



DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

URBAN MASS TRANSPORTATION ADMINISTRATION

NEWS

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20590

FOR RELEASE THURSDAY P.M.
January 6, 1972

UMTA 72 - 1
Phone: (202) 426-4043

The U. S. Department of Transportation today announced three grants totaling \$16 million to three separate California mass transit agencies in the San Francisco and Los Angeles areas.

The three grants, made by the Department's Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA), will provide a total of 356 new buses and new bus maintenance facilities for the three agencies. All three grants are part of the Department's \$3.1 billion program to upgrade, improve and develop new bus, rapid transit and commuter rail systems across the Nation, according to Secretary of Transportation John A. Volpe.

The first grant -- for \$7,670,028 -- went to the Alameda-Contra Costa Transit District (AC Transit) of Oakland, California. As part of a five-year improvement plan, the grant will help AC Transit purchase 215 new diesel buses, remodel 61 other buses, acquire and construct new bus garage and service facilities and purchase 42 transit service vehicles.

The second grant -- for \$6,309,332 -- was made across the Bay to the Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District of San Francisco. This grant will allow the Transportation District to establish a publicly-owned and operated bus transit system in the Marin Corridor, buy 132 new radio-equipped buses, purchase land and build administrative offices, a garage and service facilities for the new buses.

- more -



U.S. INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORTATION EXPOSITION
DULLES INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT * MAY 27-JUNE 4, 1972

The third grant -- for \$2,114,175 -- went to the Long Beach Public Transportation Company of Long Beach, California, which will use the funds to construct a new bus maintenance facility, buy nine new buses, 1,000 passenger waiting benches, six passenger shelters, 500 bus stop signs, two supervisor cars and two-way radio equipment.

Administrator Carlos C. Villarreal of UMTA said that the \$7.6 million grant to AC Transit includes funds for 150 advance-design air conditioned buses, 55 regular air conditioned buses and 10 non-air conditioned coaches. In addition, the grant will cover two-thirds of the cost of 5,500 bus stop flags, 50 passenger bus stop shelters and destination signs for all of the company's nearly 700 buses. Local funds will cover the remaining one-third of the \$11.5 million total project costs.

AC Transit furnishes local and express bus service to 11 cities and surrounding communities in Alameda and Contra Costa counties on the east side of San Francisco Bay, serving a population of about one million persons. The publicly-owned transit system also carries commuters between the Oakland area and San Francisco, via the Bay Bridge.

The 132 new buses to be purchased under the second grant of \$6.3 million to the Golden Gate District will replace and expand commuter service currently being operated by Greyhound Lines West, which has served notice that it is considering giving up service in the Marin area. Establishment of bus operations in the Marin Corridor will be the first phase of the Golden Gate District's new transportation program, with expanded ferry commuter service between Sausalito and downtown San Francisco expected at a later date.

In addition to buying new radio-equipped buses and building administrative facilities, the Golden Gate District plans to build satellite bus stations. Local non-revenue funds from the District totaling \$3.1 million will be added to today's Federal two-thirds grant, bringing the total project costs to about \$9.4 million.

Administrator Villarreal said that the third grant to Long Beach will cover two-thirds of the cost of building a \$2.7 million modern bus maintenance facility to replace the city's current 50-year-old shop. Of the nine new buses also included in the grant project, five will be 45-passenger vehicles and four will be medium-size buses.

The Long Beach Public Transportation Company will match today's \$2.1 million Federal grant with \$1 million in local funds, bringing the total project costs to \$3.1 million. The Company is the principal mass transit carrier in the Long Beach area, serving the city and several nearby towns with a fleet of 143 buses on 12 routes.

All three grants are retroactive to the final day of 1971, Administrator Villarreal said.

— O —

For further information, contact the UMTA Office of Public Affairs at (202) 426-4043, or the individual grantee. For information on the AC Transit grant (UMTA Project No. CAL-UTG-42), contact Mr. Alan L. Bingham, General Manager, AC Transit, 508 16th Street, Oakland, California 94612. Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District information (on UMTA Project No. CAL-UTG-36) should come from Mr. Dale Luehring, General Manager, Box 9000, Presidio Station, San Francisco 94129. And information on the Long Beach grant (UMTA Project No. CAL-UTG-44) can be obtained from the Long Beach Public Transportation Company, 1330 Cherry Avenue, Long Beach, California 90813. When calling or writing for information, please refer to the UMTA project number and to this press release number.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
URBAN MASS TRANSPORTATION
ADMINISTRATION
Washington, D.C. 20590

Official Business

POSTAGE AND FEES PAID
URBAN MASS TRANSPORTATION
ADMINISTRATION



FIRST CLASS