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DOT LOOKS AT CITIZEN ROLE IN TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS TO PRESERVE NEIGHBORHOODS

The role of citizens in neighborhood preservation that involves transportation-oriented projects will be discussed at a conference sponsored by the U.S. Department of Transportation's Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA).

An UMTA grant of \$81,063 calls for the Conservation Foundation, Washington, D.C., to hold a national conference in 1977, to conduct research and to publish a report on the relationships between transportation planning and neighborhood preservation.

Several cities have implemented a variety of projects, and many successful efforts have been started at the neighborhood and civic group levels, rather than through the traditional local planning process.

The purpose of the UMTA project is to preserve existing urban neighborhoods and to enhance their liveability and economic vitality. The impetus comes from increasing costs of traditional urban renewal, from increasing attractiveness of in-town living, and from the higher costs and inconveniences of daily commuting.

UMTA has given support to many local preservation programs including transit malls, auto-restricted zone demonstration projects, and the Downtown People Mover (DPM) program.

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A local source for additional information is Mrs. Phyllis Myers, Conservation Foundation, 1717 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20036, (202) 797-4348 (UMTA Project No. DC-06-0188).

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