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FEDERAL GRANT FOR NEW YORK
MTA MANAGEMENT STUDY

Federal assistance for a study of the organization and operation of the New York Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) in cooperation with the City of New York was announced today by Robert E. Patricelli Administrator of the U.S. Department of Transportation's Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA).

Patricelli noted the study, to be performed jointly by the MTA and the State of New York is being funded under a \$520,000 grant awarded today with an additional \$480,000 being made available to the project from previous UMTA planning grants. The Tri-State Regional Planning Commission will act as coordinator for the study.

A coordinated effort by independent transportation and management consultants, the New York State Department of Transportation and MTA staff will examine the MTA internal organization and operations practices.

The Metropolitan Transportation Authority is the country's largest public transportation operating agency. It is responsible for operation of the New York City Transit Authority, the Long Island Rail Road, the Tri-Borough Bridge and Tunnel Authority, the Manhattan and Bronx Surface Transit Operating Authority, CONRAIL Commuter Services, Staten Island Rail Transit Operating Authority, and several smaller transportation operations in the New York metropolitan area. The MTA was organized in 1968 by bringing these agencies, then independent operating authorities, together under unified management.

The study will investigate ways to take full advantage of the unified organization and recommend methods for improving coordination with operating facilities, better use of resources and, improving the internal organizational structure to effect a more efficient operation of the transportation services.

New York State Commissioner of Transportation Raymond Schuler will head a coordinating committee of New York State, MTA and City of New York representatives who will have day to day responsibility for the study and its recommendations. Other members of the committee are Donald Elliott, an MTA Board member, and Victor Marrero, Chairman of the New York City Planning Commission.

A citizens advisory committee will serve as advisors to the Study Director and Coordinating Committee throughout the study.

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A local source for additional information is Dr. J. Douglas Carroll, Jr., Executive Director, Tri-State Regional Planning Commission, One World Trade Center, 82 Floor New York, New York 10048. (IT-09-0074)

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