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Six communities received grants totaling \$665,566 today from the Department of Transportation's Urban Mass Transportation Administration for technical studies to solve their transportation problems.

Paul L. Sitton, Urban Mass Transportation Administrator, indicated that these grants will permit approaches for better planning, improved administrative controls, and more flexible financing to be considered as a result of the studies.

The grants were awarded to the communities of San Jose, California; Dade County, Florida; Village of Skokie, Illinois; Erie, Pa.; Eugene, Oregon; and Chicago, Illinois.

The summary of the grants follows:

Chicago, Ill. -- \$177,320 Federal grants for a study to provide the basis for the implementation of a short-range program of coordinated bus and rail mass transportation for the southside of Chicago and the south suburban areas in both Illinois and southeastern Indiana.

Chicago has a special mix of public and private carriers both in the city and the suburbs. However, unlike a city such as New York, it has no metropolitan authority to coordinate operations and development programs of the carriers.

This project represents a unique cooperative effort between all the public and private organizations to conduct the study and implement its recommendations.

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Erie, Pa., -- \$16,000 Federal grant, supplemented by \$8,000 from state and local sources, will develop a program of bus improvements for Erie metropolitan area. The Erie Metropolitan Transit Authority has a Federal commitment of \$1,432,170 to partially finance the purchase of new buses in the modernization of the system.

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Eugene, Oregon -- \$13,600 Federal grant, supplemented by \$6,800 local share, to study mass transit needs including an analysis of existing private-owned transit system, the problems related to public acquisition, and methods of financial assistance.

The Central Lane Planning Council will supervise the study.

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Skokie, Illinois -- \$47,400 Federal grant, supplemented by \$23,700 from local sources, will be used in study methods to improve and coordinate the mass transportation system serving North Suburban Chicago Area.

The North Suburban Transportation Council, an organization comprising 14 communities in North Cook and South Lake Counties, will direct the project.

The study will be concerned with coordinating the transportation operations of public and private companies serving the area.

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The carriers participating in the council through advisory representatives and indicating their willingness to cooperate are:

The Chicago Transit Authority, Chicago and North Western Rail Co., the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Pacific Railroad, the United Motor Coach, Co., the Evanston Bus Company, and the Glenview Bus Company.

For further information contact:

Honorable Alber J. Smith
Mayor of Skokie and Council President
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San, Jose, Calif. -- \$145,066 Federal funds awarded to Santa Clara County to develop a comprehensive public transportation system for the area. The local contribution through cash and services amounts to \$70,524.

The study will complement existing work now being done by the San Jose and proposed project for Mt. View. Recommendations will result for the amount and timing for the purchase of new transit facilities and equipment.

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Dade County, Fla. -- \$266,180 Federal funds will be used to obtain recommendations for a balanced transportation system to meet the county's present and future traffic needs.

The project will convert the findings of the Miami Urban Area Transportation Study, an interagency land use transportation planning program, into action.

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