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Secretary of Transportation John A. Volpe today announced the award of a \$1,233,333 grant to the Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority (NFTA), for preliminary design of the proposed rail rapid transit line in the Buffalo-Amherst corridor.

The technical study grant funded by the Transportation Department's Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA), will set design standards, produce specific designs and document construction costs with respect to environmental, social and economic aspects of the proposed capital project. "In keeping with President Nixon's priorities for improved transit nationwide," Secretary Volpe said, "this study will investigate a program for a unified urban transportation system as part of the comprehensively planned development of the urban areas."

The proposed study is aimed at providing more specific details relating to phase I of the Transit Development Program in the Buffalo area. Three previous grants totaling nearly \$1 million are providing a feasibility study of a high-speed transit facility for the Buffalo-Amherst corridor, a station area analysis for the proposed rapid transit facility and mass transportation systems planning for the region.

Carlos C. Villarreal, UMTA Administrator, said "the study represents an integral part of the continuing planning process in the Buffalo metropolitan area. This grant and NFTA's expressed desire to proceed quickly to establish a Regional Bus Transit Network means that citizens of the Buffalo area can look forward to a well coordinated mass transportation system."

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Today's action brings the NFTA a step closer in its efforts to acquire the seven regional bus lines, the formation of a unified bus system and to preserve a high level of public transportatin usage.

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