



THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20590

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The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

We are pleased to submit herewith our report on cooperative activity between the Departments of Transportation and Housing and Urban Development during Fiscal Year 1975 to be forwarded to Congress as required by Section 4(g) of the Department of Transportation Act.

The three previous reports submitted in 1968, 1972, and 1974 have established a firm basis for close cooperation between the two agencies and this report identifies the continuing refinement of our cooperative processes. During the period covered by this report, we have continued to strengthen the relationship between our programs and their joint responsiveness to the needs of State and local governments.

We are now in the process of revising and updating our basic interagency agreement to insure a continuing growth in the effectiveness of our joint policies in the future.

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Carla A. Hills
Secretary of Housing and
Urban Development

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William T. Coleman, Jr.
Secretary of Transportation

Attachment

Report of Cooperative Actions by
the Department of Transportation and
Housing and Urban Development - 1975

In accordance with Section 4(g) of the Department of Transportation Act, the Departments of Transportation and Housing and Urban Development submitted reports to the Congress in 1968, 1972, and 1974. These reports were comprehensive and provided information regarding the urban transportation policies and activities jointly engaged in by the two Departments during the last six years.

During this 6-year period, the two Departments, under formal agreement, have jointly developed national policies for the financing of State and local land use and transportation planning activities. We have cooperated on a broad range of urban transportation and related research projects which serve as a foundation, both to State and local planning operations and to the development and implementation of Federal policies affecting urban growth and transportation. Also, we have worked together in the creation and implementation, within existing resources and legislation, of a field coordinating mechanism to work directly with State and local areas to ensure the timely action on Federal-aid applications for comprehensive and transportation planning funds.

Since our June 1974 report, we have built upon these earlier endeavors by:

- a) Signing a joint agreement indicating our intent to work together to assist State and local government in meeting in a coordinated fashion the housing and transportation needs of the elderly and the handicapped.
- b) Providing comments on major legislation passed by the 93rd Congress affecting both Departments and revising regulations relating thereto. This exercise was particularly useful in regard to the 1973 Federal-Aid Highway Act, the 1974 National Mass Transportation Assistance Act and the 1974 Housing and Community Development Act.
- c) Continuing to cooperate in the review and joint funding of Federal-aid applications for planning assistance to State and local agencies engaged in land use and transportation planning.

- d) Strengthening joint participation in useful research projects to improve local planning processes. In particular, the agencies have recently initiated a Washington METRO impact study to complement the ongoing BART Impact study and provide further information on the effects of a new rapid transit system on a metropolitan area.

- e) Within the context of existing legislation, working with State and local government in regard to observance of the Bicentennial.

During the coming year we will be revising our original formal agreement to ensure a more effective working relationship between the two Departments at both headquarters and field levels. The revised agreement would (1) update the present HUD-DOT agreement on mass transit, (2) address the pressing issues of coordinating joint development of land and transportation, and (3) clarify the relationship between HUD's 701 Comprehensive Planning Assistance Program and DOT planning programs in accordance with the President's directive on rationalizing planning programs. When the agreement is signed, both Departments will request that Congress revise the legislation which now mandates this report so that the HUD-DOT coordination required by the legislation may be accomplished through the new agreement.