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TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE SET FOR NOVEMBER 7-10, 1976

The Department of Transportation's Urban Mass Transportation Administration and Federal Highway Administration will sponsor a conference in Minneapolis, Minnesota, November 7-10 to address Transportation System Management (TSM)--a concept that emphasizes using existing transportation resources and facilities more efficiently.

The Transportation Research Board in cooperation with the Institute of Transportation Engineers will conduct the conference to discuss TSM in relation to the urban transportation planning and decision-making process.

Transportation System Management (TSM) recognizes that escalating costs and intense competition for scarce Federal resources make it necessary to maximize the use of existing facilities. In developing TSM plans and programs, urban areas are expected to consider a wide range of operational, pricing, and regulatory actions. Improvements in traffic operations, reserved bus lanes, parking pricing policies, fare structures, and other measures designed to make more productive use of existing highway and transit facilities are considered.

The conference will encourage a sharing of current experience in the development of TSM plans, and will allow for an interaction among the participants including Federal, State and local officials; transit operators; and other

interested professionals on matters relating to TSM issues. Workshops will evaluate case studies of TSM programs which have been implemented in Boston, Massachusetts; Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minnesota; Portland, Oregon; and Madison, Wisconsin. Transit management actions taken in other cities also will be discussed.

Registration fee for the conference is \$30.00. Registration forms may be obtained by contacting Marilou Damon, Transportation Research Board, 2101 Constitution Avenue, N. W., Washington, D.C. 20418, (202) 389-6335.

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