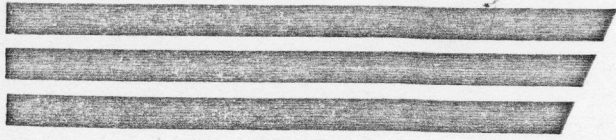


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U.S. SENATOR FROM MASSACHUSETTS

TSONGAS TO OUTLINE TRANSPORTATION PRIORITIES FOR MASSACHUSETTS: BLUE LINE EXTENSION, CENTRAL ARTERY AND THIRD HARBOR TUNNEL TO BE DISCUSSED

Senator Paul Tsongas will announce his position on several major transportation issues affecting Massachusetts in a speech to be delivered in Boston Friday, April 25th. Tsongas will give the speech at 1 p.m., at the Museum of Transportation, to members of the Association for Public Transportation. The public is welcome.

Tsongas' address, "Transportation Priorities for Massachusetts", is based on the Senator's view that transportation is a key issue affecting Massachusetts' ability to survive and prosper in a future where energy supplies will be both expensive and uncertain.

Among the subjects to be discussed by Tsongas are:

- *Mass transit and the future of the MBTA and regional transit authorities
- *Highway development--the Central Artery and Third Harbor Tunnel
- *Transportation of hazardous materials
- *Economic development created by transportation systems such as South Station or the Southwest Corridor projects
- *Car-free tourism in Massachusetts
- *State incentives to promote increased use of public transportation
- *Facilitating the use of the bicycle as a means of transportation
- *Railroad and commuter line development and improvement
- *Recommendations for Massport

Tsongas' transportation agenda comes just two weeks after his announcement of the Massachusetts Plan, a suggested blueprint for the future of the state. The Plan stresses the need for individuals, communities, local, state and federal officials as well as business to take a more active role in preparing Massachusetts for a future in which energy supplies will be even more scarce than they are now.

In the Massachusetts Plan, Tsongas emphasizes that decisions residents and officials make about improving and expanding transportation facilities are critically important for the state to remain attractive to residents and businesses alike. As a member of the Senate Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committee, Tsongas plays an important role in shaping transportation legislation. The speech April 25th, will make clear, Tsongas' intentions to pursue specific goals affecting the future of transportation in Massachusetts.

The Association for Public Transportation is a Boston-based community group active in promoting the use of public transportation in Massachusetts. The group has recently published its third edition of "Car Free in Boston" which has been expanded to include public transit routes throughout Massachusetts. The organization has also been active in promoting the use of variable work hours by businesses in the state.