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A Federal grant of \$138,500 was announced today by Secretary of Transportation John A. Volpe to enable the City of Battle Creek, Michigan to enter the first phase of its Transit Authority's modernization program.

Funds totaling \$103,875 were released today. An additional \$34,625 will be payable to Battle Creek when transportation planning requirements are met.

Augmented by a \$103,875 local contribution, the Federal grant will be used to purchase 17 new 19-passenger diesel buses, as well as bus cleaning and maintenance equipment.

"A major objective of the Battle Creek Program," Secretary Volpe said, "is the restructuring of routes to better serve low income sections of the metropolitan area.

"This type of planning serves to stress the important social benefits derived from sound public transit planning in addition to the economic benefits."

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

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