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An additional \$2, 210, 016 has been released to the Transit Board of the City of Cleveland, Secretary of Transportation John A. Volpe announced today. The funds represent the additional one-sixth to bring the full Federal share of the previously announced grant up to two-thirds.

Secretary Volpe said, "We are able to release the additional two million dollars because the full planning and programming requirements required under the Urban Mass Transportation Assistance Act of 1970 have been completed by the Cleveland area authorities."

Under the UMTA Act, capital assistance may be provided up to two-thirds. Where full comprehensive planning has not been completed, the grant may only be in the amount of half the full project cost. The community has up to three years from the date of the original grant in which to satisfy the planning requirements.

Urban Mass Transportation Administrator Carlos C. Villarreal pointed out, "It is through multi-modal and comprehensive planning that communities will be able to develop the mix of transportation services that is most appropriate for them. This is consistent with President Nixon's desire that decision-making be transferred as much as possible from Washington and placed in local hands."

With release of the latest \$2, 210, 016, the Federal share of the Cleveland project now is \$8, 840, 066. The money is being used to purchase 100 new transit buses, 10 rapid transit cars, land, equipment, and general improvements for shop, storage and terminal facilities.

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Administrator Villarreal said, "President Nixon and Secretary Volpe have as their goal the upgrading of public transportation for our citizens who live in urban areas. Projects such as this will contribute toward improving the quality of life in our cities."

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