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Secretary of Transportation John A. Volpe today announced that Federal funds will be made available for the construction of a \$232,327 bus terminal off "D" Street between Ninth and Tenth Streets, S. W.

Of permanent construction, the proposed facility is designed to blend with the architectural design of the area. The site will be landscaped with grass areas, trees and shrubs.

Shelters for bus patrons over the loading platforms are of slender design affording unobstructed views of the surrounding development. Of a Tee configuration, the shelters will be equipped with fixtures for lighting the platforms during the night.

The proposed terminal consists of three bus bays served by raised passenger load and discharge areas. Transit vehicles will circulate through the terminal in a counter-clockwise direction.

The bays will accommodate passing movements that will avoid queuing of vehicles along the platforms. Entrance and exit points are located on "D" Street. Arrivals and departures will be under the control of fixed time signal system.

The terminal design capacity is from 135 to 165 transit vehicles per hour. The terminal is anticipated to provide for a turnover during the busiest hours of 10,000 bus passengers per day.

Within the Southwest Employment Area, itself a dense and growing employment center, the area immediately surrounding the proposed bus terminal site is the most dense and most rapidly expanding. The site is located on "D" Street, S.W. between L'Enfant Plaza and the railroad right-of-way, and between the Ninth Street Expressway and Tenth Street.

Secretary Volpe said, "The parking and traffic problem for persons working in this area is crucial."

"Already there are over 43,000 persons employed in a four-block by ten-block employment area. An additional 22,000 employees are expected to occupy the area by the end of this year. By 1973 there will be 83,000 employees and the ultimate employment figure is expected to be about 100,000.

"With improved scheduling and express service to the fringe parking lots, I believe that many persons will be encouraged to use the buses to and from their jobs."

The facility will be constructed by the District of Columbia's Department of Highways.

Carlos C. Villarreal is Administrator of the Urban Mass Transportation Administration, the funding agency for this project.

The Federal government's share is \$116,183 with an additional share of \$38,721 to be made available when city completes certain statutory planning requirements within three years.

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