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WEST GERMAN TRANSPORTATION OFFICIALS
TO VISIT U.S. TRANSIT SITES

More than a dozen federal and local transportation officials from West Germany will join their U.S. counterparts in a seminar and site visits sponsored by the U.S. Department of Transportation's Urban Mass Transportation Administration, April 15-26.

The German officials will meet in Cambridge, Mass. with the U.S. delegation, comprised of UMTA and public transit officials, to exchange information on mass transit operations, financing, and research and development activities.

They also will visit the cities of Los Angeles, San Francisco and Chicago, where local transit officials will provide on-site briefings on local transit activities.

Dr. Detlef Winter, Director of the Subdivision for Transportation Regulation Policy of the Ministry of Transport, will lead the West German delegation. Leading the U.S. delegation is George J. Pastor, UMTA Associate Administrator for Technology Development and Deployment.

U.S. Deputy Secretary of Transportation Alan Butchman and West German State Secretary of Transport Heinz Ruhnau also will participate in the seminar program in Cambridge.

The German delegation's visit is part of an on-going effort between officials of the two countries to exchange transit information and innovations. An international agreement between the U.S. Department of Transportation and the Federal Republic of Germany's Ministries of Transport

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and Research and Technology is the basis for these exchange visits.

Early in 1977, a U.S. delegation, led by Pastor, visited several cities in West Germany and participated in seminars there.

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