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The U.S. Department of Transportation today made a technical study grant of \$125,000 to the Central New York Regional Transportation Authority of Syracuse to develop a regional transit improvement program for the area.

The grant will pay for two-thirds of the cost of a study which will evaluate all urban bus operations in Syracuse, Onondago County and other surrounding counties.

The area's privately-owned bus company, Syracuse Transit Corporation, has indicated that public takeover may become necessary in the near future. The study will provide a plan for smooth transition from private to public ownership if it becomes necessary.

In announcing the grant, Secretary of Transportation John A. Volpe said "early action taken by the Authority to fully explore a means for preserving the public transit system should be a big help to Syracuse area residents."

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