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## UMTA RAIL MODERNIZATION STUDY BEGINS

The cost of upgrading and modernizing the Nation's urban rail transit systems is the subject of a study begun recently by the Urban Mass Transportation Administration.

The study is being made in response to a Congressional request to estimate the cost to rehabilitate and modernize rail transit systems across the country including rolling stock, equipment and facilities. UMTA is conducting the study in consultation with the American Public Transit Association (APTA) and is utilizing experts in all phases of rail transit operations.

To be completed in approximately one year, the study will project 10-year capital needs and cost estimates for existing rail transit and commuter rail systems in the following urban areas: Atlanta, Boston, Chicago, Cleveland, New York City, Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, San Francisco, Washington, D.C., New Orleans, Baltimore, Detroit and San Diego.

Commenting on the project, Secretary of Transportation Elizabeth Dole said, "In shaping our mass transit program, we believe it is essential to have consistent and reliable information on the future needs of our rail systems. This study should be of great value to the department and the transit industry in developing future transit programs."

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