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CLYMER ANNOUNCES TRANSIT ASSISTANCE TO FEDERAL CITY COUNCIL

The Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA) today announced its intent to provide \$200,000 to assist the District of Columbia Department of Public Works, in cooperation with the Federal City Council, to develop transportation strategies for the Anacostia riverfront area in Washington, D.C.

"These funds will be used for an approach we enthusiastically encourage, innovative transportation planning before development gets underway, rather than after it is completed," said UMTA administrator Brian W. Clymer.

The Council, an association of local business, professional, and governmental leaders, has been working with the District of Columbia government, various federal authorities, and two groups of landowners to develop a land use plan for the Anacostia riverfront area. On Feb. 16, the federal government's General Services Administration announced plans to construct a \$250 million headquarters for the Environmental Protection Agency at the Washington Navy Yard, which is located in the same area of Southwest Washington.

UMTA and the Council previously developed a Washington area financing study which has become a model for the rest of the country.

In addition to the support announced today, the D.C. Department of Public Works and the Council will receive technical assistance from the UMTA staff in Washington.

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