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The Department of Transportation has approved a technical studies grant of \$1,361,229 for the Atlanta Regional Commission, Secretary John A. Volpe announced today.

The funds, provided by the Department's Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA), will provide support for the continuing transportation planning process in the Atlanta urban area, Secretary Volpe said. The grant will be matched by \$680,615 in local funds.

"One of the major thrusts of the Nixon Administration has been to place more decision-making in the hands of local authorities," Secretary Volpe said, "and the study, a joint activity of the Atlanta Regional Commission, the Georgia Department of Transportation, and the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority will enable Atlanta-area residents to implement the kind of transportation system that is best for them."

UMTA Administrator Carlos C. Villarreal pointed out that the study will also provide for specific projects related to the implementation of transportation facilities and programs. "Specific activities include long-range transit and transit-related planning, a fare reduction impact study, transit station development studies, and a variety of other projects," Administrator Villarreal said.

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