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TRANSPORTATION SECRETARY SKINNER TO ADDRESS MASS TRANSIT CONFERENCE

Secretary of Transportation Samuel K. Skinner will be the featured speaker at a national conference this month on the role the private sector can play in public transportation.

Carrying the message of the National Transportation Policy announced by President Bush on March 8th, Secretary Skinner said, "One of the cornerstones of our new policy is that if we are to provide mobility for all our citizens, the public sector and the private sector must work together.

"The National Transportation Policy is the blueprint we will use to prepare all our transportation systems for the challenges of the 21st century," Skinner said. "This conference will give us a chance to take that blueprint and explore the many ways the private sector can help in its implementation."

The conference, to be held in Louisville, Ky., from April 29 through May 2, is being sponsored by the Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA). It is the sixth annual session devoted to public-private partnerships in urban and rural transportation.

Great Britain's Minister of State for Transport, Michael Portillo, M.P., will also address the conference.

"In Minister Portillo and Secretary Skinner," UMTA Administrator Brian W. Clymer said, "we have two officials whose national transportation systems have made great progress in initiating public-private transportation ventures.

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"I am extremely excited about this conference," Clymer said, "and feel it will be an opportunity for local officials and transportation professionals to learn more about what the private sector has to offer."

Locally elected officials, operators of public mass transit systems, and representatives of private firms will participate in the three-day conference.

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