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APPOINTMENT OF TAYLOR
AS ASSOCIATE ADMINISTRATOR
FOR TRANSIT ASSISTANCE

Urban Mass Transportation Administrator Richard S. Page today announced the appointment of John K. Taylor as Associate Administrator for Transit Assistance. Taylor had been acting in that capacity since July 1977.

In his role as Associate Administrator, Taylor is responsible for the management of the Urban Mass Transportation Administration's (UMTA) capital grant, loan and formula assistance programs. He also directs UMTA activities involving transfer of Interstate Highway and Urban Systems funds under provisions of the Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1973, and the program of emergency operating assistance to commuter railroads under provisions of the Rail Reorganization and Regulatory Reform Act of 1976. These programs involve more than \$2 billion annually.

Taylor joined the U.S. Department of Transportation in 1969 and entered the urban mass transportation program in July 1971 as a project representative in what later became UMTA's Office of Transit Assistance. From 1974 to 1976, he was Regional Director for UMTA's Region II, comprised of the states of New York, New Jersey, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. He returned to Washington, D.C. in November 1976 when he was appointed Director of the Office of Grants Assistance in UMTA's Office of Transit Assistance.

Prior to his Federal service, Taylor was involved in public transportation and capital programming for the city of Seattle, Washington for nine years.

A Seattle native, Taylor received a B.A. degree in business administration from the University of Washington in Seattle. He resides with his wife, the former Suzanne Scribner, and son in Bethesda, Maryland.

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