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Secretary of Transportation John A. Volpe today announced a grant of \$7.7 million to the City and County of Honolulu, Hawaii, for assistance in establishing a publicly-owned transit system on the island of Oahu.

The grant, made by the Department of Transportation's Urban Mass Transportation Administration, will assist Honolulu in purchasing the assets of all privately-owned bus systems on the island and will help with the purchase of 160 new buses to replace obsolete equipment.

According to Secretary Volpe, the creation of a unified transit system under public control "is essential to serve the diverse transportation needs of the area."

Administrator Carlos C. Villarreal of UMTA said, "the island community, including non-users of transit, will benefit from a higher economic stability because workers, students and shoppers without other means of transportation will have the use of a reliable, safe and efficient public transportation system."

Honolulu will receive an initial UMTA grant of \$7,745,120. If the area meets full Federal planning and programming requirements within three years, an additional grant of \$2,581,706 will be made to the City, bringing the total Federal commitment up to \$10,326,826, or two-thirds of the \$15,490,240 project cost.

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