Department of Transportation
Office of the Secretary
Washington, D.C.

ORDER

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SUBJECT: PROTECTION AND ENHANCEMENT OF THE CULTURAL ENVIRONMENT

1. PURPOSE. This order provides for the Department of Transportation's implementation of Executive Order 11593, Protection and Enhancement of the Cultural Environment, issued by President Nixon on May 15, 1971.

2. SCOPE. The provisions of this order apply to the Office of the Secretary (OST) and the operating administrations. In addition, pursuant to delegation by the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) under Section 5(m) of the Department of Transportation (DOT) Act, this notice is applicable to NTSB.

3. BACKGROUND. Executive Order 11593 states that the Federal Government shall provide leadership in preserving, restoring and maintaining the historic and cultural environment of the Nation. To this end, Federal agencies shall:

   a. Administer the cultural properties under their control in a spirit of stewardship and trusteeship for future generations;

   b. Initiate measures to direct their policies, plans and programs in such a way that Federally owned sites, structures, and objects of historical, architectural and archeological significance are preserved, restored and maintained for the inspiration and benefit of the people; and

   c. In consultation with the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, institute procedures to assure that Federal plans and programs contribute to the preservation and enhancement of non-Federally owned sites, structures and objects of historical, architectural or archeological significance.

4. ACTION. All elements of the Department of Transportation shall:

   a. No later than July 1, 1973, locate, inventory, and nominate sites, buildings, districts, and objects under their jurisdiction

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or control that appear to qualify for listing on the National Register of Historic Places;

b. Exercise caution during the interim period until inventories and evaluations are completed to assure that Federally owned property that might qualify for nomination is not inadvertently transferred, sold, demolished or substantially altered;

c. Initiate measures to assure that National Register properties which are to be substantially altered or demolished as a result of Federal action or assistance be recorded, including measured drawings, photographs and maps of the property;

d. Initiate measures and procedures to provide for the maintenance, through preservation, rehabilitation, or restoration, of Federally owned and registered sites at professional standards;

e. Submit procedures as required under d. above to the Assistant Secretary for Environment and Urban Systems. These procedures will be transmitted annually by the Secretary of Transportation to the Secretary of the Interior and to the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation by January 1, for review and comment; and

f. Include in the notification of acquisition or disposal of real property required to be submitted to the Assistant Secretary for Administration, specific reference to any National Register properties in any way affected by the action. Cooperate with purchasers and transferees of National Register properties in the development of viable plans to use such properties in a manner compatible with preservation objectives and which does not result in an unreasonable economic burden to public or private interests.

5. RESPONSIBILITY. The Assistant Secretary for Environment and Urban Systems is designated as the Department of Transportation official responsible for coordinating Departmental procedures and responding to the Executive Order. As responsible official he will work with designees within each operating element of the Department.

6. PROCEDURES. The following procedures for the implementation of Executive Order 11593 are established:

a. The Assistant Secretary for Environment and Urban Systems will manage and direct the Department of Transportation response and will furnish to the Assistant Secretary for Administration listings of Departmental properties which are nominated for and listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

b. All elements of the Department of Transportation will designate an official who will be responsible for overseeing implementation of the Executive Order for that particular element.

c. All elements of the Department of Transportation are directed to become familiar with the specifics of the Executive Order and with the guidelines for its implementation which have been distributed.

d. The National Park Service, Department of the Interior, will conduct field sessions and workshops on the implementation of the Executive Order. Department of Transportation elements may designate field representatives involved in the implementation of Executive Order 11593 for participation in the field sessions and workshops.

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