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A \$100,566 Federal research grant to the Indiana University Foundation was announced today By Secretary of Transportation John A. Volpe.

The research is designed to produce a comprehensive handbook of modern management techniques and operating information for small city transit managers and public officials.

"Many persons mistakenly believe that our largest cities are the areas most frequently plagued by public transit problems," Secretary Volpe said.

"The fact is more than 85 percent of all transit companies serve populations of less than 100,000 and it is in these communities we are experiencing the greatest decline in quality and availability of mass transportation service."

The grant was made by the Department of Transportation's Urban Mass Transportation. Carlos C. Villarreal is the Administrator.

The research will be conducted at the Institute for Urban Transportation in the Graduate School of Business at Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana.

The Institute's Director, Professor George Smerk, the author of <u>Urban Transportation: The Federal Role</u> (1965) and many articles in the field of mass transit, will supervise.

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