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**ROLAND MROSS APPOINTED
UMTA DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR**

Secretary of Transportation Samuel Skinner has announced the appointment of Roland J. Mross as Deputy Administrator of the Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA).

"Roland Mross comes to UMTA with a background rich in transportation and community planning experience," Skinner said. "He will be a valuable part of our senior management team as we develop a new national transportation policy for America."

UMTA is a federal grant-making agency with an annual budget of over \$3 billion, which provides assistance to mass transit agencies across the country. As the second-ranking federal transit official, Mr. Mross will help direct and manage UMTA's programs and policies. He also will have oversight of the agency's rural transportation program and serve as the agency's main point of contact with the staff of its 10 regional offices.

Prior to his appointment, Mross was the first Director of the Indiana Department of Transportation, serving from 1980-1989. In that position, he was responsible for the administration and management of state aviation, public transportation and railroad programs.

"I am grateful for the confidence that President Bush and Secretary Skinner have shown in me by entrusting me with this responsibility," Mross said. "Coming from a state with both urban and rural transportation programs, I look forward to the challenge of finding innovative and effective ways to provide all Americans with the mobility they need."

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Mross previously served as Director of the Indiana State Planning Services Agency, which is responsible for the administration and management of state comprehensive planning, and several other functions. He is a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners.

Mross received his Master of Science in Urban and Regional Planning from the University of Wisconsin and his Bachelor of Science in Economics from the University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee.

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