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CLYMER SWORN IN AS UMTA ADMINISTRATOR

Secretary of Transportation Samuel K. Skinner today swore in Brian W. Clymer as

Administrator of the Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA).

"Brian has a thorough understanding of the important issues and programs facing UMTA today," Skinner said. "He has the experience and ability to move forward the innovative programs needed to help mass transit face today's challenges."

The Urban Mass Transportation Administration provides grants-in-aid to local public mass transit systems throughout the United States and has an annual budget of about \$3 billion.

Prior to his appointment as Administrator, Clymer served on the Board of Directors of the Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority (SEPTA) since 1980. He has been a member of the Budget and Audit Committee at SEPTA since 1981.

Clymer has almost 20 years of experience in public accounting, and in 1982 founded Clymer Merves & Amon Certified Public Accountants which he developed into a regional servicer of both public and private concerns. One of the firm's specialties is municipal finance, with emphasis in the area of municipal debt issues.

Clymer resides with his wife and two children in Swarthmore, Pa.

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