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The multi-million dollar efforts of the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority to modernize its Boston area system today received a \$13,956,153 boost in Federal aid from the Department of Transportation's Urban Mass Transportation Administration.

The funds will be used for four major MBTA projects. Announcement of the grant was made by Urban Mass Transportation Administrator Paul L. Sitton during ceremonies marking the dedication of MBTA's Aquarium subway station located below the New England Aquarium in downtown Boston.

The Authority, with the additional grant, has now received \$42.5 million in Federal funds which represents 50% of the net cost of the projects.

The projects and Federal share:

1) Modernization of MBTA's existing rapid transit stations. The additional \$1,529,320 brings the total to \$6,077,280 for the project approved February 1963.

2) 150 new air-conditioned buses. The \$800,000 supplemental brings the total to \$3.2 million for the project approved May, 1967.

3) Construction of a rapid transit tunnel under the Charles River to Charlestown. The new facility will permit the demolition of an unsightly elevated structure in Charlestown. The \$3 million supplemental brings the total to \$12 million for project approved June, 1966.

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4) South Shore Rapid Transit Extension. The Eastern Massachusetts Street Railway Company will be acquired and 76 new rapid transit cars purchased by the MBTA. The \$8,638,835 supplemental brings the total to \$35,164,835 for project approved March, 1968.

The supplemental funds announced today were withheld at the time of the project approval pending the completion of the comprehensive transportation planning requirements of the Urban Mass Transportation Act.

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