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STATEMENT OF SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION BROCK ADAMS ON TRANSBUS,
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I am deeply disappointed that the bus manufacturers have refused to bid on Transbus. In doing so, they have acted against the transportation needs of all Americans, particularly the elderly and handicapped.

At issue here are the specifications for Transbus, which have been spelled out in great detail. The manufacturers have told us in the past that they can build a new, low floor accessible bus. But in light of their failure to bid, I have no choice but to submit those specifications to independent, outside scrutiny.

I will, therefore, call on an independent scientific review panel to analyze the bus specifications, performance and costs and to advise me and the public whether this new bus can be produced and built for a reasonable price.

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