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During the month of March 1973 the Department of Transportation's Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA), announced 12 grants totaling \$43 million. Following is a digest of these grants, their dollar amount, UMTA Project Number, and date of public release. For further information regarding these grants, contact the UMTA Office of Public Affairs at (202) 426-4043 or the grantee.

The grants were made to the:

* City of Ventura, California -- \$28,700 -- for the purchase of one new 40-45 passenger bus and an electric fare box. This grant was an amendment to a previous grant of \$126,282 made in February 1971. (CA-03-0030-1, 3/1/73)

* New York City Transit Authority -- \$30 million -- to continue work on two sections of the new Second Avenue Subway. This grant supplements the \$25 million grant made in June 1972 for the initial construction of a line that will run approximately under Second Avenue from Whitehall Street in lower Manhattan to 180th Street in the Bronx. (NY-03-044-01, 3/5/73)

* City of Norfolk, Virginia -- \$4,177,811 -- to assist in the purchase of the privately-owned Virginia Transit Company, which had been operating at a city-subsidized loss. The grant will also provide for the purchase of 47 new buses and related equipment. (VA-03-0003, 3/8/73)

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* State of Florida -- \$366,408 -- to demonstrate an express bus service along NW 7th Avenue south of Miami's central business district. In the first phase of this project, buses will be equipped with special transmitters allowing the driver to preempt traffic lights on a reserved lane. Metropolitan Dade County Transit Authority will operate this service and adopt it on a permanent basis if the public response is sufficient to defray 85 percent of the costs. (FL-06-0006, 3/5/73)

* City and County of Honolulu, Hawaii -- \$87,800 -- for the initial planning, budgeting, and preparation that will enable Honolulu to become a demonstration city in the UMTA Intermodal Integration Program. Intermodal integration seeks to improve transportation in an urban area by integrating the entire transit system along institutional, operational, and physical lines. (HI-06-0002, 3/16/73)

* Municipality of Metropolitan Seattle, Washington -- \$1,025,266 -- to assist in the acquisition of the privately-owned Metropolitan Transit Corporation. This grant will provide two-thirds of the funding to purchase the 91 buses and physical assets of the company plus the refurbishing and repainting of 200 buses in the city's fleet. (WA-03-0014, 3/21/73)

* American Transit Association (ATA) -- \$96,800 -- to conduct a nationwide tour of TRANSBUS models, giving transit operators and the public a preview of the "bus of the future." These are five-foot scale models of three prototype buses now being developed under a \$25 million Transportation Department Program by AM General Corporation, Rohr Industries, and the Truck and Coach Division of General Motors Corporation. (DC-06-0086, 3/21/73)

* City of Bridgeport, Connecticut -- \$2,040,000 -- to assist in the construction of a new railroad station and additional parking facilities. The new station will be used in conjunction with the New Haven commuter service and will be located across the street from both local and inter-city bus facilities. The design includes elevators, ramps and automatic doors for the convenience of the elderly and handicapped. (CT-03-0006, 3/23/73)

* Lehigh and Northampton Transportation Authority (Allentown, Pennsylvania) -- \$2,002,726 -- to aid Phase I of the Authority's Transit Capital Improvement Program. The grant will fund the purchase of 57 new buses and related equipment. The entire program

includes capital-intensive programs and improved routing, scheduling and passenger comfort, with special attention to the needs of the elderly and handicapped. (PA-03-0038, 3/27/73)

* Mid-America Regional Council, Kansas City, Missouri -- \$236,000 -- to support the transit-related portions of the Council's 1973 intermodal transportation planning program, including the feasibility of rapid transit in the Kansas City area. UMTA joins with Federal Highway Administration and Housing and Urban Development in financially supporting the program. (IT-09-0024-1, 3/28/73)

* Tri-County Regional Planning Commission, Lansing, Michigan -- \$98,666 -- to aid a planning study of activity centers and transportation corridors in the Lansing and East Lansing area. Various alternative circulation plans will be studied, and preliminary demand estimates on the various interconnecting corridors will be developed. (MI-09-0013, 3/29/73)

* Colleges and Universities -- \$2,499,552 - to 24 colleges and universities in 19 States for research and training programs in urban transportation. The grants will be administered by the University Grant Programs Division of UMTA's Office of Research, Development and Demonstrations.

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