

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 2, 1976

The President
of the Senate

Sir:

I ask the Congress to consider, for the Department of Transportation, an amendment to 1977 appropriations requested in the 1977 budget. New budget authority requested is \$6,000,000 for fiscal year 1977.

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 "Ronald R. Ford". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name.



Estimate No. _____
94th Congress, 2nd Session
EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

June 2, 1976

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The White House

Sir:

I have the honor to submit for your consideration a proposed 1977 budget amendment for the Department of Transportation. New budget authority requested is \$6,000,000 for fiscal year 1977. The details of this request are contained in the enclosure to this letter.

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

Respectfully,

James T. Lynn
Director

Enclosure

(Proposed 1977 budget amendment)

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION

Budget Appendix Page	Heading	1977 budget request	1977 proposed amendment	1977 revised request
584	Traffic and highway safety	\$73,980,000	\$6,000,000	\$79,980,000

(In the paragraph
under this heading
insert as amended by
Public Law 94-163
immediately after
"(Public Law 92-
513" and delete
"\$73,980,000" and
insert in lieu
thereof \$79,980,000:)

This amendment will provide funds for the staff and contract support needed to implement regulations and procedures for automobile fuel economy standards established by the Energy Policy and Conservation Act of 1975. This is a new regulatory responsibility of the Department of Transportation not anticipated during formulation of the 1977 budget and sufficient specialized staff and contract resources are not presently available. Program development must begin promptly to meet the statutory deadlines for promulgation of regulations by mid-1977.