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MCMANUS TO DIRECT UMTA OFFICE OF PLANNING, MANAGEMENT AND DEMONSTRATIONS

Urban Mass Transportation Administrator Richard S. Page today announced appointment of Robert H. McManus as Associate Administrator for Planning, Management and Demonstrations. This is a new position which combines responsibility for two previous offices, the Office of Transportation Management and Demonstrations and the Office of Transportation Planning.

"Consolidation of offices," Page said, "will strengthen the planning, management and demonstration programs and allow closer coordination with offices responsible for transit assistance, technology development and deployment, and policy and program development."

A 13-year veteran of urban mass transportation programs, McManus previously served as Associate Administrator for Transportation Management and Demonstrations. His former office and the transportation planning function are being combined to foster more efficient and effective execution of UMTA missions.

Prior to his association with the Federal mass transportation program, McManus spent 17 years in municipal management, including positions as City Manager of Rome, N.Y., and Fond du Lac, Wis. He is a native of Hartford, Conn. and holds an A.B. degree in government from Wesleyan University and an M.S. in Public Administration from Syracuse University's Maxwell Graduate School of Citizenship and Public Affairs.

McManus will be responsible for the Urban Mass Transportation Administration's (UMTA) planning assistance and review activities related to UMTA-supported State and local planning efforts, including the conduct and review of local "alternatives analysis" studies.

His office also will develop and provide planning tools and methodologies; direct activities which aid the development of transportation system management programs, improved transit management and marketing techniques, and demonstrations of improved transit methods and services.

The new office will include four divisions: The Office of Planning Assistance, Office of Planning Methods and Support, Office of Transportation Management and the Office of Service and Methods Demonstrations.

Charles H. Graves has been named Director of the Office of Planning Assistance. Directors of the other three divisions are respectively Robert B. Dial, Brian J. Cudahy and Ronald J. Fisher.

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