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The U. S. Department of Transportation today made a \$203, 774 grant to Gardena, California to help the city buy eight new transit buses.

The grant, made by the Department's Urban Mass Transportation Administration, will upgrade the Gardena Municipal Bus Lines current fleet of 28 buses with eight new 35 and 45-passenger air-conditioned diesel coaches. These buses will replace eleven pre-1957 vehicles, allowing for continued service in the city's Community Action Program, Model Neighborhoods and Urban Renewal areas.

An additional \$67, 924 will be available to Gardena when full UMTA planning requirements have been met, bringing the Federal share up to \$271, 698, or two-thirds of the total \$407, 549 project cost.

Secretary of Transportation John A. Volpe said the project "is part of our effort to help communities all across country save and upgrade their public transit systems." The project will be especially helpful to those without other means of transportation, according to UMTA Administrator Carlos C. Villarreal.

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