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The U.S. Department of Transportation today made two grants totaling \$1.3 million to Takoma, Washington and Everett, Washington, to help both cities purchase new buses and related mass transit equipment.

The grants, made by the Department's Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA), will provide 32 new diesel buses for Takoma and 18 new transit coaches for Everett. Both cities will receive related transit equipment, such as two-way radios and new fareboxes, under a two-thirds Federal, one-third local funding arrangement.

Takoma's grant of \$983,936 will "help the city finance the first two years of its transit modernization and replacement program," according to Secretary of Transportation John A. Volpe. Takoma's 32 new buses will carry 42 to 45 passengers each.

Everett's \$379,073 grant "will enable the city to significantly upgrade its transit service by practically replacing Everett's entire aging bus fleet," Secretary Volpe said. Fourteen of the 18 new buses will be 33-passenger vehicles, while the four others will carry between 19 and 25 riders each.

"Both grants are part of President Nixon's multi-billion dollar, five year program to upgrade public transit systems across the Nation," Secretary Volpe said. "Under the President's Urban Mass Transportation Assistance Act of 1970, we now have enough funds to help provide first-class mass transit service in every American city which can effectively use it."

According to UMTA Administrator Carlos C. Villarreal, Takoma's bus modernization project will cost \$1,475,904, with today's grant of \$983,936 paying for two-thirds of the costs and local funding of \$491,968 covering the remaining one-third costs.

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Administrator Villarreal said that Everett's \$379,073 two-thirds Federal grant would be matched with \$189,537 in local one-third funds, bringing that city's total project costs to \$568,610.

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For further information, contact the UMTA Office of Public Affairs at (202) 426-4043, or the individual grantee. UMTA Project Numbers WA-03-0012 (Takoma) and WA-03-0010 (Everett).

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