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The U. S. Department of Transportation today awarded a \$346,920 grant to Kent State University to complete the development of a computerized management aid for bus transit systems.

The grant will help complete and test a management information and control system known as TRANSMAN which has been under development in Ohio at Kent State under prior grants from the Department's Urban Mass Transportation Administration.

Secretary of Transportation John A. Volpe said that the development of TRANSMAN is expected to provide efficient bus management techniques at a low cost, especially for operators of small bus fleets. The system is designed to preserve and improve service provided by all transit companies, particularly those in small cities, according to UMTA Administrator Carlos C. Villarreal.

The TRANSMAN management and information system provides a computerized accounting system for transit management and cost analysis criteria in the areas of maintenance, service, inventory, revenue and passenger data, accident and claim handling, personnel, payroll, and budgeting.

The system is being tested in Dallas, Texas and Oakland, California, under two other UMTA grants.

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