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Secretary of Transportation Alan S. Boyd today announced the formation of an Urban Transportation Coordination Group to coordinate and focus the full range of the Department of Transportation's programs, financial resources, and talent on urban transportation problems.

The responsibilities of the new group include:

- providing a central point of contact for cities and regions inquiring about Federal assistance for transportation planning and projects.

- insuring the fullest coordination of the Department's programs on urban transportation planning, projects and research.

- coordinating the activities of the Department with those of other Federal agencies on urban transportation matters.

"Many of our cities and regions are beginning to take a broad-gauge, imaginative approach to transportation," Boyd said.

"They are now thinking in terms of urban transportation as a whole -- not just the highway problem, or the airport problem, or the bus problem, but the problems of the transportation system. The formation of the Coordination Group will enable the cities to have a single point of contact to help them solve these problems."

"We have a wide range of programs which provide Federal assistance," said Secretary Boyd. "Our task will be to make sure that we put together the pieces from all these programs in the most effective way possible to meet the needs of a particular city or regional area."

The Urban Transportation Coordination Group will be chaired by, and will report to, Under Secretary of Transportation John E. Robson. Other members of the Coordination Group are:

Philip Darling.....Assistant to the Under Secretary for
Urban Transportation Planning

Richard Barber.....Deputy Assistant Secretary for
Policy Development

Robert Barraclough.....Director, Office of Transportation
Data Research

Oscar Gray.....Consultant to the Assistant Secretary for
International Affairs & Special Programs

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Federal Highway Administration

Frank W. Lehan.....Assistant Secretary for Research and
Technology

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