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Secretary of Transportation John A. Volpe called today's delivery of Massachusetts' first helicopter to be used by the State Police a "new era in State traffic enforcement and surveillance."

The helicopter delivered to the Massachusetts Department of Public Safety was made possible by a grant of \$208,630 made by the Department of Transportation's Federal Highway Administration.

The matching grant, through the Federal Highway Administration's National Highway Safety Bureau is for the purchase of the helicopter, training of personnel in its use, and operating expenses for one year.

The grant was approved in February of this year shortly after Secretary Volpe, former Governor of Massachusetts, assumed his cabinet post.

"I am sure that this helicopter will provide much greater flexibility to the State Police in their job of enforcing highway laws and improving highway safety," the Secretary said. "I am proud to have played a small part in making this day possible."

The helicopter was accepted for the State by Commissioner of Public Safety William Powers. It will be based at the Norwood Airport near Boston, but will be used statewide.

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