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The U.S. Department of Transportation's Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA) today announced a series of meetings to discuss provisions of the recently enacted \$11.8 billion National Mass Transportation Assistance Act.

A special Federal task force created to implement the program formula grants for capital and operating assistance, will meet with local officials in the following locations:

- . Atlanta, Georgia, Atlanta Civic Center, Wednesday, January 22, 9:00 a.m.
- . Chicago, Illinois, Conrad Hilton Hotel, Thursday, January 23, 9:00 a.m.
- . New York, New York, New York Hilton Hotel-Monday, January 27, 9:00 a.m.
- . San Francisco, California, Sir Francis Drake Hotel, Wednesday, January 29, 9:00 a.m.

Section 5 of the Act provides nearly \$4 billion for the improvement of transit services nationwide over the next six years. The formula based grants are made to designated recipients within "urbanized areas." The meetings are designed to assist state and local jurisdictions in procedures for selection of designated recipients and to explain the Act's Section 5 provisions.

The formula funds may be used for capital needs on an 80 percent Federal/20 percent local basis or for operating assistance on a 50 percent cost sharing basis.

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An annual program of projects, consistent with the area's Transit Development Program, will be required of the designated fund recipients.

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