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The Department of Transportation's Urban Mass Transportation Administration today announced a \$300,000 grant for preliminary studies of a 12-mile rubber-tired, fully-automated transit system in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

The grant goes to the Port Authority of Allegheny County for preliminary engineering, economic and operating feasibility and design studies of a line connecting the South Hills area of Allegheny County with Pittsburgh's central business district. The federal grant amounts to two-thirds of the \$450,000 total cost for the studies.

The Port Authority will consider ridership estimates, station locations, land acquisition requirements, system operational requirements, construction and operational costs, and anticipated revenues. A financing plan for the proposed project, which the Authority now estimates will cost about \$100 million, will also be prepared.

UMTA had previously made demonstration grants totaling \$4,472,000 to the Port Authority to test the feasibility of the Transit Expressway system.

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