

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 12, 1976

The Speaker of the
House of Representatives

Sir:

I ask the Congress to consider, for the Department of Transportation, a request for a fiscal year 1976 supplemental appropriation and an amendment to fiscal year 1977 appropriations requested in the 1977 budget. New budget authority is requested in the amount of \$2,500,000 for fiscal year 1976 and \$1,390,000 for fiscal year 1977.

The details of these proposals 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,



Enclosure



EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

April 12, 1976

The President

The White House

Sir:

I have the honor to submit for your consideration, for the Department of Transportation, a proposed supplemental appropriation for fiscal year 1976 and an amendment to 1977 appropriations requested in the 1977 budget. These proposals request \$2,500,000 for fiscal year 1976 and \$1,390,000 for fiscal year 1977. The details of these requests are contained in the enclosure to this letter.

I have carefully reviewed the proposals for appropriations contained in this document 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

Enclosures

(Proposed 1976 supplemental request:)

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION

Facilities, Engineering and Development

For an additional amount for "Facilities, engineering and development", \$2,500,000, to remain available until expended.

The supplemental appropriation would allow the Federal Aviation Administration to expedite civil aviation security efforts currently underway, develop new techniques for explosives detection, and modify an existing government facility for explosives testing.

(Proposed 1977 amendment:)

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| 565 | Facilities, engineering and development (In the paragraph under the above heading delete <u>"and purchase of one aircraft for replacement only,"</u> change the colon after "expended" to a semicolon, and insert the following after the new semicolon:) <u>and, in addition, not to exceed \$1,900,000 from</u> | \$14,602,000 | \$1,390,000 | \$15,992,000 |

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unobligated balances in the appropriations for "Civil Supersonic Aircraft Development" and "Civil Supersonic Aircraft Development Termination" may be transferred to this account for necessary expenses to conduct a study of high altitude pollution:

The proposed additional amount of \$1,390,000 would allow the Federal Aviation Administration to increase civil aviation security research and development efforts to develop prototype detection hardware and improved security systems. Reprogramming from within this account from funds available to purchase an aircraft will provide an additional \$1.2 million for security research. The proposed appropriations language would permit the transfer of funds into the expanded High Altitude Pollution Program (HAPP).