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The Department of Transportation has approved a grant in the amount of \$3,539,566 to the Jacksonville Transportation Authority, Secretary John A. Volpe announced today.

Funded by the Department's Urban Mass Transportation Administration, this grant represents two-thirds of the funds necessary to complete a \$5,319,250 capital improvement transit program, Secretary Volpe said. The Florida State Department of Transportation will assist the Authority by providing fifty per cent of the local share, or \$884,892.

"This capital improvement program has been designed in accordance with the emphasis of the Nixon Administration on improved public transit service," commented Secretary Volpe, "and will enable the Jacksonville Transportation Authority to maintain transit operations in the Jacksonville Duval County Metropolitan area."

UMTA Administrator Carlos C. Villarreal pointed out that the program specifically provides for the purchase of the assets of the Jacksonville Coach Company and 45 new 45-53 passenger air-conditioned diesel transit buses. "President Nixon has called upon all public agencies to aid in cleaning up the nation's air, and UMTA is anxious to realize this goal," stated Administrator Villarreal. "As a result, all of the new buses will be equipped with components of the Environmental Improvement Package for pollution control."

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