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## UMTA PLANS ARTICULATED BUS EXHIBIT IN FOUR U.S. CITIES

A newly developed low-floor, articulated bus will be on display at the Department of Transportation, 7th & E Streets, S.W., from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on November 8 and 9.

In addition, DOT's Urban Mass Transportation Administration will conduct demonstrations in three other cities of the advanced technology, high-capacity articulated bus developed in Germany by Hamburg-Consult.

The prototype transit bus, to be exhibited in Washington, D.C., Detroit, Pittsburgh, and Baltimore from November 8 through December 6, features a rear-engine design, increased passenger capacity, and a low floor which speeds up passenger movement on and off the bus.

The high-capacity transit bus, with an accordion type articulated joint in its center, holds 170 passengers fully loaded, including standees. It measures nearly 56 feet in length, about eight feet in width, and eight and three-quarter feet in height. The articulated joint allows the bus to "bend" in the middle, which makes it possible to turn even the sharpest corners.

The purpose of the test program, lasting three days in each city is to give the transit industry and the public a first-hand look at new technology in high-capacity transit vehicle design.

In addition to touring the cities, the bus will undergo testing for ride quality and handling at a proving ground in East Liberty, Ohio. The schedule is: Washington, D.C., Nov. 8-9; Detroit, Nov. 13-15; Pittsburgh, Nov. 28-30, and Baltimore, Dec. 4-6.

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