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**President Announces Actions to Ensure Transportation Security Agency (TSA)  
Has Necessary Resources to Support Civilian Aviation Security Needs**

**WASHINGTON, DC** - - President George W. Bush today notified Congress that, because of the delay in enacting a supplemental appropriations bill, he will reallocate \$760 million from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) to support ongoing civilian aviation security needs. The President has also adjusted his supplemental funding request accordingly.

In effect, the President's actions constitute a "bridge loan" for TSA from FEMA, pending enactment of the supplemental appropriations bill. Today's reallocation of funds, followed by enactment of the President's revised supplemental request, would result in both FEMA and TSA having the same level of resources, and for the same purposes, as if no bridge loan had occurred. This action is necessary, however, because TSA has an immediate need to cover a funding shortfall in June. FEMA can still meet the President's commitment to New York response and recovery without immediate access to supplemental funds.

In addition, the President has designated all funds requested for TSA as emergency requirements. A portion of these funds had previously been requested on a contingent basis when the President's supplemental request was sent to Congress on March 21, 2002. TSA has now fully developed its requirements for baggage screening equipment.

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