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The Department of Transportation and the Department of Housing and Urban Development took a major step today towards coordinating their urban transportation responsibilities.

It was taken in the signing of a Memorandum of Agreement by Transportation Secretary Alan S. Boyd and Housing and Urban Development Secretary Robert Weaver.

The purpose of the Agreement is to promote the effectiveness of Departmental programs, and to do so with maximum efficiency and economy, by enabling each Department to make use of the experience, skills and capabilities of the other.

These activities relate to: (1) planning transportation and other systems that promote sound future urban development; (2) developing procedures which will encourage state and local planning agencies to work more closely together in sharing planning facilities and resources and in planning for related functions and programs; (3) helping solve urban problems arising out of construction or initiation of transportation projects or systems or out of other urban activities affecting transportation systems; (4) exchanging information and advice on urban needs, programs and technologies relating to the character, design or scheduling of transportation systems and the development of urban areas; and (5) developing working relationships at national, state and local levels to insure program coordination.

DOT and HUD agreed to establish formal and continuing procedures for developing and executing program responsibilities in urban transportation planning, relocation planning, review of transportation projects and in providing for research, development and demonstration projects, grants for technical studies and grants for research and training in urban transportation problems.

The Memorandum of Agreement is pursuant to the President's Reorganization Plan No. 2 of 1968 which became effective on July 1. The broad outline of the plan was recommended by the President in a message to Congress in February 1968. At that time he said:

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"The plan transfers to and unifies in a new Urban Mass Transportation Administration in the Department of Transportation those functions which involve urban mass transportation project assistance and related research and development activities. Because urban research and planning and transportation research and planning are closely related, however, the plan provides that the Department of Housing and Urban Development perform an important role in connection with transportation research and planning insofar as they have significant impact on urban development."

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AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE SECRETARY OF THE  
DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

AND THE

SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

A. Purpose. The purpose of this Agreement is to promote the effectiveness of certain programs for which the Secretary of the Department of Transportation and the Secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development are responsible, and to do so with maximum efficiency and economy, by enabling each Department to make use of the experience, skills and capabilities of the other as they relate to --

- (1) providing assistance to the planning of transportation and other systems in a manner that promotes a sound future development of urban areas;
- (2) developing procedures which will encourage State and local planning agencies to work more closely together in sharing planning facilities and resources and in establishing procedural arrangements which assure maximum coordination of planning for related functions and programs;
- (3) assisting in the solution of urban problems arising out of construction or initiation of transportation projects or systems,



or out of other urban activities that may have an impact on transportation systems;

- (4) exchanging information and advice on urban needs, programs, and technologies which bear upon the relationship between the character, design or scheduling of transportation systems and the development of urban areas; and
- (5) developing working relationships at national, State and local levels to insure coordination among programs supported in whole or in part by the two Departments.

B. General Understanding. The Secretaries of the two Departments agree to be guided in all activities under this Agreement by the following general understandings --

- (1) Every effort will be made to assure that full account is taken of urban development goals, needs and problems, at the earliest possible time, in the planning of transportation systems and programs affecting urban areas; and likewise that early account shall be taken of the probable impact on transportation plans and programs of any other programs or planning for programs in which HUD participates.
- (2) Every effort will be made to achieve, as rapidly as possible, fully effective working relationships among transportation

planning activities being carried on in or for urban areas pursuant to different Federal programs, and other federally assisted planning activities in those areas.

- (3) The fullest exchange of information and regular consultation shall be maintained at all levels between the two Departments, and shall be encouraged among State and local agencies and interested industry and private groups insofar as these have responsibilities or interests related to this Agreement.
- (4) All activities are to be carried on in a manner that will promote the expeditious handling of requests for assistance and the most prompt resolution of problems, consistent with applicable law, regulations and policy; minimize the possibilities of duplicating or overlapping effort; and simplify procedures and requirements that must be met by State and local agencies.

C. Program Relationships. The two Departments agree to establish formal and continuing procedures for the purpose of cooperating in the development and execution of certain of their program responsibilities, as follows:

↳ (1) Urban Transportation Planning.

- (a) The criteria for urban transportation system planning will be developed jointly by the two Departments.

(b) DOT will assist HUD in the development of criteria for review and in the review of program proposals under the 701 Planning Assistance Program and other HUD programs, insofar as they relate to transportation plans, programs, or requirements.

(c) HUD will assist DOT in the development of criteria and in the review of proposed State allocations of research and planning funds (as provided for in section 307, title 23, United States Code) specifically involving transportation planning in urban areas.

(d) Procedures will be developed assuring the timely exchange between the two Departments of information on locally prepared transportation system plans or other local plans affecting transportation systems.

(e) HUD will assist DOT by providing advisory certifications or other advice in connection with determinations by DOT whether there is, or is being developed, a program for a unified or officially coordinated urban transportation system as part of the comprehensively planned development of the area, as required by sections 3(c), 4(a), and 5 of the Urban Mass Transportation Act.

(f) HUD will assist DOT by providing advisory certifications or other advice, in connection with determinations by DOT as to the adequacy of the continuing transportation planning process



established and carried on in particular urban areas pursuant to section 134 of title 23, United States Code.

(g) HUD will assist DOT in connection with the development of criteria for joint development projects (e. g., the concurrent development of highway projects and adjacent land for other uses) and, as determined from time to time pursuant to this Agreement, other activities, projects, or programs involving substantial or continuing requirements for information, data, or advice, relating to comprehensive planning and urban development activities.

(2) Relocation Planning

HUD will assist DOT, upon the latter's request, in the consideration, formulation, and review of relocation plans developed in connection with transportation projects.

(3) Review of Transportation Projects

(a) The initial responsibility for reviewing transportation projects for their consistency with the planned development of urban areas rests with the review agency designated pursuant to section 204 of the Demonstration Cities and Metropolitan Development Act of 1966. While primary reliance will be placed upon the 204 review as a basis for DOT approval, DOT will also obtain HUD comments and recommendations on projects in the following categories:

(i) Projects which the 204 review agency has indicated would have a significant impact inconsistent with the comprehensive planned development of the area;

(ii) Projects which have a significant impact on the development of an urban area (usually those raising issues requiring the involvement of the Secretary of Transportation in the approval process);

(iii) Specific projects in which HUD states it has an interest related to the planned development of an urban area.

To apprise HUD of all highway projects in which it might have an interest, the State highway departments will be requested to supply a written notice of all public hearings to the appropriate HUD regional office.

" HUD will prepare and submit to DOT in a timely manner its comments and recommendations on all projects being reviewed under this section.

(b) HUD will advise DOT of all proposed urban development projects for which it provides financial aid which would have a significant impact on transportation systems.



(4) Section 6, 9, and 11 Projects

(a) In view of the mutual interest of DOT and HUD in the implementation of sections 6, 9, and 11 of the Urban Mass Transportation Act, the two Departments recognize that it is imperative to develop suitable coordinative arrangements for the consideration, administration, and review of project proposals and undertakings. Copies of all applications for funds under sections 6, 9, and 11 and summaries of project proposals under consideration will be exchanged by the two agencies. On a regular basis representatives of DOT and HUD will discuss these project proposals and applications with a view to the avoidance of duplication of effort and the fullest possible exploitation of available funds. The Secretary of each Department will designate an official to serve as the principal point of contact in executing this overall coordinative responsibility.

(b) Although HUD and DOT recognize their common interest in the administration of sections 6, 9, and 11, it is anticipated that DOT's primary interest will be in the development of urban transportation systems and that HUD's primary interest

will lie in the assessment of the relationships between transportation and comprehensive urban development.

D. Detailed Implementation

(1) The foregoing represents the initial stage of the continuing cooperative arrangement anticipated by the two Departments.

The two Secretaries will each designate one or more officials, with supporting staff as needed, who shall be responsible for --

(a) developing specific statements of work requirements on a quarterly or other periodic basis, giving due regard to the needs of the two Departments, the payments to be made hereunder, and the responsibilities and capabilities of each; and

(b) reviewing activities under this Agreement on a continuing basis and at least annually to permit adequate planning for the next year.

(2) Within ten days after the effective date of this Agreement, the two Secretaries will each designate an official to serve as co-chairman of a joint task force to develop the detailed policy

and procedural documents necessary to carry out the program relationships set forth in section C of this Agreement. The co-chairmen shall submit bi-weekly joint progress reports to the two Secretaries.

E. Payments

During the fiscal year 1969 the Department of Transportation shall pay the Department of Housing and Urban Development for those services to be performed under this Agreement by HUD (except those services pertaining to the administration of the Urban Mass Transportation Act), in advance, quarterly or more often if necessary, upon submission of proper documentation. Such payments shall not exceed \$300,000.

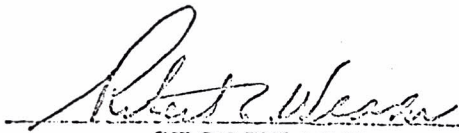
Similar arrangements for payments by the Department of Housing and Urban Development to the Department of Transportation shall, where appropriate, be made with respect to activities performed by the Department of Transportation for the Department of Housing and Urban Development pursuant to this Agreement.

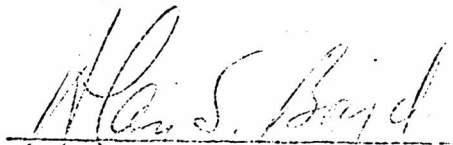
Procedures shall be established under the preceding section D for adequate justification of work, staffing and support payments.



F. Duration of Agreement

This Agreement shall continue in force until canceled by mutual agreement between the Secretary of Transportation and the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, or by either party upon 90 days notice in writing.

  
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