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**MORGAN STATE UNIVERSITY TO HOST
UMTA-SPONSORED TRANSIT SYMPOSIUM**

The Urban Mass Transportation Administration, today announced a "Symposium on Urban Public Transit and Minorities: Challenge of the 80's" to be held September 14-16, on the campus of Morgan State University in Baltimore, Maryland.

The symposium is a joint effort of the Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA) and the Minority Affairs committee of the American Public Transit Association (APTA). It was developed through a research and demonstration grant awarded to Morgan State University by UMTA earlier this year.

Federal sponsorship of the symposium offers an ideal training opportunity for interested minorities and public transit officials to exchange views on important transit issues. The undertaking exemplifies UMTA's efforts to promote creative new relationships between the transit industry, minority higher-education institutions, Federal, state and local governments, the private sector and the public. It also helps carry out this Administration's policy to promote the involvement of Historically Black Colleges and Universities in federally sponsored programs.

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The symposium will provide a forum for dialogue on transit issues and needs that particularly concern minorities. Emerging trends in the industry and their impacts on minorities will be assessed, and strategies to address these trends will be formulated. Five courses will be conducted on topic areas that include:

- o transit services in the minority community;
- o minority impacts in the decision making process;
- o MBE participation in transit;
- o the role of minorities in transit labor unions; and
- o training and employment opportunities for minorities in transit.

The proceedings of the symposium, including all research paper presentations, will be published and distributed to the transit community.

For further information on the symposium and registration, contact the Morgan State Project Director, Wade Lawson, at telephone number (301) 444-3394 or 3077.

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