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Secretary of Transportation John A. Volpe today announced a Federal grant of \$75,800 to the Kansas City Area Transportation Authority to support a study designed to improve public bus transportation in the Kansas City metropolitan area.

"This study is designed to improve service, decrease operating costs and uncover potential sources of financing operating and capital improvements for public mass transit in the Kansas City area," Secretary Volpe said.

The study will produce a short range development plan for the period 1970 through 1980 and a longer range plan which will examine alternate modes of transportation which may be required by 1990.

The Federal grant was made by the Department of Transportation's Urban Mass Transportation Administration, headed by Carlos C. Villarreal, and will be augmented by a local contribution of \$37,500.

The study will be supervised by the Executive Director of the Kansas City Area Transportation Authority. The Metropolitan Planning Commission of Kansas City will provide staff services.

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