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February 21, 1975

Honorable John O. Marsh, Jr.  
Counsellor to the President  
The White House  
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mr. Marsh:

For your information, attached is a list of DOT's Bicentennial  
Program and funding of transportation projects related thereto.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Robert H. Clement".

Robert H. Clement

Enclosure

February 1975

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
BICENTENNIAL PROGRAM

<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>DEPARTMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>DEPT. FUNDS COM- MITTED OR PLANNED</u>
<u>Commemorative Projects</u>			
(1) Smithsonian Folk Life Festival	S-80	DOT participation in 1976 Mall Folk Life Festival. Preliminary tryout in 1975 planned.	\$ 175,000
(2) DOT Headquarters Exhibit	S-80	Permanent DOT information center and exhibit in Nassif Building.	482,000
(3) Coast Guard Activities	USCG	Musical and marching units, training ship Eagle to participate at various Bicentennial events.	253,000
(4) St. Lawrence Seaway Participation in Smithsonian Exhibit	SLSDC	SLSDC support, with other Federal agencies, for the Hall of American Maritime Enterprise in the Smithsonian History and Technology Building.	25,000

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(5) DOT Participation in the <u>History of Public Works</u>	TAD	Modal administrations to assist the American Public Works Association in writing a <u>History of Public Works</u> to be published in 1976.	\$ 25,000
(6) Economic Council of Europe Seminar and Tour	UMTA	DOT to participate with other Federal agencies, in funding ECE seminar and tour of U.S. during 1976.	300,000
(7) Public Signing Program	FHWA/TES	FHWA road-sign guidelines for Bicentennial published; DOT has prepared and formally presented to ARBA a recommended set of international symbols for transportation.	45,000 <sup>1</sup>
(8) Historic Transportation Facilities Catalogue	TES	DOT to publish catalogue of historic facilities related to transportation.	25,000

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<sup>1</sup>Cost of international symbols program.

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(9) History of FAA Book and Film	FAA	Book and film to commemorate in 1976 the 50th anniversary of Federal Government participation in aviation.	\$ 125,000
(10) Posters and Portable Bicentennial Exhibits	FAA	Exhibits and posters to be located in FAA's 15 regional facilities.	50,000
(11) FAA Information Services	FAA	Funding reserves for Bicentennial information programs for FY '76.	140,000
(12) "History of Highways" Paintings	FHWA	Restoration and preparation for exhibit in Washington, D.C. of the Rakeman series of paintings on the history of highway construction.	60,000 <sup>2</sup>
(13) History of Public Roads	FHWA	Comprehensive history expected to go to printer in August 1975.	15,000
(14) Film - "History of our Nation's Highways"	FHWA	Proposed film to complement written history.	\$ 6,000
Commemorative Projects Subtotal			<u>\$1,726,000</u>

<sup>2</sup>General cost estimate currently available.

<u>Project</u>	<u>Departmental Responsibility</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Dept. Funds Com- mitted or Planned</u>
<u>Grant-In-Aid Projects</u>			
<u>Philadelphia</u>			
(1) Transit Technical Studies	UMTA	Four UMTA Technical Studies grants for Bicentennial projects.	\$ 356,000
(2) Airport High Speed Rail Line <sup>3</sup>	UMTA	9 1/2 mile rapid-rail transit link between Philadelphia Airport and downtown.	30,000,000
(3) Bicentennial Transitway	UMTA	Conversion of 12 blocks of Chestnut Street downtown to exclusive bus and pedestrian mall.	5,937,000
(4) Transit Stations Improvements	UMTA	Major rehabilitation of Market Street and Broad Streets Subway stations. Part of Interstate transfer package.	6,000,000
(5) Commuter Stations and Parking	UMTA/FHWA	Major improvements to the Reading and Penn Central commuter rail lines. Part of Interstate transfer package.	5,730,000

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<sup>3</sup>Not expected to be completed in 1976.

<u>Project</u>	<u>Departmental Responsibility</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Dept. Funds Com- mitted or Planned</u>
<u>Philadelphia Cont'd.</u>			
(6) Bikeway System	FHWA	Bikeway study funded. An estimated \$490,000 construction grant will be submitted to FHWA following completion of study.	\$ 100,000
(7) Park-N-Ride Program	FHWA	Four fringe parking lots to be served by rail and bus. Two lots currently firm by 1976.	13,200,000
(8) Additional Buses for Bicentennial	UMTA	New buses to serve Fairmont Park	400,000
(9) Emergency Medical Services Program	NHTSA	MECCA to complement other funds provided by HEW, LEAA, and private institutions.	590,000
Philadelphia Subtotal			<u>\$62,313,000</u>

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<u>Washington, D.C.</u>			
(10) Transit Technical Study	UMTA	Comprehensive Bicentennial transportation study.	\$ 85,500
(11) Bicentennial Transportation Program for the National Capital Area	S-8/UMTA	Section 6 funds have been requested in UMTA's FY '76 budget for a comprehensive special transit and fringe parking program. OST given overall interagency leadership in refinement of action program.	10,000,000
(12) National Visitor Center/ Intermodal Terminal	FHWA/UMTA FRA	DOT support includes: FHWA funds 26,375,000 for H St. Overpass and Columbus Plaza, UMTA funds for transit elements of center ramps and garage, and FRA funds for design of intermodal terminal.	
(13) Medical Emergency Coordination Communications Assessment	NHTSA	D.C. Govt. awarded MECCA grant for coordinated emergency medical services program.	500,000
(14) Regional Traffic Control and Emergency Services Implementation Program	TST	Research grant to Washington Council of Governments to analyze and coordinate region-wide traffic control and emergency aid systems in 1976.	45,000



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(15) METRO Station Additions	UMTA	Arlington Cemetery Station and Smithsonian (Mall) station entrance added to METRO system for 1976 to help service tourists at these two key locations.	\$ 7,385,000
(16) National-Dulles Airports Improvements	FAA/FHWA	Facelifting, traffic improvement, public signing, visitor information booths, and additional staffing for 1976. Program coordinated by FAA.	1,077,000
(17) Visitor Boat Service on the Potomac River	S-8	Technical assistance and official support provided to Potomac Boat Tours, Inc. in the establishment of sight-seeing service by 1976.	No funds expended
(18) Hiking-Biking Trails	FHWA	Normal D.C. Highway bike trails program is scheduled for implementation by 1976 in order to serve the Bicentennial visitor.	33,000
Wash., D.C. Subtotal			<u>\$45,500,500</u>

<u>Project</u>	<u>Departmental Responsibility</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Dept. Funds Committed or Planned</u>
<u>Boston</u>			
(19) Walk-to-the-Sea	FHWA	Pedestrian overpass between City Hall Plaza to Fanuenil Hall at Dock Square.	\$ 420,000
(20) Government Center Streets Improvement	FHWA	Upgrade street system in Government Center area.	455,000
Fanuenil Hall Park	FHWA	Urban Bicentennial park constructed on land formerly occupied by streets and traffic islands. Completion expected in Nov. 1975.	537,600
(21) Walking Trails	FHWA	Comprehensive street signs and pedestrian signing program for historic areas of downtown Boston.	35,000
Boston Subtotal			<hr/> \$1,447,600

<u>Project</u>	<u>Departmental Responsibility</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Dept. Funds Committed or Planned</u>
<u>Other Areas of the Country</u>			
(22) New York City - Refurbishing the Staten Island Ferry System	UMTA	UMTA funds in FY 1974 allows purchase of one new boat.	\$ 12,146,000
(23) State of Vermont Bicenten- nial Transportation System	S-8	Visitor system using historic train and boat facilities. OST funds assisted in feasibility study.	15,000
(24) Bicentennial Transpor- tation Improvements for the State of Michigan	FHWA/UMTA	Projects include Dial-A-Bus program in 15 small cities, an exclusive bus lane on Jeffries Highway in Detroit and a rail commuter line between Detroit and Ann Arbor.	2,990,000
(25) Bike-Centennial '76	TES/FHWA	3,600 mile bike route is being established between Reedsport, Oregon and Williamsburg, Va. Program calls for signing high- way improvements, new bike trails, and safety improvements. The Secretary has formally endorsed project. Appropriate State highway departments funding improvements.	See footnote 4.

<sup>4</sup>FHWA and State funds to be allocated by ten participating State highway departments.  
Lost dependant upon nature of work necessary in individual States.

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(26) Visitor Transportation Study - Salem, Mass.	TST	Comprehensive traffic management, parking, and visitor services plan.	\$ 68,100
Other Areas Subtotal			<u>\$15,219,100</u>
Subtotal - Grant-In-Aid Projects			<u>\$124,480,200</u>
Grand Total			<u><u>\$126,206,200</u></u>