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Secretary of Transportation John A. Volpe today announced a Federal grant of \$336,666 to support a three-phase study designed to improve public transportation in the metropolitan area of Portland, Oregon.

"This study is planned not only to bring about short range improvement of bus transit in the Portland area but also to attack the more complex problem of meeting the area's travel needs of 1990," Secretary Volpe said.

"Highways alone will not meet the future travel needs of our great urban areas. Faced with a growth of 50 percent in the next two decades, Portland is taking the forward-looking approach of exploring the potential benefits of coordinating future highway planning with mass transit development in integrated transportation corridors," the Secretary said.

The three phases of the Portland transportation study are:

- * To develop a five-year improvement program for bus transit in the Portland metropolitan area.
- * To develop a long range plan for public transportation service, coordinated with future highway planning, to meet the area's needs in 1990.
- * To study the feasibility of constructing a multi-mode transportation terminal in downtown Portland.

The Portland metropolitan area includes the counties of Clackamas, Multnomah and Washington in the State of Oregon and Clark County in the State of Washington.

The grant, from the Department of Transportation's Urban Mass Transit Administration, is being made to the Columbia Region Association of Governments (CRAG).

The Federal grant will be augmented by local contributions totalling \$168,334. These are: \$30,000 from CRAG; \$130,000 from the Tri-County Metropolitan Transportation District; and \$8,334 from the City of Vancouver and Clark County.

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