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The U. S. Department of Transportation today announced a \$1,204,174 supplemental capital grant to the New Jersey Department of Transportation to be used in rehabilitating Jersey Central Railroad facilities in northern New Jersey.

DOT's Urban Mass Transportation Administration had previously granted the New Jersey Department of Transportation \$3,622,124, or one-half of the cost of upgrading Jersey Central passenger operations. The supplemental grant, made after completion of certain planning requirements, raises Federal participation to two-thirds of the total project cost.

UMTA noted that the rehabilitation project was necessary to prevent the complete financial collapse of the Jersey Central Railroad. The project enabled the railroad to discontinue its costly Communipaw terminal and ferry boat operation which required passengers to enter Manhattan by crossing the Hudson River on aging ferry boats.

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