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Nearly one-fifth of San Diego, California's entire mass transit fleet will be replaced with 40 new buses under a grant for \$1.1 million made today by the U. S. Department of Transportation.

The \$1,139,674 grant, made by the Department's Urban Mass Transportation Administration, will go to the City of San Diego on behalf of the city-owned San Diego Transit Corporation. The money will cover two-thirds of the cost of 25 new 53-passenger city buses and 15 new 45-passenger suburban buses. All the new diesel coaches will be air conditioned and have transistorized two-way communication radios.

The transit corporation, which acquired the San Diego Transit System in July 1967 with a similar UMTA grant, is the principal mass transportation carrier in the San Diego area. The SDTC currently has a fleet of 220 buses with 24 routes covering 393 route miles.

"This grant will allow the rapidly-growing San Diego community to further improve and extend their present good service," Secretary of Transportation John A. Volpe said. The replacement project also will allow SDTC to modernize their bus fleet and use the 15 new suburban-type buses for longer commuter runs in the expanding San Diego area, commented UMTA Administrator Carlos C. Villarreal.

The total replacement cost will be \$1,709,512, of which two-thirds will be covered by this UMTA grant and the remaining third of \$569,838 will come from local property tax funds.

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