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Secretary of Transportation John A. Volpe today announced a \$560,000 U. S. Department of Transportation grant to assist the City of Peoria, Illinois, in the purchase of thirty-five new 45-passenger, air-conditioned, diesel transit coaches.

The City will lease these buses to the Peoria City Lines, Inc. (PCL), at a nominal rate. The buses will be used to replace a portion of the present fleet which is over 23 years old. The lease and supervisory agreements between the City and PCL will allow the City to retain control of the equipment and influence the level of service enjoyed by the citizens of Peoria.

Through this grant, old, unattractive equipment that pollutes the air, falls apart on the streets and is inadequately heated in winter and cooled in summer, will be retired from regular service. The best of the old equipment will be used on experimental routes. The new equipment will increase the dependability of service and reduce maintenance expenses.

The \$560,000 Federal grant represents one-half of the approved project cost of \$1,120,000 for the purchase of the 35 buses. An additional Federal grant of \$186,666 will be payable to the City if the planning requirements of Section 4(a) of the Urban Mass Transportation Act are met within three years after the execution of the grant contract. The additional grant will increase Federal participation

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from one-half to two-thirds of the project cost.

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