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The U. S. Department of Transportation's Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA) today announced the publication of a research report entitled "Para-Transit: Neglected Options for Urban Mobility." The study was prepared by the Urban Institute under the sponsorship of the UMTA Office of Research and Development.

The report investigates urban transportation modes referred to collectively as "para-transit," including daily and short-term rental cars, taxi, dial-a-ride, jitney, carpool, and subscription bus service. The report makes a current, detailed review of experience with para-transit. Also, it assesses the potential roles of these services in urban transportation systems. Recommendations are made for overcoming obstacles to worthwhile applications of para-transit modes.

The report is available to the public through the U.S. Department of Commerce's National Technical Information Service (NTIS), 5285 Port Royal Road, Springfield, Virginia 22151, (703) 321-8543. The order number is PB 234 320; printed copies are \$10.00 each.

A summary version of the report entitled "Para-Transit: A Summary Assessment of Experience and Potential," also is available from NTIS. The order number for the summary is PB 234 319; printed copies are \$4.00 each.

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