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Secretary of Transportation John A. Volpe today announced federal support of planning in St. Petersburg, Florida, for the design of a public transportation system directed toward improving the mobility of the elderly.

"This action," Secretary Volpe said, "is in response to President Nixon's directive that priority be given to the recommendations of the 1971 White House Conference on Aging.

"The action also implements the responsibility I accepted at the Conference for improving transportation methodology to make it more responsive to the needs of the elderly. I expect the St. Petersburg project to be one of a series directed toward improving mobility for the elderly," Secretary Volpe said.

A \$33,333 grant from the Department of Transportation's Urban Mass Transportation Administration along with a contribution by the City form a \$50,000 funding level for the planning of a two-phase project that will result in a detailed plan for a service development demonstration.

Local planners will examine the transportation needs of the elderly and disadvantaged in St. Petersburg and will recommend the vehicles, facilities, routes, operations and service and fare policies to meet those needs.

The planners will work closely with community organizations concerned with the problems of the elderly and disadvantaged.

For many years, a mecca for senior citizens, St. Petersburg is ideally suited as a test ground for coping with the travel problems of the aging. In some sections of the city, the proportion of residents 65 years of age and older is as high as 80 percent.

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The project site covers ten square miles and includes the central business district and many of the City's most significant trip attractions.

The area is bounded by 22nd Avenue North and South, 34th Street on the West and Tampa Bay on the East.

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