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The U.S. Transportation Department's Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA) has established a special task force to implement the new provision of law making federal funds available for transit operating assistance.

The action was announced by UMTA Administrator Frank C. Herringer. He said that Stephen G. McConahey Director, Office of Transit Management will direct the Task Force which will coordinate the initial implementation of Section 5 of the National Mass Transportation Assistance Act of 1974. Section 5 of the Act makes available almost \$4 billion over the six-year period of the bill for either capital or operating expenses for transit. The funds are distributed on a formula basis to urbanized areas. The legislation was enacted during the closing days of the last session of Congress after a strong personal appeal by President Ford.

The purpose of the Task Force is threefold. The group will update and refine policy guidelines for the new funds, implement Section 5 funding for FY-75, and develop plans to integrate Section 5 funding into UMTA field offices for subsequent fiscal years. Inquiries relative to funding under the new legislation should be made directly to the appropriate UMTA field office rather than to Task Force personnel.

Bruce Barkley, currently Director, Program Development Division, Office of Policy and Program Development, has been named Acting Director of the Office of Transit Management during Mr. McConahey's absence from that post.

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