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A \$113,461 research grant to the Virginia Polytechnic Institute to develop design criteria for urban bus shelters was announced today by Secretary of Transportation John A. Volpe.

The two-year program will be devoted to standardizing urban bus shelter criteria. These criteria will be utilized in the preparation of prototype designs, plans and specifications for the shelters.

"The quality of urban mass transit involves not only the comfort and safety of its users on-board transit vehicles, but also while waiting for their arrival at stations or stops," Secretary Volpe said.

"Present bus shelters have exhibited a number of faults. Among the most serious is high cost, construction and maintenance. This project, using the systems approach, will seek to develop and improve a standard design to eliminate faults and provide transit user comfort and safety at minimum cost."

Total cost of the project is \$123,634. The local share will be provided by the Virginia Polytechnic Institute. The Department of Transportation's Urban Mass Transportation Administration headed by Carlos C. Villarreal, made the grant.

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