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The Department of Transportation today released additional Federal funds totaling more than \$1.5 million to the city of San Diego, California, to purchase two private transit lines and related transit improvements.

The grants for \$1,317,000 and \$260,608, announced by Secretary of Transportation John A. Volpe, bring the Government's contribution to two-thirds of the total costs necessary for San Diego to buy out the two private operators and upgrade the city's transit service.

In June 1967 and again in July 1970, the Department of Transportation's Urban Mass Transportation Administration made grants to the city of San Diego totaling \$4,732,826 to cover half of the acquisition and improvements.

"Today's grants add an additional sixth to the Government's share in the \$9.5 million project," Secretary Volpe said. "As a normal procedure, these funds had been withheld by UMTA pending completion of San Diego's planning and programming requirements."

The fast-growing California city is acquiring the San Diego Transit System, the San Diego Economy Lines, 100 new 51-passenger air conditioned buses and 210 two-way radios for the city's bus system. In addition, the funds will cover land and transit office improvements, construction of a new combination administration-maintenance building and installation of an automatic bus washer.

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"We hope these funds will help San Diego to further improve their growing transit system and further increase their ridership," said Carlos C. Villarreal, Administrator of UMTA. "A well manged, attractive and reliable bus system is the best answer to San Diego's present needs."

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