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Secretary of Transportation John A. Volpe today approved a Federal grant of \$448,375 to the Southern California Rapid Transit District to help buy 1,500 locked-type fare boxes.

The new fare boxes will enable the District to implement "Exact Fare" operations. Fares deposited by passengers drop into a locked vault which is inaccessible to the driver. Since drivers carry no change, the motivation for robbery is eliminated. The District has experienced a substantially higher number of driver robberies this year.

Carlos C. Villarreal, Urban Mass Transportation Administrator, in announcing the grant during a visit to Los Angeles said, "the 'Exact Fare Program' will benefit transit riders as well as District employees by providing safer and more reliable service."

The Department grant represents one-half of the cost of buying the new fare boxes. An additional \$149,458 has been reserved for this project pending completion of statutory planning requirements. If the supplemental grant is made, it would raise Federal participation to two-thirds of the project cost.

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