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Secretary of Transportation John A. Volpe today announced a Federal grant of \$135,964 to Mecklenburg County in North Carolina to plan and improve the public transit facilities of the Greater Charlotte area.

The four-part study will analyse the management and operation of existing public transportation furnished by City Coach Lines, define transit needs and develop a transit improvement program to be implemented over the next five years. It also will embrace long range transportation planning to meet the area's projected population growth.

"With the prospect of the Charlotte area more than doubling its population by 1995, its officials are to be commended for recognizing the essentiality of a balanced, convenient public transportation system to continuing the area's position of eminence," Secretary Volpe said.

The Federal grant was made by Department's Urban Mass Transportation Administration, headed by Carlos C. Villarreal.

"We must plan a transportation system that will meet the needs of a fast growing area," Villarreal said. "The study will conform with and contribute substantially to both local and regional planning goals and programs."

The Federal grant will be supplemented by a local contribution of \$67,982 in cash and services shared by the City of Charlotte, Mecklenburg County and the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Planning Commission.

The study will be directed by the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Planning Commission. Technical assistance will be provided

by Wilbur Smith and Associates at a cost of \$182,954.

Project Number NC-T9-2.

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