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STANLEY ANNOUNCES NEW OFFICE OF PRIVATE SECTOR INITIATIVES FOR MASS TRANSIT

Urban Mass Transportation Administrator Ralph L. Stanley announced the formation of the Office of Private Sector Initiatives in the Urban Mass Transportation Administration. The new office is intended to provide focus and leadership in UMTA's efforts to expand the role and responsibility of the private sector in providing cost-effective public transportation.

In creating this new office, Stanley said, "The Office of Private Sector Initiatives compliments President Reagan's effort throughout government to maximize the involvement of the private sector. Careful planning and cooperation between the public and private sectors are essential to ensure that the transit services provided will best meet the mobility demands of the regions they are to serve."

The new office will provide technical assistance to communities expanding their use of private operators and coordinate the use of various Federal transit assistance programs.

Anyone interested in exploring the use of the private sector in improving public transportation is encouraged to contact the Office of Private Sector Initiatives. The acting director is Doug Birnie, (202) 426-6385.

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