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The U.S. Department of Transportation's Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA) will hold one-day "Public Transit for Small Communities" seminars between March 23 and May 11, 1976, in six locations across the country.

The seminars will be held at Chapel Hill, North Carolina (March 23); Evansville, Indiana (April 6); Eugene, Oregon (April 20); Merced, California (April 22); Westport, Connecticut (May 4), and Boulder, Colorado (May 11).

The seminars will be for public officials and interested citizens in communities between 10,000 and 50,000 population. These communities in non-urbanized areas are included in a provision of the National Mass Transportation Act of 1974 that provides \$500 million in grant aid over six years.

The purpose of the seminars is to share information on transit services that may be appropriate for small communities, including several service forms that have only recently been fully developed. Information on these transit services has been developed through UMTA's Service and Methods Demonstration Program.

The presentations also include "how-to" accounts by local transit operators, short case study documentaries on small communities which have recently instituted a variety of new services and a discussion of the financial and institutional issues of service implementation.

The sessions begin at 9 a.m. at these locations: Chapel Hill, North Carolina, Holiday Inn, US 15-501 By-pass (March 23); Evansville, Indiana, Executive Inn Motor Hotel, 600 Walnut Street (April 6); Eugene, Oregon, Valley River Inn, Valley River Center

(April 20); Merced, California, Merced County Courthouse Supervisors Board Room, 2222 M Street (April 22); Westport, Connecticut, Fine Arts II Theatre, 180 East State Street (May 4), and Boulder, Colorado, Sheraton Motor Inn, 30 Baseline Road (May 11).

A second day tour of each local transit system facilities also is scheduled.

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