

SUPPORT OF OTHER NATIONAL INTERESTS

To further all other objectives of the Federal Government whenever they are affected by transportation or the DOT can perform a particular task more effectively and efficiently.

1. BENEFITS AND COSTS

Because of the vital role that transportation plays in the nation's economic and social activity, it has far reaching benefits which must be considered when pursuing the national goals and objectives. Areas where transportation has its greatest impact include:

- National Defense
- Economic Growth
- Social Development
- Advancement of Scientific Research

The DOT is engaged in many programs that support the national defense effort including the Coast Guard Patrol activity in Vietnam, participation by the FAA with the Air Defense Command of the Air Force in common aviation systems relating to air traffic control and aircraft identification, and anti-submarine warfare operations by the Coast Guard.

Transportation can also have great impact on the economic development of the United States. It is felt most heavily in regional development programs such as the Appalachia Project and the Northeast Corridor where the experience and capabilities of the DOT are used to plan, design and develop the transportation portion of the overall program. The impact that transportation has on the balance of payments should also be considered in support of national economic growth.

Social development through transportation is opening up new areas for participation by DOT. It embraces such ideas as providing free transportation to work for the underprivileged, special transportation construction projects using disadvantaged people and transporting inhabitants from a job shortage area to areas where labor is needed.