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Around the clock bus service for employees of O'Hare International Airport in Chicago will be provided under a two-year demonstration program funded by a Federal grant of \$132,300 announced today by Secretary of Transportation John A. Volpe.

"Many Chicagoans in need of employment are unable to take advantage of work opportunities at O'Hare because of the absence of public transportation to the Airport," Secretary Volpe said.

"This project offers a short term solution to the problem and should generate data leading to the permanent solution."

Over 18,000 workers are employed at O'Hare and an expansion of 20 percent is anticipated within two years.

Express bus service will be provided every 30 minutes, seven days a week by the Chicago Transit Authority between the Jefferson Park Terminal of the recently extended CTA rapid transit line and the terminal and cargo areas at the Airport.

Using a combination of rapid transit and the express bus, maximum travel time from any point in Chicago to the Airport is estimated at one hour. The fare will be 60 cents, with or without transfer.

CTA estimates the number of one-way riders will be 550 daily at the beginning of the program and expects patronage to increase to 940 daily after one year.

The grant was made by the Transportation Department's Urban Mass Transportation Administration, headed by Carlos C. Villarreal, to the Mayor's Committee for Economic & Cultural Development of Chicago.

A contribution of \$14,700 has been made to the project by participating employers at O'Hare.

Evaluation of the project will be made by Stanford Research Institute.

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