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The U.S. Department of Transportation's Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA) today announced the publication of a new study report entitled "Transportation for the Elderly and Handicapped."

The study explores the characteristics of transit usage by the elderly and handicapped. It identifies the major constraints on the use of mass transit systems by this group of riders and includes physical and psychological limitations, transportation costs, travel needs, information needs, and other problems.

The study is the result of case studies in 4 medium-size geographically dispersed cities. It recommends courses of action which may be taken by transit operators to remove barriers to improved transit associated with physical, institutional, economic, information and service functions in order to improve transit services for this group of transportation disadvantaged.

The study was made by the National Urban League of New York, under an UMTA grant.

The report is available to the public through the National Technical Information Service (NTIS), 5285 Port Royal Road, Springfield, Virginia 22151, (703) 321-8543.

Two previously announced reports also are now available from the NTIS: "The Handicapped and Elderly Market for Urban Mass Transit - Executive Summary" (\$3.00), order number PB 222-828; and "The Handicapped and Elderly Market for Urban Mass Transit - Technical Report" (\$4.75), order number PB 224-821. The latter reports were initiated by the Urban Transportation Advisory Council under UMTA project No. MA-06-0034.

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