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Secretary of Transportation John A. Volpe today announced a grant of \$424,850 to the Regional Transit District, Denver, Colorado, for continued development of a public transportation plan for the Denver metropolitan area.

The Department of Transportation's Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA) made an original technical studies grant of \$282,300 in June 1971 and with the additional funds UMTA's total participation is \$807,150. These funds will be augmented with local funds of \$403,625.

The amendment to this project will allow continued development through three phases that will include; (1) a concept plan; (2) detailed planning for route and facility specifications; and (3) preliminary engineering, benefit/cost analysis and implementation programming.

In announcing the grant, Secretary Volpe said, "this project is part of an officially coordinated program for transportation planning as part of the comprehensively planned development of the urban area. It is one of the many projects made possible by the Nixon Administration's Urban Mass Transportation Assistance Act of 1970."

UMTA Administrator Carlos C. Villarreal said, "the plan is being developed in parallel with highway planning activities, and a single transportation plan will be produced. The study will be completed in 12 months."

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