Thursday,
February 26, 2004

Part VI

The President

Executive Order 13330—Human Service Transportation Coordination
By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the
laws of the United States of America, and to enhance access to transportation
to improve mobility, employment opportunities, and access to community
services for persons who are transportation-disadvantaged, it is hereby or-
dered as follows:

Section 1. This order is issued consistent with the following findings and
principles:

(a) A strong America depends on citizens who are productive and who
actively participate in the life of their communities.

(b) Transportation plays a critical role in providing access to employment,
medical and health care, education, and other community services and ameni-
ties. The importance of this role is underscored by the variety of transporta-
tion programs that have been created in conjunction with health and
human service programs, and by the significant Federal investment in access-
sible public transportation systems throughout the Nation.

(c) These transportation resources, however, are often difficult for citizens
to understand and access, and are more costly than necessary due to incon-
sistent and unnecessary Federal and State program rules and restrictions.

(d) A broad range of Federal program funding allows for the purchase
or provision of transportation services and resources for persons who are
transportation-disadvantaged. Yet, in too many communities, these services
and resources are fragmented, unused, or altogether unavailable.

(e) Federally assisted community transportation services should be seam-
less, comprehensive, and accessible to those who rely on them for their
lives and livelihoods. For persons with mobility limitations related to ad-
vanced age, persons with disabilities, and persons struggling for self-suffi-
ciency, transportation within and between our communities should be as
available and affordable as possible.

(f) The development, implementation, and maintenance of responsive,
comprehensive, coordinated community transportation systems is essential
for persons with disabilities, persons with low incomes, and older adults
who rely on such transportation to fully participate in their communities.

Sec. 2. Definitions. (a) As used in this order, the term “agency” means
an executive department or agency of the Federal Government.

(b) For the purposes of this order, persons who are transportation-disadvan-
taged are persons who qualify for Federally conducted or Federally assisted
transportation-related programs or services due to disability, income, or ad-
vanced age.

Sec. 3. Establishment of the Interagency Transportation Coordinating Council
on Access and Mobility. (a) There is hereby established, within the Depart-
ment of Transportation for administrative purposes, the “Interagency Trans-
portation Coordinating Council on Access and Mobility” (“Interagency Trans-
portation Coordinating Council” or “Council”). The membership of the Inter-
agency Transportation Coordinating Council shall consist of:

(i) the Secretaries of Transportation, Health and Human Services, Edu-
cation, Labor, Veterans Affairs, Agriculture, Housing and Urban De-
development, and the Interior, the Attorney General, and the Com-
mmissioner of Social Security; and
(ii) such other Federal officials as the Chairperson of the Council may designate.

(b) The Secretary of Transportation, or the Secretary’s designee, shall serve as the Chairperson of the Council. The Chairperson shall convene and preside at meetings of the Council, determine its agenda, direct its work, and, as appropriate to particular subject matters, establish and direct subgroups of the Council, which shall consist exclusively of the Council’s members.

(c) A member of the Council may designate any person who is part of the member’s agency and who is an officer appointed by the President or a full-time employee serving in a position with pay equal to or greater than the minimum rate payable for GS–15 of the General Schedule to perform functions of the Council or its subgroups on the member’s behalf.

Sec 4. Functions of the Interagency Transportation Coordinating Council. The Interagency Transportation Coordinating Council shall:

(a) promote interagency cooperation and the establishment of appropriate mechanisms to minimize duplication and overlap of Federal programs and services so that transportation-disadvantaged persons have access to more transportation services;

(b) facilitate access to the most appropriate, cost-effective transportation services within existing resources;

(c) encourage enhanced customer access to the variety of transportation and resources available;

(d) formulate and implement administrative, policy, and procedural mechanisms that enhance transportation services at all levels; and

(e) develop and implement a method for monitoring progress on achieving the goals of this order.

Sec. 5. Report. In performing its functions, the Interagency Transportation Coordinating Council shall present to me a report not later than 1 calendar year from the date of this order. The report shall:

(a) Identify those Federal, State, Tribal and local laws, regulations, procedures, and actions that have proven to be most useful and appropriate in coordinating transportation services for the targeted populations;

(b) Identify substantive and procedural requirements of transportation-related Federal laws and regulations that are duplicative or restrict the laws’ and regulations’ most efficient operation;

(c) Describe the results achieved, on an agency and program basis, in: (i) simplifying access to transportation services for persons with disabilities, persons with low income, and older adults; (ii) providing the most appropriate, cost-effective transportation services within existing resources; and (iii) reducing duplication to make funds available for more services to more such persons;

(d) Provide recommendations to simplify and coordinate applicable substantive, procedural, and administrative requirements; and

(e) Provide any other recommendations that would, in the judgment of the Council, advance the principles set forth in section 1 of this order.

Sec. 6. General. (a) Agencies shall assist the Interagency Transportation Coordinating Council and provide information to the Council consistent with applicable law as may be necessary to carry out its functions. To the extent permitted by law, and as permitted by available agency resources, the Department of Transportation shall provide funding and administrative support for the Council.

(b) Nothing in this order shall be construed to impair or otherwise affect the functions of the Director of the Office of Management and Budget relating to budget, administrative, or legislative proposals.

(c) This order is intended only to improve the internal management of the executive branch and is not intended to, and does not, create any
right or benefit, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity by a party against the United States, its departments, agencies, instrumentalities or entities, its officers or employees, or any other person.

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