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Secretary of Transportation John A. Volpe today announced a Federal grant of \$333,333 to the Rochester-Genesee Regional Transportation Authority to support a four-phase study designed to improve public transportation in an eight-county region of New York State which includes the City of Rochester.

"Previous Department of Transportation grants totaling more than \$5.8 million enabled Rochester to acquire a faltering privately operated bus transit system and purchase 77 new buses to improve its rolling stock," Secretary Volpe said.

"The studies to be funded by the present grant," he said, "will, when implemented, make the system more responsive to the transportation needs of the metropolitan area and improve passenger convenience and quality of service."

The four purposes of the study are:

- \* The planning of immediate improvement of Rochester's bus system.
- \* Analyze the feasibility of furnishing express bus service on Interstate Highway 490.
- \* Examine the feasibility of an exclusive busway running north and south through downtown Rochester.
- \* Study the feasibility of constructing a central transit terminal in downtown Rochester.

The Federal study grant was made by the Department of Transportation's Urban Mass Transit Administration. The State of New York Department of Transportation is contributing \$125,000 to the study and the Rochester-Genesee Regional Transportation Authority is contributing \$41,667.

It is expected the implementation of the study results will be facilitated by the proposed transfer of the bus system from the City of Rochester to the Rochester-Genesee Transportation Authority.

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