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Secretary of Transportation John A. Volpe today announced a Federal grant of \$4.1 million by the Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA) to the San Antonio (Texas) Transit System.

Secretary Volpe said, "This grant, which is to be supplemented by \$2,061,334 in local funds will enable a major five-year upgrading of the transit system's services in the San Antonio metropolitan area."

The system is the only transit carrier in an area that encompasses the city proper, Bexar County, five contiguous communities and seven local military installations. According to a recent survey, the system brings to 55 percent of all San Antonio's pedestrians into the central business district.

According to Urban Mass Transportation Administrator, Carlos C. Villarreal, the grant will enable the purchase of 157 new 45-passenger air-conditioned buses; the erecting of 60 bus passenger shelters to protect would-be riders from inclement weather; construction of a new transit administration building, and the improvement of bus yard facilities. (Current schedules call for the purchase of 30 new buses this year, 2 in 1972, 40 in both 1973 and 1974 and 45 in 1975.)

"The new buses will incorporate the latest design features and are intended to minimize air pollution and maximize passenger comfort," according to Administrator Villarreal. In addition, the new administrative building will be designed and landscaped to blend in with the natural beauty of picturesque San Antonio.

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