

Houston: Administrator Page Speaks out to APTA

In a speech to APTA's midyear conference in Houston May 16, Administrator Page didn't mince words. He let APTA know that there is plenty of room for improved communication and cooperation.

"We need to find some ways to move off of petty antagonisms toward mutually rewarding working relationships...you must try to understand our role as Federal officials, as program managers, and why we cannot always take up and advocate APTA's position."

Administrator Page then offered specific suggestions on how that relationship might change for the better and offered UMTA's assistance. "I have asked Chuck Bingman to lead UMTA's effort to work out this new partnership."

Despite its forceful approach to the APTA delegates, the Administrator's speech was well received.

Page Refutes Rumors of Transbus Delays

In a firmly worded statement to the press, Administrator Page has refuted rumors of delay in implementing the Transbus program. The statement followed Page's appearance in Chicago at the APTA Rapid Transit Conference. There, he stated that UMTA will finalize the Transbus specification immediately upon completion of an analysis of comments requested in the Federal Register. The first consortium of Transbus buyers will be asked to call for bids as soon as the final specification is issued.

Legislative Update

Senate and House Committee action has been completed on the authorization extension of DOT bills. The legislation now awaits consideration on the floors of both houses.

The Senate and House Committees on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs cleared for floor action the Federal Public Transportation Act of 1978.

"That could come in July," said UMTA Counsel John Collins.

The House bill includes the controversial provision in effect delaying implementation of Secretary Adams' May 1977 mandate for Transbus.

Also the Senate Committee on Environment/Public Works cleared for floor action the Federal Aid Highway program thru FY80, and the same House Committee reported to the floor its version, the Surface Transportation Assistance Act of 1978. This legislation includes provisions for UMTA planning and technical studies.

In a May 30 letter to Congressman James J. Howard, author of the House Transbus Amendment, Sec. Brock Adams warned against the provision.

"The Department must oppose Sec. 323 because it required another study and a 90-day in service test of Transbus.." wrote Adams. "...This would undermine our commitment... to the elderly and handicapped in accordance with Sec. 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, 1973.

The Secretary also told Howard that his amendment has already caused delay, such as the holding up of the bidding process, and publication of specifications.

He concluded that unless the provision is dropped the mandate will be in serious jeopardy.

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NEWSNOTES

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of Transportation

You recall, in our last issue, we announced UMTA's upcoming birthday celebration and *Transcript's* plans for an anniversary issue.

We want your ideas for stories and pictures. Let us know as soon as possible. We are now at work planning the issue.

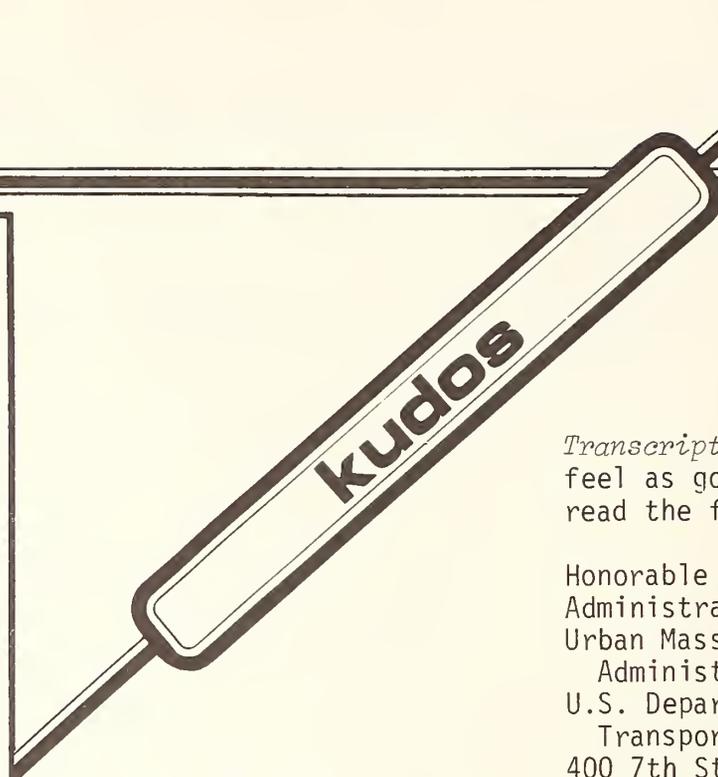
Transcript needs help from the regions. We find most of our news is central office-oriented. Yet, we consider *Transcript's* most important function to be the bringing of UMTA offices closer together wherever they may be. To remedy this, on *Transcript's* part, we will be running issues profiling our changing and growing regional offices. Still, to help fill the pages of our other issues, we need regional support.

Please help us! *Transcript* waits to hear from you.

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Kudos

A Letter

Transcript hopes that you'll feel as good as we when you read the following letter:

Honorable Richard S. Page,
Administrator
Urban Mass Transportation
Administration
U.S. Department of
Transportation
400 7th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Mr. Page:

At its most recent meeting, the Board of Directors instructed me to write to you concerning the UMTA grant process. The Board noted that as of April 1, UMTA was current in the processing of all our Section 3 and Section 5 applications and reimbursements. This situation represents a dramatic change from previous years. In addition, we believe that the decentralization program will result in further improvement.

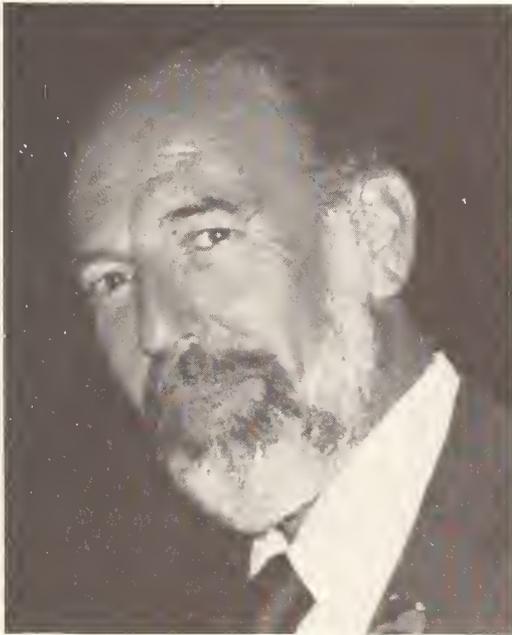
Please pass along to your staff our appreciation for a job well done.

Sincerely,

Thomas D. Albert
General Manager
Monterey
Peninsula
Transit

NEWS IN BRIEF

First Downtown People Mover Work- shop Held in West Virginia



Steve Barsony takes special pride in this first DPM workshop.



George J. Pastor head of Technology Development and Deployment

Steve Barsony, UTD, led the first workshop ever on the downtown people mover concept. "This workshop was an opportunity for city officials to discuss in depth the effectiveness and potential of this transportation system," Barsony reported.

The workshop -April 30 to

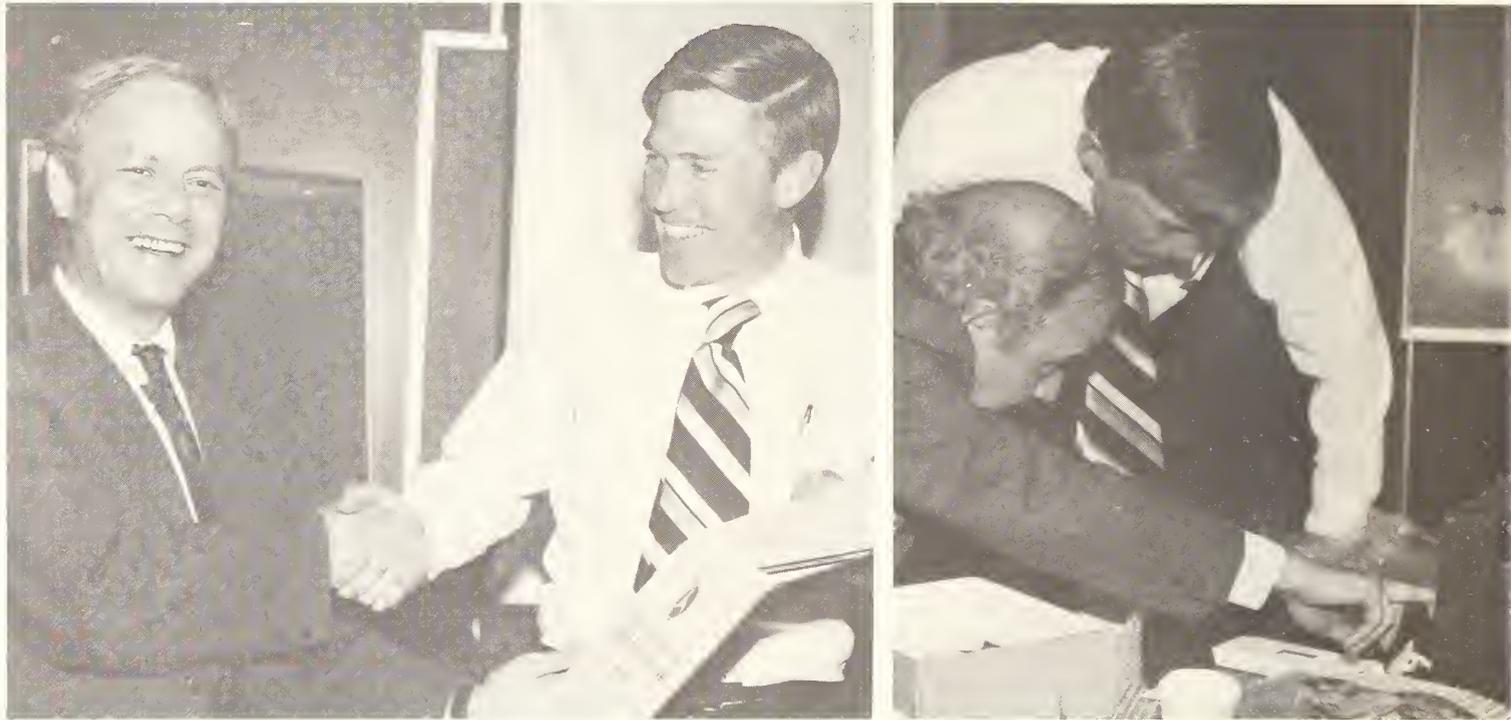
May 2 - featured three UMTA spokesmen: Administrator Page as keynote speaker at the opening banquet, George Pastor, Associate Administrator in the first session, and Ray Lytle, Director of Procurement.

The session was held in Morgantown, West Virginia, where a downtown people mover

could be seen in operation. Ten cities have projects underway and nine others have expressed interest in receiving funds.

Officials came from around the country to discuss the project. Among them was Frank Herringer, former UMTA Administrator, who spoke at the opening day luncheon.

MORE NEWS IN BRIEF



"We'd be lying if we didn't think your leaving is a loss," Administrator Page told Ken Orski at his farewell party

UMTA Says Goodbye to a Friend

While UMTA is losing a very special member of its team in Ken Orski, Associate Administrator for Policy and Program Development, all were smiles at a farewell party given in his honor.

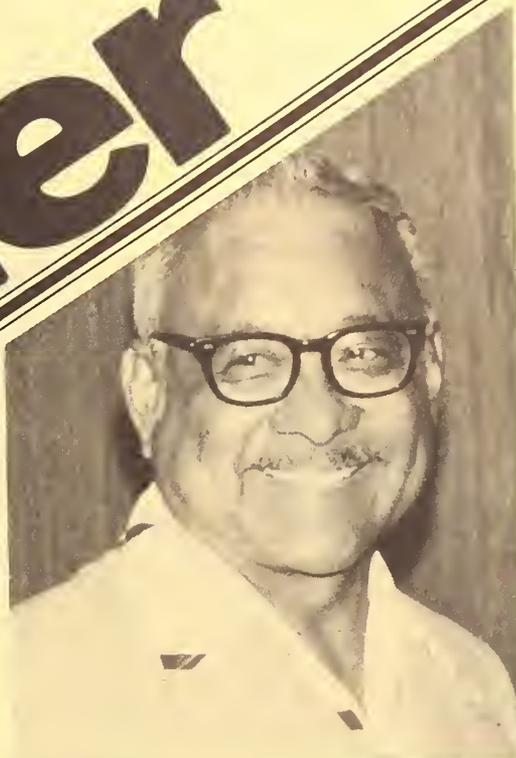
Speaking of Orski as an interesting man who brought unique skills to his UMTA post, Administrator Page praised him

for his contribution to the making of public transportation policy and for his dedication to finding ways to improve the quality of transit service.

"Your 4 years here were valuable to us," Page said. "We are better for your counsel and knowledge." Orski left May 17 to begin

his new position as Vice President of the Marshall Fund, a Washington-based organization concerned with urban affairs. Accepting his plaque for merit, Orski thanked UMTA for his experience and the chance to participate in the development of a still young and growing agency. "I will miss you too," he concluded.

Summer



A Second Chance to Hit the Green

Israel Valdez, Sr. leader of DOT Golf tournament urges more UMTA participation.

Several UMTA-ites were leaders in the planning and carrying out of the DOT golf tournament held May 23 at the Washingtonian Golf and Country Club in Gaithersburg, Md. Israel Valdez, Sr. was tournament chairman; Gil Butler handled reservations; and Armando Rodriguez coordinated scheduling. Still, UMTA made a poor showing at the event.

"We want to see more UMTA people next time around," said Israel Valdez, UCR. "There were only five from UMTA there."

The weather was fine, at least until most of the 86 players were in the clubhouse. Then, the rains came.

But it was a happy crowd that milled around contemplating one another's accomplishments-or lack thereof. Players were divided into four divisions called flights: Flight I-scores 70-90, Flight II-91-100, Flight III-101-110, and Flight IV-111 and worse!

"Even we in the 4th Flight were given a chance to win something," said Valdez. "We wanted to recognize everyone for coming out."

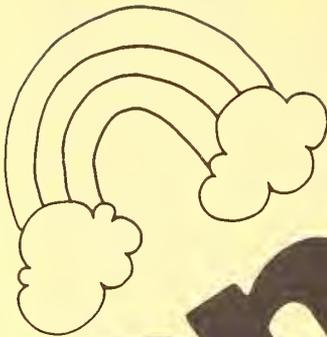
One of several special prizes was awarded to Stewart McKeown-closest to the pin hole #11.

"It would have been better with more UMTA faces," Valdez concluded. "But we are planning a second tournament for September."

Transcript promised that it would be more prompt in promoting the September event so the tournament's shakers can also be its makers.

There may have only been 5 UMTA golfers hitting the course, but the tournament inspired 86 participants altogether and was so well received that another is planned for September 13.

Express your interest early by letting Israel Valdez know with a phone call to Ext. 62287



Games

UMTA off to a running start

Arlan Eadie's perfect day (4 hits in four times at bat) sparked UMTA to a 9-8 opening day win over OST. UMTA trailed OST 2-0 in the bottom of the 3rd inning. But 2 OST errors bunched between 4 UMTA singles, made it a 4-2 lead after 3 innings.

Despite an excellent UMTA defensive effort, led by Chris Rightsell and Alex Della-Valle, OST inched ahead to gain a 6-4 lead as UMTA came to bat in the bottom of the 6th inning. UMTA's Jim Davis led off by going to first on an OST error. Bryan McCollum followed with a single and, with one out, Charles Scurr drove in Davis with a slashing double to left center.

Successive singles by Arlan Eadie and Larry Quillian drove in two more runs to give UMTA a 7-6 lead. Following a sacrifice fly by Chris Rightsell, singles by Tom Mara and Tom Schneider brought the UMTA lead to 9-6 before the inning ended. The 7th inning comeback by OST was its last chance but it was stopped short by the defensive work of the UMTA infield as Tom Mara flagged down a hard OST shot for the third out and the OST tying run died at third.

SPORTSLINE

The softball season is underway. That means, for DOT, the agencies are battling it out. UMTA is off to a winning start in the central office competition.

But, as we see it, there is one problem--our team, with its green and white colors, has no name. Maybe we don't want one. Maybe we do. If you think UMTA should have a team name, *Transcript* encourages suggestions. And maybe if you're creative enough, you might suggest ways to make *Transcript* contests pay off. Legally, of course.

Box Scores

UMTA 9 - OST 8

	ab	r	h	rbt
Della-Valle-ss	4	1	1	0
Scurr-of	4	2	3	1
Eadie-of	4	2	4	2
Quillian-c	4	1	1	2
Rightsell-3b	4	0	1	0
Mara-2b	4	0	2	1
Schneider-p	4	0	2	1
Keefe-of	4	0	2	1
Dantine-of	2	0	0	0
Davis-of	1	1	0	0
McCollum-1b	3	2	1	0

OST	0	0	2	1	2	1	2	-8
UMTA	0	0	4	0	0	5	x	-9

2B-Scurr, 5F-Rightsell

PEOPLE IN TRANSIT

Inducted:



Inducted: Chuck Graves, Director Transportation Planning Management, into Lamda Alpha Honorary Society.

Lamda Alpha is an honorary society in urban land economics with nationwide chapters and approximately 150 members in the Washington area. "It consists of realtors and economists primarily," Graves said of the Society.

His induction was in recognition of what the Society called "an outstanding contribution to the state of Virginia in creating the housing assistance program." He was also praised for helping to broaden UMTA programs to include joint development and urban revitalization.

"Transportation has an impact on the development of urban areas," Graves said, "and we need to know how to evaluate its extent."

Appointed

Appointed: (Subject to Civil Service and departmental procedures) Lillian C. Liburdi to be Associate Administrator for Policy and Program Development

Ms. Liburdi has long been active in the transportation field and is one of its leading authorities on the operation of programs.

She obtained much of her experience working for the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, and chairs APTA's Elderly and Handicapped Task Force. If all goes as expected, she should begin work here in July.

Welcome Aboard

Steven Asatoorian, General Engineer, from D.C. Government to UTD.

Denise Bush, Project Management Specialist, from EPA to Region I.

Sam Herrera-Diaz, Transportation Representative, from FHWA to Region II.

Steven Weinberg, Transportation Representative, from private industry to Region II.

Ada Poloukine, Secretary (Steno), from Civil Service Commission to Region II.

Donald Alford, General Engineer, from private industry to Region IV.

Diane Allen, Grants Control Assistant, from USCG to Region V.

Shirley Kuppinger, Grants Control Assistant, from FAA to Region V.

Margaret DeHart, Equal Opportunity Specialist, from HUD to Region VI.

Catherine Davis, Secretary (Steno), from Commission on Civil Rights to Region VIII.

Dianna Miller, Grants Control Assistant, from HEW to Region IX.

Carol Pita, Grants Control Assistant, from TSC to Region I.

Cheryl Blundon, Clerk-Stenographer, from Dept. of Interior to UTD.

Margaret Robey, Clerk-Stenographer, to UTD.

MORE

Promotions

Arthur Silen promoted and reassigned to Region I.
Alfred Lebeau, Region IV.
Marianne Barrett, Region III, from Program Assistant to Project Management Specialist.
Michele Destra, Region III, from Program Assistant to Project Management Specialist.
Bobbie Ibarra-Flynn reassigned to Region IV and promoted.
Gavin Hughes, Region IV promoted from Secretary-Steno to Project Management Specialist.
Kleob Loflin, Region IV.
DJ Mitchell promoted and reassigned to Region V.
Marnelle Hughes promoted from Clerk-Dictating Machine Transcriber to Grants Control Assistant, Region IV.
Margaret Brown, Region VII.
Carl Richardson, Region IV.
Margaret Drancsak, UPM.

New Temporary Employees

Yvonne Terry, Clerk-Stenographer, UPM.
Janet Yirensky, Clerk-DMT, to UTA.
Floyd Fitts, Clerk, UTA
Evelyn Wilson, Clerk-Typist, to UTA.
Michael Freeman, Office Draftsman, to UPM.
Ava Butler, Clerk-Typist, to UTA.
Loretta Battle, Clerk-Typist, to UCC.
Fred Williams, Professor at the University of Maryland, to UPP as a program analyst.

Chief Counsel Speaks to Women



Chief Counsel Margaret Ayers was guest speaker May 18 at the Women's Transportation Seminar annual luncheon.

Speaking on the status of UMTA legislation, with a special emphasis on the regulations for Section 504, Ayers stressed UMTA's view that the Transbus mandate should not be tampered with.

"To delay even six months would be difficult and a major inconvenience," she said. She also refused to call 'backlash' some public outcry, of late, against the cost of enforcing 504. "I prefer the word 'con-

cern,'" she said. "Concern... there is bound to be some worry about cost," she concluded.

The Women's Transportation Seminar is an organization of women active in the transportation field. Their activities include monthly luncheons with guest speakers, and workshops such as their legislative forums. Their aim is to focus attention on women's growing role in transportation and to bring women in the field together. Annual dues are \$10.

IN-BOX

Back Pay Available

The Department of Defense wishes *Transcript* to notify any former teacher in the overseas dependent school system that they are entitled to back pay. Claimants have until November 1, 1978 to receive their entitlements.

Although the Defense Dept. has traced thousands of teachers, there are still many who apparently have not heard the news.

If there are any teachers eligible in UMTA or you know of such persons, please follow up. Claimants should apply to the Department of Defense

Office of Dependent Schools, Attn: Back Pay 2461 Eisenhower Ave., Alexandria 22331. Teachers must include name, when employed, birth date, Social Security number, and if still in Federal Service, location. Maximum entitlement is \$10000. The DOD action grows out of a class action judgement in favor of the teachers.

Savings Bond Campaign

A drive, spearheaded by President Carter, and endorsed enthusiastically by Secretary Adams and Administrator Page, will promote the buying of U.S. Savings Bonds.

Bonds pay 6% interest at maturity in 5 years, and 4½ percent in just one year. Denominations are: \$25, \$50, \$75, \$100, \$200, \$500, and \$1000. Take advantage of them---the campaign is on!

Denver Off-Peak Free Fare Offered

Final approval has been given to Denver's off-peak fare-free demonstration. The fare-free portion of the demonstration will run from March 1, 1978 through January 31, 1979.

Free transit service will be provided to all users except for the peak hours from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Also Saturdays, Sundays and holidays are excluded.

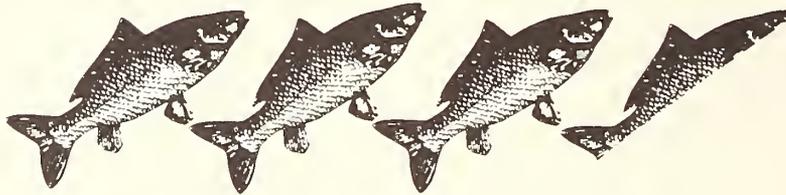


FEAST or FAMINE

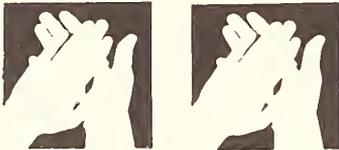


REEVES COFFEE SHOP

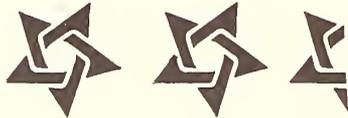
Food



Service



Value



NOTE: 4-Excellent	1-Poor
3-Good	0-Unspeakable
2-Fair	

It's known in some circles as 'Metro-Stop Dining.' When the sun shines just right, many take off for town. Debarking from the subway at the Metro Center stop, one emerges into the hustle and push known as F Street.

To forsake one's diet is to dine at Reeves Coffee Shop. Helen Hayes, the well-known Broadway stage actress, used to sip fresh lemonade here during her youth. The long burnished wooden counters have had many elbows rested on them through the years. The easy Southern pace is

accented by the noiseless whirl of electric ceiling fans.

Ambience aside, Reeves serves darn good fare. The menu is typical coffee shop, but it is the best coffee shop food around! Sandwiches are large and carefully prepared. The chili and soups are homemade daily. Salads are good enough to tempt one away from the more fattening delicacies.

But the thing they are most famous for is their strawberry pie. Fresh ripe strawberries sit on a flakey crust begging to be sampled. Other

fruit and cream pies will also crumble your resistance.

To take home, Reeves has counter service of their freshly prepared bake goods. Besides the above mentioned pies, there is a pecan pie, brownies, fresh rolls and cakes.

For all those workers who are fortunate enough to be within a lunchtime's commute of Reeves, it is a genuine treat. Whether it's chili in the winter, or fresh strawberry pie during the summer, you'll wish mom used to cook like this!