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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN

REMARKS AT FEDERAL HIGHWAY PROGRAM SIGNING

WEDNESDAY, MAY 5, 1976

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS-FEDERAL HIGHWAY PROGRAM
SIGNING

SECRETARY COLEMAN

DISTINGUISHED MEMBERS OF CONGRESS

DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

I AM SIGNING TODAY THE BILL H.R. 8235,

WHICH AUTHORIZES MORE THAN 17 AND A HALF BILLION DOLLARS

FOR EXTENSION OF THE FEDERAL HIGHWAY PROGRAM.

MANY THOUSANDS OF JOBS WILL BE DIRECTLY

AND INDIRECTLY SUPPORTED BY THIS LEGISLATION WHICH WILL PROVIDE

FOR KEY LINKS IN THE INTERSTATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM,

UPGRADE EXISTING HIGHWAYS, AND DEVELOP PUBLIC TRANSIT

FACILITIES.

PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY FOR SELECTING PROJECTS

AND ADMINISTERING THIS GRANT PROGRAM WILL CONTINUE TO REST
WITH STATE AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES.

WHILE THIS ACT DOES NOT INCLUDE ALL OF THE FEATURES

PROPOSED BY MY OWN LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE, IT IS AN IMPORTANT

NEW STEP TOWARD MEETING AMERICA'S TRANSPORTATION NEEDS.

FOR THAT REASON, I AM GLAD TO SIGN

THE LEGISLATION INTO LAW AT THIS TIME.

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