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TECH STUDIES TRANSPORTATION FOR
ELDERLY AND HANDICAPPED

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ATLANTA, GA.....Researchers at Georgia Tech's Engineering Experiment Station are hard at work on a new survey and study for the Federal Department of Health, Education and Welfare and the Urban Mass Transportation Administration on transportation services for the elderly and handicapped.

During the past three years the Departments of HEW and Transportation initiated innovative, cooperative efforts to expand the availability of transportation services to elderly and handicapped persons in urban and rural areas throughout the nation. So far only marginal success has been achieved so additional studies are being focused on N. Carolina, Kentucky and Georgia.

In Georgia, the Georgia Tech EES is doing the survey under the auspices of the Georgia Department of Transportation and will concentrate efforts in the Cherokee and Richmond County areas.

According to Dr. Neil B. Hilsen in the Systems Engineering Division of EES, who is heading the project, the surveys will be conducted by means of questionnaires and the collection of data from county service agencies.

The survey project will attempt to evaluate the degree of coordination that presently exists among human services transportation providers in both public and private sectors. Attention will be given to the special transportation needs of older citizens and handicapped persons, hopefully to develop better planning data for communities and to help communities better organize efforts to serve the mobility needs of the elderly and handicapped.