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Ten new 51-passenger buses will be added to the fleet of the Tacoma transit system because of a \$203,990 grant announced today by the U. S. Department of Transportation's Urban Mass Transportation Administration.

The Federal funds will be supplemented with local funds for purchase that will cost about \$305,987.

The need for the additional buses stems from the September 1968 closing of McCarver Junior, Central Elementary School and the sixth grade at Stanley Elementary School. As a result, about 500 students need to be transported to other schools in the area requiring new scheduling and routing.

Paul L. Sitton, Urban Mass Transportation Administrator commented that "the transit service which this grant makes possible will eliminate any need for a separate school bus service in Tacoma."

The Federal funds are made available under the capital improvement program of the Urban Mass Transportation Act of 1964.

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