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UMTA RELEASES REPORT ON TRANSPORTATION ENERGY MANAGEMENT

Urban Mass Transportation Administrator Arthur E. Teele, Jr., today announced the availability of a new report on Transportation Energy Management.

The report, Transportation Energy Management: Transit Operator Facilities, describes methods transit operators can use to reduce utility energy consumption at facilities such as bus garages. The report is in two volumes. The first, an Office Guide, describes analytical methods, provides calculation work sheets, and sample calculations. The second, the Field Guide, provides an energy audit tool to be used in reviewing, on-site, the energy efficiency of all aspects of facility operations. The report order number is DOT-I-83-10 and 11.

Teele said, "This report joins a number of other energy related reports recently prepared by the Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA), as part of the Reagan Administration initiative to improve communities' public transportation."

With transit operators now spending as much as ten percent of their budgets on fuel and utilities, it is prudent to improve their energy use through more efficient management. "Improvements in fuel procurement procedures, facility energy audits, energy contingency planning and a number of similar activities should receive priority," Teele said.

"A strong federal role in providing technical assistance to state and local governments is vital to a healthy transit industry."

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A companion report in the series on Transportation Energy Management describes Current Transit Operator Activities, (DOT-I-83--01).

A series of reports on Transportation Energy Contingency Planning are also available. These reports include:

- o A Guide For Transit Operators (DOT-I-82-12) which provides a practical guide for the development of transit operator energy contingency plans.
- o Transit Fuel Supplies Under Decontrol (DOT-I-82-20) which describes the likely from the diesel fuel market will take under decontrol and the implications of this new environment for contingency planning. A number of fuel supply strategies operators may want to consider are described.
- o Taxi and School Bus Use in Dallas-Fort Worth (DOT-I-82-38) synthesizes the experience of the Dallas-Fort Worth area in planning for the use of such vehicles in an energy emergency.
- o Quantifying the Need for Transit Actions (DOT-I-82-02) is intended to provide further guidance for transit operators designing contingency response plans by providing additional quantitative criteria to assist in selecting planned measures.
- o Financing Emergency Transit Services with Temporary Fare Surcharges (DOT-I-83-09) is designed to address the issue of providing the funds needed to pay for the increase in the cost of fuel and additional services needed in an emergency.

These reports are prepared under the direction of UMTA's Office of Strategic and Energy Planning. Under the Associate Administrator for Budget and Policy, this office has been established to provide a focus for a more strategic approach to UMTA program development as well as to coordinate UMTA's activities in energy management and contingency planning. A number of other reports concerning additional energy-related topics are now in preparation.

Copies of all the reports mentioned above are available, upon receipt of a self addressed label, by writing the following address:

Office of Strategic and Energy Planning (UBP-30B)
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Please reference the report(s) required by the report numbers noted above.

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