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Secretary of Transportation Claude S. Brinegar today announced a \$1 million grant to the City of Detroit's Department of Street Railways (DSR) to aid financing the reconstruction of transit facilities and the purchase of administrative equipment and vehicles.

The grant, made by the Department of Transportation's Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA) represents the Federal two-thirds financing. The remaining one-third will be supplied by the City of Detroit from its General Fund. In announcing the grant Secretary Brinegar noted that it was made possible under President Nixon's multi-billion dollar, five year program to improve transit service throughout the nation.

This project represents a major effort on the part of the DSR to renovate or replace much of its obsolete capital stock. Maintenance facilities, shop equipment and non-revenue vehicles will be included in this effort to achieve greater operating efficiency.

According to UMTA Administrator Frank C. Herringer, the State of Michigan's commitment to transit was a factor in determining the grant. He pointed out that in December 1972 the Michigan Legislature designated one-half cent of its gasoline tax, approximately \$21,000,000 a year, for assisting public transportation in both the areas of capital improvements and operating subsidies.

Herringer added that the UMTA grant to DSR was in keeping with the policy President Nixon avowed in his inaugural address when he said:

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"Let us locate responsibility in more places. And let us measure what we will do for others by what they will do for themselves."

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