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The U.S. Department of Transportation's Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA) today announced publication of its Guideline Specification for Urban Rail Cars. This document is a standard format for procurement of urban self-propelled rail cars for use by transit authorities or other governmental agencies in preparing detailed specifications for the design, construction, and test of new rapid or commuter rail cars.

UMTA Administrator Frank C. Herringer stated: "This guideline specification will provide the basis for establishing uniform procurement practice in the transit industry, and is meant to encourage the use of modern technology and innovations by establishing measurable performance objectives for manufacturers to meet, using their own initiatives."

The specification was prepared for UMTA by the Boeing-Vertol Company in cooperation with the American Transit Association, the Institute for Rapid Transit, and the Railway Progress Institute, and is designed to be improved and updated as new technology develops and experience is gained. Copies of the specification are available for sale to the public at the National Technical Information Service, 5285 Port Royal Road, Springfield, Virginia 22151, in both paper copies (@ \$6 each) and on microfiche (@ \$1.45). The order number PB-220-678 should be used when ordering copies.

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