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Secretary of Transportation John A. Volpe today announced a \$214,000 Federal grant to the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Planning Authority to finance a study of mass transit improvement.

The Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana region comprises nine counties within the three states. Thirteen privately-owned transit companies provide bus service in the region. Cincinnati is the principal city in the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana region.

"A recent survey reveals that Cincinnati Transit, Inc., the region's largest transit company, has reduced its service and contracted its facilities in an effort to maintain profitability to the point where the system is now one-third of its size in 1950," Secretary Volpe said.

"A continuation of this trend will result in the collapse of rapid transit service and an intolerable degree of traffic congestion in the urban areas of the region," Volpe said.

The Federal grant was made by the Department of Transportation's Urban Mass Transportation Administration, headed by Carlos C. Villarreal. It will be augmented by a contribution of \$107,000 from the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Planning Authority.

The Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana region includes the counties of Clermont, Butler, Warren and Hamilton in Ohio; Boone, Campbell and Kenton in Kentucky; and Dearborn and Ohio in Indiana.

The study will be supervised by a project manager to be appointed by OKI and will be coordinated with other transit activities in the area.

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