



URBAN MASS TRANSPORTATION ADMINISTRATION

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The Department of Transportation's Urban Mass Transportation

Administration today announced three capital grants, totaling

\$1,413,066, to the cities of Asheville, North Carolina; Minneapolis,

Minnesota, and Sioux City, Iowa.

An additional \$299,933 has been reserved for Asheville and Sioux City pending completion of certain planning requirements.

Asheville (Project No. NC-UTG-1) will get an immediate grant of \$658,300 and a reservation of \$219,433 representing, respectively, one-half and one-sixth of a total project cost of \$1,316,600.

The project involves the purchase of 34 new diesel buses, construction of a maintenance and operations building and the purchase of related land and equipment.

Sioux City (Project No. IA-UTG-3) will get an immediate grant of \$241,500 and a reservation of \$80,500 representing, respectively, one-half and one-sixth of a total project cost of \$483,000.

The grant will enable the city to acquire the assets and Sioux City Lines, Inc., and to buy 25 new diesel transit buses.

Minneapolis (Project No. MINN-UTG-1) received a grant of \$513,266, representing two-thirds of the cost of building a transitway and pedestrian mall along several blocks of Nicollet Avenue, a major retail street.