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Rensselaer Research Corporation of Troy, New York has assumed the task of converting a new concept in public transit planning to the design for a new public carrier.

Secretary of Transportation John A. Volpe announced today a \$290,430 Federal grant to the non-profit research arm of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

The grant will support a project to design a public transportation vehicle for use in low density population urban areas in which conventional bus transportation systems are economically, operationally and sociologically inappropriate.

"This project is an essential element in the program to develop the technology needed to carry such demand responsive transportation concepts as Dial-a-Bus from the demonstration stage into practical and economical implementation," Secretary Volpe said.

The Rensselaer project will be an extension of earlier study done by the National Academy of Science and National Academy of Engineering on design criteria for non-rail vehicles which was supported by the Urban Mass Transportation Administration of the Department of Transportation.

The Rensselaer project also will be supported by UMTA of which Carlos C. Villarreal is the Administrator.

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