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The U. S. Department of Transportation today made a supplemental grant of \$246, 075 to the Sacramento (Calif.) Transit Authority to cover half the increased costs of constructing a new bus garage and service facility.

The grant, made by the Department's Urban Mass Transportation Administration, will help Sacramento meet higher location and construction costs which have increased since June 1968 when the project was first approved by UMTA. The original grant of \$435, 135 included the purchase of Sacramento's 15 new air-conditioned transit buses.

An additional UMTA grant of \$227, 070 will be made to Sacramento Transit after the Authority meets its full regional planning requirements, bringing the total Federal share of the bus improvement project to \$908, 280, or two-thirds of the total \$1, 362, 420 project cost. Local contributions will pay for the remaining third.

Originally, the project was approved to include construction of the bus garage and service facility on leased land underneath a highway. Since then, it was decided in Sacramento to build the garage on the Transit Authority's existing site, negating money which would have been gained from the sale of the original location for use in the new construction project. In addition, generally higher construction costs have raised the total price of the new building.

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