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UMTA TECHNICAL NOTICE 2-79

The Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) have scheduled their 1980 jointly-sponsored training sessions concerned with computer programs for urban transportation planning. Two different courses will be offered:

1. a five-day UTPS Training Session on the concepts, applications, and use of the computer programs presently constituting DOT's Urban Transportation Planning System (UTPS) software package

and

2. a two-day Transportation Planning Computer Users' Symposium designed to provide a forum for state-of-the-art exchange between UTPS/PLANPAC users and UMTA/FHWA personnel.

In an effort to reduce the travel costs to participants, different locations throughout the United States have been selected. All courses are free-of-charge; however, neither UMTA nor FHWA can provide special funds to assist in travel, lodging, or personal expenses.

A separate application form for each of the above courses is attached. Past experience has shown that these courses are usually oversubscribed. The policy of the Department of Transportation is to give preference to state and local transportation planners when selecting applicants for these courses. To be sure an application is considered, it should be submitted before the indicated closing date. Notification as to whether space is available will be sent to applicants at least one month prior to the date of the course for which application is made. A synopsis of each course appears below:

1. UTPS TRAINING SESSION

This is a five-day training course oriented to the needs of experienced transportation planners who are using or intend to use the UTPS package.

The purpose of the UTPS Training Session is to provide intensive instruction and workshop practice in the theory and application of the computer programs in the UTPS package to urban transportation planning problems. In order to focus directly on UTPS applications, it is necessary the attendees have a background in both transportation planning and computer usage--the course schedule includes no basic instruction in either. (Those lacking a background in transportation planning might apply to their UMTA or FHWA Regional Office to attend the courses "Introduction to Urban Transportation" or "Introduction to Urban Transportation System Analysis". Both courses are held twice annually in Washington, D. C.)

The locations and dates for the UTPS Training Sessions during 1980 are:

<u>Location</u>	<u>Course Date</u>	<u>Closing Date</u>
Denver, Colorado	Mar 10-14, 1980	Jan 7, 1980
Charleston, South Carolina	May 5-9, 1980	Mar 3, 1980
Minneapolis, Minnesota	Oct 20-24, 1980	Aug 18, 1980

2. TRANSPORTATION PLANNING COMPUTER USERS' SYMPOSIUM

This symposium, for experienced users of transportation planning computer packages, provides a setting wherein those familiar with the software may:

- a. seek and share ideas for innovative applications and
- b. suggest enhancements for future software and technical support.

The agenda includes:

- a. participants' presentations of unique procedures, shortcuts, new techniques or analysis methods;
- b. FHWA/UMTA staff presentations on the status and future developments for the UTPS package;
- c. FHWA staff presentations on the status of the PLANPAC package; and
- d. general discussion.

In order to both contribute to and learn from the presentations and discussions, attendees should have experience in using at least some portion of transportation planning computer programs.

HIGHLIGHTS are compiled during each symposium and mailed shortly thereafter to all UTPS/PLANPAC users and symposium attendees. These HIGHLIGHTS condense the discussions in the symposium and provide a list of available materials.

The locations and dates for the Transportation Planning Computer Users' Symposia during 1980 are:

<u>Location</u>	<u>Course Date</u>	<u>Closing Date</u>
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	May 20-21, 1980	Apr 1, 1980
Los Angeles, California	Jun 25-26, 1980	May 7, 1980
St. Louis, Missouri	Sep 24-25, 1980	Aug 6, 1980

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I meet the prerequisites checked below and would like to attend the five-day UTPS Training Session which will be held in:

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(Ms.)
NAME (Mr.) _____
(Mrs.) _____
POSITION _____
AGENCY/FIRM _____
ADDRESS _____

ZIP _____
TELEPHONE () _____

PREREQUISITES: The UTPS Training Session is a very technical and fast-moving course that assumes preparation of the type below. Attendees who are not prepared will find the course confusing. Please check one or more of the following:

- () One or more years experience in analytical procedures used in urban travel demand estimation, network analysis, and evaluation of systems; or
- () University level instruction in the above subjects; or
- () The FHWA/UMTA one-week course entitled "Introduction to Urban Transportation System Analysis".

EXPERIENCE: Experience with urban transportation software is desirable (check one or more):

- () UTPS () Other: _____
- () No prior experience with transportation computer programs

NEED: Briefly stated, my present/proposed use of this training in the application of UTPS is/will be: _____

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I have experience with transportation planning program packages:

() UTPS () PLANPAC () Other: _____

I will be willing to participate during the Symposium by presenting an informal briefing: (yes) (no) (If you would like to discuss a potential presentation, please contact Ron Hall, FHWA, 202-426-0182)

If "yes", please provide the following information for use in preparing the Symposium agenda:

Topic: _____

Time Needed: _____

Visual Aid Equipment Needed:

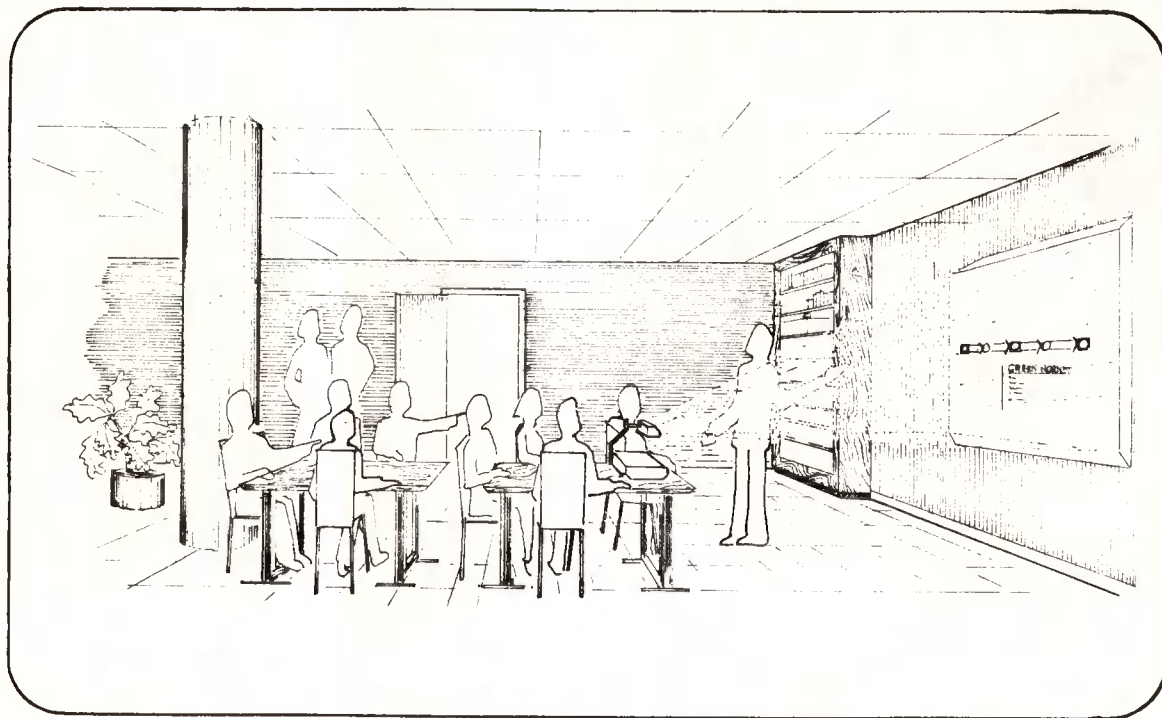
() Overhead projector () Movie projector

() Slide projector () Other: _____

Handouts: (plan to bring about 30 copies) _____

Synopsis/Outline of Major Points:

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Section 3 of the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a) requires each agency of the Federal Government to

"inform each individual whom it asks to supply information, on the form which it uses to collect the information or on a separate form that can be retained by the individual -- (A) the authority (whether granted by statute, or by Executive Order of the President) which authorizes the solicitation of the information and whether disclosure of such information is mandatory or voluntary; (B) the principal purpose or purposes for which the information is intended to be used; (C) the routine uses which may be made of the information, as published pursuant to paragraph (4) of this subsection; and (D) the effects on the individual, if any, of not providing all or any part of the requested information."
(U.S.C. 552a(e)(3))

We have determined that Section 3 of the Privacy Act may apply to the information on the attached applications. Therefore, the purpose of this notice is to furnish you the following information about the use of the information requested thereon by UMTA:

NOTICE PURSUANT TO THE PRIVACY ACT OF 1974

- (A) The authority that authorizes the solicitation of this information is Section 6 of the Urban Mass Transportation Act of 1964, as amended, 49 U.S.C. 1605, which authorizes the Secretary of the Department of Transportation to undertake research, development, and demonstration projects in all phases of urban mass transportation which he determines will assist in the reduction of urban transportation needs, the improvement of mass transportation service, or the contribution of such service toward meeting total urban transportation needs at minimum cost. In carrying out the provisions of this section, the Secretary is authorized to request and receive such information or data as he deems appropriate from public or private sources.
- (B) The principal purpose for which the information solicited is intended to be used is to compile a mailing list to be used for (1) administrative support for UTPS training courses and/or (2) transmittal of follow-up UTPS and planning technology transfer materials. In accordance with the Department of Transportation's regulations implementing the Privacy Act, 49 C.F.R. Part 10, none of the personal information provided can be sold, rented, or otherwise disclosed unless such action is specifically authorized by law.
- (C) See (B) above.
- (D) The effect, if any, of not providing the requested information may be your failure to receive future general UTPS information and/or various technical and course announcements.

You may retain this notice.

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