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The U. S. Department of Transportation's Urban Mass Transportation Administration has completed six scheduled public hearings on proposed requirements for elderly and handicapped transportation services funded under UMTA's program. The proposed regulation appeared in the Federal Register, February 26, 1975.

The hearings were well attended and included representatives of industry, state and local officials, individuals and representatives of elderly and handicapped organizations. In Los Angeles, 24 gave testimony in the two sessions which began at 9:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. More than 90 persons attended the sessions. In Denver 25 testified and 90 attended, and Chicago, the largest hearing, more than 33 testified and 115 attended the sessions.

During the second week of hearings, held in St. Petersburg, Boston and Washington, D. C. participation was: St. Petersburg, 24 testified and 79 attended; Boston, 31 testified, and 78 attended; Washington, 31 testified and 111 attended.

Comments on the proposed regulations were accepted until April 30 by the Office of the Chief Counsel. Final regulations, which will take affect 30 days after their publication in the Federal Register, are expected to be issued before the end of the summer.

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