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TALUS (Detroit Regional Transportation and Land Use Study) has announced publication of a Sondy has announced publication of a 300-page inventory of air, rail, trucking, waterway and pipeline facilities in the seven counties of Southeastern Michigan.

The inventory is an essential part of the program to development of the region through 1990, Irving J. Rubin, TALUS director, said.

TALUS, a special project of the Planning Division of the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (ESMCCO) is a four-year, \$4,5 million project in the program of the Southeast Michigan Council of State Highways, the City of Leroit, and the Read Commissions and Beards of Supervisions of Livingston, Macone, Oakland, \$1, Clair, Washtenaw, and Wayne Counties.

WAYNE COUNTY Road Commission staff members headed by Robert A, Larson, planning and negotiating engineer, completed the inventory under terms of a special contract with TALUS. The study is one of the first comprehensive region-wide inventories of such facilities in the nation. The study shows, Ruthin Said, how technological developments in transportation have affected and helped maintain economic growth in Southeast-ern Michigan.

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"AT THE CURRENT rate of growth in sirline passenger traffic, which has been averaging 15 per cent per year at Metro, an 800 per cent increase will occur in about 15 years", TALUS concludes.

"Thus, it is not not early to be given steps to the continues and admitted airport to serve the Detroit Metropolitian region. Because the existing Willow Run Airport uses essentially the same air space as Detroit Metropolitian, Willow Run is not suitable for consideration as a second airport."

Air-cargo growth increased 230 per cent between 1955 and 1966 compared with a 124 per cent increase in passenger ovorth, the sun air passenger over the su

cent increase in air passenger growth, the survey shows. Three factors were credited with the air cargo increase: Greater capacity of jet-powered planes. Increases in jet service and in night flights, A trend toward extensive air shipments of auto parts and accessories as an alter-

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538-8868 \* cargo to and from the region is comprised of auto parts and accessories, TALUS reports.

A RELATIVELY recent advance in rail transport technology has been a major factor in increasing the level of new car production in the TALUS region,

The report states:

"Development of the three-level auto-rack car which per-mits shipments of up to 15 new automobiles in a single flat car came at a time when

automobile manufacturers were contemplating the establish-ment of additional regional as-sembly plants to reduce the high cost of shipping new auto-mobiles over long distances,

"Introduction of auto-rack car service permitted such drastic reduction in the per vehicle cost of delivering new cars to distant points that the trend towards regional assembly plants was abandoped in favor of increased concentration of automobile manufacturing in

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Another element domonstrating the influence of innovation in transport capability is the "bicube" railroad boxcar.

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of the total inbound waterway branage (about 94 million tens annually). Diversion of much of this tennage to rail may occur in the next decade, However, this will not reduce pressures on the region's seven for-hire general cargo



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in land use because these are underground. Nine firms are operating pipelines in the re-gion, Among the data items; natural gas sales in SEM increased 190 per cent be-tween 1955 and 1964.

Copies of the report entitled "Inventory of Airports, Har-bors, Railroads, Pipelines and Truck Terminals!" are avail-able at \$7,50 each from TALUS at 1248 Washington Bouleyard, Detroit, 48226.

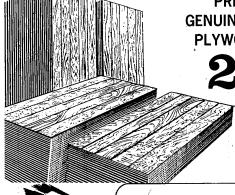




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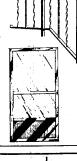
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