about the reauthorization of the federal transportation funding bill and its impact on the balanced budget agreement. The Secretary also amplified key administration messages, including the Welfare To Work program and climate change. Also, Secretary Slater participated in a climate change event designed to promote grassroots community involvement to maintain and beautify metropolitan transit stations. The Chicago Tribune and Sun Times as well as the Daily Defender, the nation's oldest African American daily, covered both events.

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SUBJECT: ISTEА

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please help congress pass a six-year reauthorization of ISTEА that uses

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Subject: Draft Slater Letter on DBE Amendment to ISTEA bill

We have just received for clearance a draft letter that Secretary Slater

wishes

to send to the Senate leadership concerning the Disadvantaged Business

Enterprise (DBE) provision in the surface transportation (ISTEA)

legislation

that is now on the Senate floor. DOT understands that an amendment may be

offered later this afternoon that would terminate the DBE program. The

letter

opposes such an amendment and states that the Secretary "would find it

difficult to recommend ISTEA legislation to the President for signature

that

did not include the DBE program."

DOT advises that Secretary Slater has personally approved the letter, and

DOT

requests OMB clearance of the letter within an hour. It will be faxed to

you

within the next few minutes with a 4:00 deadline. DOT is also making

direct

calls to Justice and WH/LA to expedite the clearance process. Jill

Gibbons

(x5-7593) will handle clearance for OMB/LRD in Jim Brown's absence today.

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SUBJECT: ISTE A - No bill Scenario

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This E-mail responds to your request that we look into a no-ISTEA

scenario. At

the FHWA FY 1999 Budget Hearing, we had a a long discussion with Gloria

Jeff,

the Acting-Administrator of FHWA, on the downsides of no reauthorization of

ISTEA this fall. This email summarizes the impacts of a no bill

scenario.

As you are aware, some believe it is preferable that no bill to be enacted

rather than acquiesce to the House proposal for an extension. This

scenario

assumes Congress will be forced to complete the reauthorization more

speedily

if there is no extension. However, as Gloria Jeff pointed out this

morning,

there are serious problems with this approach. The problems center around

safety initiatives, effective delivery of programs and administrative

problems.

Safety initiatives - While safety is the number one priority of

Secretary

Slater,

the safety grant programs of FHWA motor carriers and NHTSA are at a

standstill

today because there is no contract authority. In addition, construction

funds

for hazard elimination are only available to the extent carryover funds

are

available. To the public, this means that motor carrier inspections,

seat-belt

and alcohol awareness efforts, and highway safety enforcement efforts are

diminished. The National Driver Register, which State Motor Vehicle

Departments query for commercial and personnel licensing histories, may

have to

cease operating. Both FAA and CG use this system as a check for

certification

of pilots and merchant mariners.

Effective delivery of programs - There is approximately \$12 billion of

unobligated contract authority held by the States. However, categories of

carryover CA do not always match the priority needs of the States. For

example, States may have unobligated CMAQ funds, but not NHS funds. In

addition to the mismatch of funding to needs, State planning and

contracting

schedules will be disrupted. Bid proposals will not be published absent

the

resources to conduct the projects. Delayed starts, or stretching a project over two construction periods, will result in increased project costs. Contractors are also less likely to apply for projects where funding is in question. At a minimum, these disruptions will cause bidders to raise prices commensurate with the perceived risk associated with delayed funding.

Administrative - FHWA runs out of Operating Expenses contract authority on January 1. If no bill is enacted by then, or other relief provided, all FHWA employees would be furloughed. Currently, approximately \$62 million is available for an account that spends roughly \$500 million on an annual basis.

Under FHWA's emergency operating plan they are delaying as many payments as possible. This would include GSA rent and OST centralized costs. On the personnel management front, no performance awards are being given out and travel has been curtailed. For the programs funded by LGOE, such as research and development, no projects are moving to the bid phase.

Transit - Similar to highways, transit has significant unobligated balances that can be used by transit grantees through the first quarter. However, after that time, the lack of an authorization will begin to cause problems for

the smaller less financially robust transit operators. These would include rural and small urban transit systems. Transit does not have an administrative problem because operations, planning and research are funded by appropriations (BA) rather than authorizations (CA).

If you need additional information, please let me know.