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LASALA APPOINTED UMTA CHIEF COUNSEL

Administrator Ralph L. Stanley has announced the appointment of Joseph A. LaSala, Jr. of Media, Pa., as Chief Counsel of the Department of Transportation's Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA).

LaSala has served as the Department's Director of Congressional Affairs since 1983, and joined the Department in 1981 as a Congressional Relations Officer. His past duties included the formulation of extensive legislative strategy that contributed to the enactment of the Surface Transportation Assistance Act of 1982.

"Joe LaSala has a solid history of coordinating the vast intricacies of transportation legislation," Stanley said. "His strong transportation background and experience with Departmental liaison activities make him an ideal candidate for this post."

Before coming to the Department of Transportation in 1981, LaSala served in a variety of Congressional staff positions, including service with former U.S. Senator Hugh Scott (R-Pa.) and U.S. Representative Bud Shuster (R-Pa.). In addition, he worked as a research associate with the National Transportation Policy Study Commission.

LaSala, 30, holds a Bachelor of Arts in political science from the Catholic University of America and is a graduate of its Columbus School of Law.

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