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Secretary of Transportation Claude S. Brinegar announced today the appointment of John E. Hirten as Deputy Administrator of the Department's Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA).

Hirten has been with the Department since April 1971, during which time he has been closely involved with environmental and urban affairs. He has served both as Deputy Assistant Secretary and as Assistant Secretary for Environment and Urban Systems and his latest assignment has been as the Assistant to the Secretary.

Secretary Brinegar said that with his wide experience in working with the country's urban communities, both in government and in private life, Mr. Hirten will bring valuable support to Urban Mass Transportation Administrator Frank C. Herring.

"Mr. Hirten is uniquely fitted," said Secretary Brinegar, "to give added impetus to the Department's expanding role in correcting the deficiencies in the Nation's long-neglected public transportation facilities. His background in urban planning and his close association with problems of the environment will contribute greatly to the pursuance of our mass transportation goals in conformance with the high ecological standards established by President Nixon."

Prior to entering government service, Mr. Hirten was Executive Vice President of San Diegans, Inc., a city planning group in San Diego, California. He served as Executive Director of the San Francisco Planning and Urban Renewal Association for 10 years prior to 1969 and assisted in redevelopment work in Stockton, California; Little Rock, Arkansas; and Nassau County, New York.

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Mr. Hirten is a member of the American Institute of Planners and past President of its California chapter. He also is a member of the American Society of Planning Officials, the International Federation of Housing and Planning, the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials and a former member of its board of directors.

He was awarded the Distinguished Services Citation of the California Chapter of the American Institute of Architects in 1963, a Certificate of Honor by the San Francisco Board of Supervisors in 1968 and the Distinguished Services Award of the California Chapter of the American Institute of Planners in 1970.

Mr. Hirten received a B.A. degree in Public Administration at the University of New Mexico in 1950, did graduate work at George Washington University in 1951 and received a Certificate in Planning Administration from the University of Chicago in 1956.

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