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The U. S. Department of Transportation's Urban Mass Transportation Administration today announced a conditional grant of \$28 million to the San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District for the purchase of approximately 125 high-speed transit cars.

In approving the grant, Secretary of Transportation Alan S. Boyd stated that Federal funds for purchasing the cars cannot be committed until there is reasonable assurance that non-Federal funds will be available for completion of the basic 75-mile BART system and for purchasing the remainder of the total of 250 cars needed for the system.

The Federal grant will be used to order high-speed, air-conditioned rapid transit cars equipped with automatic vehicle monitoring and central computer control. Depending upon the cost of each vehicle, about 125 cars will be purchased with Federal funds. The remainder of the 250 cars will be purchased with local funds.

BART will use \$32,210,000 of its own funds to build subway stations in Glen Park and Concord; purchase and install more than 100 miles of main line and yard track; electrify 2 rapid transit lines; and construct an aerial transit structure from north Oakland to the North Portal of the Berkeley Hills Tunnel.

This is the fourth Federal urban mass transportation grant to BART and brings the total Federal aid to a total of \$80 million. In addition, the City and County of San Francisco and the City of Berkeley have received capital improvement grants in excess of \$25 million for their portions of the overall BART system.

The grant to BART is particularly significant in terms of its consistency with the purposes of the Urban Mass Transportation Act. The BART system, especially its rapid transit cars, will demonstrate new advances in transit facilities, design and equipment. Coupled with state and local funds, the \$28 million Federal Grant will further completion and equipping of BART, the Nation's newest regional rapid transit system.

Both comprehensive and transportation planning in the entire San Francisco Bay area are being developed in connection with BART construction. More than 100 local and special purpose governmental units have worked with BART, which is widely recognized as a basic force in new community development throughout the San Francisco Bay area.

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