

All of the above high priority problems will be vigorously pursued. However, in selecting the individual programs within these major categories, each program will be judged on its merits within a cost/benefit framework.

A. Mass Transportation

This priority problem area, which has both efficiency and safety considerations, involves mass movement of people, improved traffic flow and use of improved vehicles. This problem has been singled out because it is deep-rooted and solving it will have far reaching effects on other related but less serious problems.

Solution of this problem will require devoting time, manpower and money to the development of organization, administrative, political, financial and technological innovations. It will involve new ideas and concepts, as well as interface with federal, state and local agencies.

B. Safety

The Department of Transportation is dedicated to the improvement of the transportation safety record of the country. Although safety will be attacked across the board, high priority will be given to decreasing the number of deaths on the highways. Highway fatalities have been increasing at a greater rate than other modes over the last several years, and therefore, require intensified attention and concentration. In doing so, the DOT must attack the two basic problem areas of vehicle/operator and highway safety in much the same manner as the aviation industry has proceeded in the past.

Also within the safety area, important problems of somewhat lesser priority are aviation, recreational boating, railroad safety including new high speed ground transportation operations, pipeline safety and shipments of hazardous materials.

C. Environmental, Aesthetic, Community Effects

High priority must be given to reducing the adverse aesthetic, environmental, and sociological impacts of our