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SCHEDULE REQUEST

September 19, 1997

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To: Kim Tilley, Assistant to the Vice President and Director of Scheduling

From: Thurgood Marshall, Jr., Secretary of the Cabinet

Request: NEXTEA Urban Event with DOT constituency groups

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Lynn Cutler
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The White House

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FROM

John Horsley
Deputy Assistant Secretary for Governmental Affairs

SUBJECT: Background on White House NEXTEA Urban Constituency Event,
October 1, 1997

We would like to request your assistance in convening a final White House NEXTEA briefing to rally support for the President's urban priorities in this pending legislation. These include many vital to the Vice President as well: the environment through NEXTEA's emphasis on sound planning, congestion mitigation/air quality (CMAQ) and transportation enhancements programs, preservation of our disadvantaged business enterprise DBE programs, Welfare to Work, and safety programs to increase safety belt use and reduce drunk and drugged driving. In addition to these, NEXTEA funding programs will provide resources critical to the Administration's EZ/EC, Brownfield, and Sustainable Community programs. We greatly appreciate your offer to extend an invitation to the Vice President to be the featured speaker at this event. A scheduling request to his office is attached.

As you know, the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee passed the mark-up of its ISTEA II, September 17, by unanimous vote and the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee plans its full committee mark-up September 24. Action by the Senate Banking Committee, which has jurisdiction over transit, is expected the first week of October. By scheduling this event October 1, we hope to be able to highlight those provisions in the Senate and House bills which support the President's priorities and to address those provisions which do not. The event should immediately proceed action on the transit program in the Senate and rally support for our priorities before these bills go to the floor and to conference.

In addition to the Vice President, the program we envision would include Secretary Slater, possibly NEC Director Gene Sperling and a Governor, a Mayor and a County leader supportive of the President's priorities. (In the draft scheduling request attached, I have laid out some suggestions for the elected officials we might go after.) I am sure the ISTEA Works Coalition which represents 18 governors, USCM and NACo would help out. We would welcome your assistance in helping line up these speakers, or we can do it if your time is limited. We would be pleased to work with our constituencies to line up the audience for the event and together with your office and/or Public Liaison make arrangements for their clearance.

The constituencies we would plan to approach, include those, first, who share the President's NEXTEA urban priorities and, second, those who share our concern over provisions in the bills pending which we hope can be improved through floor amendment or changes in conference. These include city and county governments, the States belonging to the ISTEA Works Coalition, advocates of the DBE and Welfare to Works programs, citizen activists and environmental organizations, transit interests, MPOs, safety advocates, the AFL-CIO Transportation Trades and Building Trades Departments and those supporting eligibility for intermodal investment, investment in advanced technologies such as ITS, and innovative finance. We plan to invite approximately 160 in these categories and leave the balance of the room for press and our respective staffs. Our Office of Public Affairs will be happy to work with your press office to assure good press coverage.

Much of what we want to celebrate in this event is good news. Nearly every one of the priorities the President and Vice President emphasized in the rollout of their NEXTEA proposal in March has been included in either the House or Senate versions. It is unheard of for an Administration proposal to do so well in a Congress controlled by the opposing party. This is a tribute to the quality of the proposal the Administration developed, solid work by Minority leadership in House and Senate and effective advocacy by groups solidly with us. By October 1, we should have a better feel for whether the House has come around to an agreement on funding levels consistent with the Balanced Budget Agreement. The Senate's bill already does.

Please let me know if this provides the background you requested. We can amplify if need be. And again, thanks for your help.

Attachment

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(Longer Version): Deputy Secretary Mort Downey, General Counsel Nancy McFadden, Assistant Secretary Steven Palmer, Transit Administrator Gordon Linton, Highway Traffic Safety Administrator Ricardo Martinez, and Acting Federal Highway Administrator Gloria Jeff.)

County Elected Officials:

Howard County, Maryland Councilmember C. Vernon Grey, 2nd Vice President of the National Association of Counties; Montgomery County Executive Douglas Duncan; Prince Georges County Councilmember Steven Del Giudice; Fairfax County, Virginia Gerald Hyland and Arlington County Supervisor Al Eisenberg.

Supervisor

Maryland Department of Transportation Secretary David Winstead, the Vice President of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials

David Burwell, Chair of the Surface Transportation Policy Project

Bill Millar, President of the American Public Transit Association

Sam Carridine, President of the National Association of Minority Contractors

Jay Power, Representing the AFL-CIO

And from my home state of Maryland: Willie Webb, National Board Secretary of Mothers Against Drunk Driving

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Thank you, Secretary Slater, for your generous introduction, and also for your -- and your guests' -- encouraging cooperation with Congress, which looks ready to lead to a transportation bill that will accelerate the economic opportunities of all Americans, while still keeping true to the cause of a clean environment.

Right now, we have a bill that protects the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program, includes far-sighted welfare-to-work provisions, and adds hundreds of millions of new dollars to help communities invest in cleaner methods of transportation.

But there is still some work to be done. The bill currently in the Senate safeguards the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program -- but only for highway projects. We want to extend it to the transit also -- while also defending it against people who strip it from the bill completely.

You've heard some of the irresponsible rhetoric raised against the DBE. You should also hear the testimony given by DOT General Counsel Nancy McFadden to the Senate yesterday.

She noted that nine months after the state of Michigan ended its DBE program, minority-owned businesses received no state contracts whatsoever! Meanwhile, those same minority contractors were receiving over 12% of the value of federal contracts.

That makes the point: Minority contractors were able and available, yet pushed away from the table. That is what the DBE is there to prevent. We have to fight to extend the DBE program to transit as well as highway, and make sure minority and women contractors have a fair chance to compete for federal contracts.

Another important issue -- and one for which Senator D'Amato's committee deserves credit -- is the generous provision of \$100 million a year to help states and local communities move their people from welfare to work.

Welfare reform, if it's going to work, must work to remove the barriers that separate people from jobs. Lack of job skills and education is one, but physical distance is another. Today, only about 6 percent of those on welfare have cars. And in many big cities, half of the entry level jobs can't be reached by buses or trains.

We cannot be sincere in our efforts to move people from welfare to work, if we won't do what's necessary to transport them to work. This bill, as it stands, will do that. And I salute the Congress for its leadership on this issue.

Both houses of Congress also should be commended for a inspiring display of environmental leadership in this bill. Both houses have boosted funding for the

Congestion Mitigation Air Quality Program, which provides the funds many local government need to comply with the Clean Air act. Both houses have dramatically increased funding for the transportation enhancement program, which supports recreational trails, bike paths, and pedestrian walkways. Both houses have also come forward with generous investments in scenic byways and landscaping. It is heartening to see what can happen with bipartisan leadership in Congress and cordial cooperation between Congress and the Executive. But -- as you know -- this war is not won. There are some powerful members of Congress who do not share our values, and who will use every trick and tactic to derail the important provisions I've just mentioned.

Don't let them do it. Stay tough, battle hard, and make sure our Congressional adversaries feel the heat of public opinion. You've got a couple hundred million on your side.

Thank you very much.

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