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The Department of Transportation's Urban Mass Transportation Administration today announced two supplemental capital grants, totaling \$8,240,166, to the City of Chicago, Illinois, for construction of a new 9.5 mile rapid transit line and the purchase of 150 rapid transit cars.

These grants supplement earlier UMTA grants totaling \$24,766,500, or 50 percent of the total cost of the projects which reserved the funds now given in the supplemental grants pending the completion of necessary planning and programming requirements. The supplemental grants bring the Federal total to \$33,006,666, or about two-thirds of the total cost of \$49,533,000.

The new transit line, costing nearly \$30 million, will run south from the "Loop" to 95th Street. It will be located in the median strip of the Dan Ryan Expressway. In addition to the roadbed and track, construction will include power facilities, nine stations, signal equipment, a transportation building, inspection shed and rail car storage.

The service area for the new line includes about 750,000 people, with about 150,000 using combinations of rail and bus rapid transit services each weekday. Initially, the city estimated, some 94,000 passengers should save from seven to twenty-eight minutes on a one-way trip.

The new route will operate 24 hours daily, with about 500 trains running each way on weekdays. Approximately \$46,000 of the cost of building the new line will go toward relocating persons and businesses displaced by the project.

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