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Secretary of Transportation John A. Volpe today presented the Governor of Puerto Rico with a \$328,819 grant for the Commonwealth's Metropolitan Bus Authority to help outfit the MBA's fleet of buses with environmental improvement equipment.

During a special ceremony in Washington, Governor Luis A. Ferre accepted the grant, made by the Department's Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA). Another \$164,410 in local matching funds from Puerto Rico will be combined with the Federal grant to buy 248 Environmental Improvement Package kits and 232 L.S.N. fuel injectors for the island's nearly 500 buses.

In presenting the grant to Governor Ferre, Secretary Volpe said that the total \$493,229 in funds will "buy equipment which will more than meet Puerto Rico's clean air regulations."

"This EIP equipment will significantly reduce the amount of pollutants emitted by MBA buses," the Secretary told the Governor. The Environmental Quality Board of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico has granted the MBA until July 1973, to comply with the island's clean air regulations.

The MBA is the principal mass transit carrier in the San Juan Metropolitan area, also serving the adjacent municipalities of Carolina, Trujillo Alto, Guaynabo, Bayamon and Catano. The transit system currently operates 478 buses and provides transportation for approximately one million persons who live in and visit the San Juan Metropolitan area.

Administrator Carlos C. Villarreal of UMTA, who also attended the ceremony, said "this grant is part of President Nixon's efforts not only to upgrade equipment and service on the nation's transit systems but to provide for a cleaner and safer environment.

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