

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 6, 1975

The President

of the Senate

Sir:

I ask the Congress to consider proposed supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year 1976 in the amount of \$300,000,000 and for the transition quarter in the amount of \$50,000,000 for the Department of Transportation.

The details of this proposal are set forth in the enclosed letter from the Director of the Office of Management and Budget. I concur with his comments and observations.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Gerald R. Ford". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "Gerald R. Ford".



EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

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I have the honor to submit for your consideration proposed supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year 1976 in the amount of \$300,000,000 and for the transition quarter in the amount of \$50,000,000 for the Department of Transportation.

The details to these requests are contained in the enclosure to this letter. I have carefully reviewed the proposal for appropriations contained in these documents and am satisfied that these requests are necessary at this time. I recommend, therefore, that these proposals be transmitted to the Congress.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James T. Lynn".

James T. Lynn
Director

Enclosure

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

URBAN MASS TRANSPORTATION ADMINISTRATION

Urban Mass Transportation Fund

Liquidation of Contract Authorization

For an additional payment to the urban mass transportation fund, for liquidation of contractual obligations incurred under authority of the Urban Mass Transportation Act of 1964 (49 U.S.C. 1601 et seq., as amended by Public Laws 91-453 and 93-503) and sections 103(e)(4) and 142(c) of title 23, United States Code; \$300,000,000, to remain available until expended.

For an additional amount for "Liquidation of contract authorization" for the period July 1, 1976, to September 30, 1976, \$50,000,000, to remain available until expended.

These supplementals would provide the liquidating cash necessary to make payments on increased obligations by the Urban Mass Transportation Administration resulting from events subsequent to preparation of the 1976 budget. These include the use of the authority in Section 3(h) of the National Mass Transportation Assistance Act of 1974 which allows a grantee to divert capital grant funds to transit operating subsidies, higher than anticipated percentages of operating subsidies under the new transit formula grant program, and the accelerated use of Interstate transfer authority for transit projects under the 1973 Highway Act. These events have created a shortfall in the amount of liquidating cash currently available.