

NEWS

URBAN MASS TRANSPORTATION ADMINISTRATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20590

FOR RELEASE 3:00 P.M. Tuesday, June 24, 1969

DOT -- 12969 Phone: (202) 963-5154

Secretary of Transportation John A. Volpe today announced a \$113,942 grant to the city of San Angelo, Texas to modernize its bus fleet.

Matched by local funds, the grant will enable the city to purchase nine 35-passenger, air conditioned, diesel buses.

Also to be accomplished is the construction and equipping of a bus cleaning and sanitizing facility and the purchase of ten fare boxes.

"If we are to avoid nationwide daily traffic jams, concentrated efforts must be given to public transit planning and improvement as is being done in San Angelo," Secretary Volpe said.

The grant was made by the Department of Transportation's Urban Mass Transportation Administration, headed by Carlos C. Villarreal.

San Angelo officials believe this modernization of the bus fleet will stem a decline in public transit patronage and reduce fleet maintenance cost.

San Angelo will be eligible for an additional \$37,980 grant upon completion of comprehensive transportation planning.

Project No. TEX-UTG-4

For further information:

H. D. Howard City Manager Post Office Box 1751 San Angelo, Texas 76901