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The Department of Transportation has approved a capital grant of \$3,970,880 for the Kansas City Area Transportation Authority, Secretary John A. Volpe announced today.

The grant will be administered by the Department's Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA), and will provide assistance in the continuation of the capital equipment replacement program in the Kansas City Metropolitan area, Secretary Volpe said.

"This capital improvement program is made possible by President Nixon's \$3.1 billion five-year program to improve transit facilities in the nation's metropolitan areas," commented Secretary Volpe. "As a result of increased Federal participation in this activity, the citizens of the Kansas City area will receive better and more adequate service."

UMTA Administrator Carlos C. Villarreal added that the grant will provide for the purchase of 70 new 47-passenger, air-conditioned transit buses and 40 new 43-passenger buses, ten supervisory automobiles, 300 registering lock-type fare boxes and revenue-processing equipment, and the purchase and installation of two coach-washing units. "This effort represents first-phase implementation of the Authority's 5-10 year program to revive and improve transit service in the Kansas City Metropolitan area," Administrator Villarreal stated.

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