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The Department of Transportation today announced the release of a report entitled Transit Planting: A Manual, prepared by the American Horticultural Society for the Department's Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA). The report subtitled, A Manual for the Horticultural Development of Public Transportation Environments, represents a practical handbook for transit planners and urban designers.

The 64 page manual illustrates how urban transportation facilities can be improved functionally and aesthetically using plant materials. Copies of the report are available from the National Technical Information Service, Springfield, Virginia 22157 for \$3.50 per copy. The order number is PB 223 570.

UMTA Administrator Frank C. Herringer pointed out that all plants cannot survive the tough conditions found in most cities, so the horticultural experts have carefully selected only those trees, shrubs, and ground covers, that have proven their durability in these settings. Some 200 choices are listed by areas of the country where they will grow best. Also, the manual lists

characteristics of each plant, which permit the user to select those best adapted to his local site design.

The American Horticultural Society has a membership of more than 20,000 horticulturists, and dedicated gardeners, as well as other gardening groups and plant societies representing over 800,000 constituents. Their assessment of the plant growth characteristics in various sections of the country led to the selection and listing of plants with the best survivability, durability, and practicability for city plantings.

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