

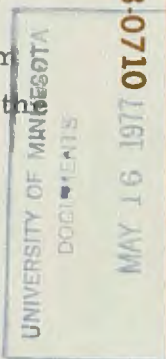
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News Director: Good photo possibilities of the prototype paratransit vehicles are available at 11 a-m Wednesday, May 18, in the Leamington Hotel during the conference.



Paratransit Meet--May 18-20 (1:12)

Prospects and promises for United States transit and paratransit around the world will be discussed by EcoPlan International managing director Francis Britton at noon Thursday (May 19) at the Leamington Hotel in Minneapolis.

Britton is the headline speaker at the three-day Paratransit Conference sponsored by the University of Minnesota Agricultural Extension Service and Continuing Education and Extension.

The conference will deal with the range of vehicles, vans and taxis used to provide alternatives to individual passenger car use and ownership. The Urban Mass Transportation Administration is providing two prototype vehicles valued at one-million-dollars each for display at the conference.

Urban Institute official Ronald Kirby will speak at 1:20 p-m Wednesday (May 18). Kirby conducts research on urban transportation investment, regulatory and pricing policies.

Kay Deschler of the Tennessee Valley Authority will describe a federal agency approach on ride-sharing at 9:30 a-m Thursday in the van pooling and car pooling section of the conference.

Federal transportation agency official Robert Bruton will discuss critical issues in paratransit from a rural perspective Wednesday afternoon.

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