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Administrator Frank C. Herringer of the Department of Transportation's Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA) today announced a supplemental grant of \$51,666 to the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission to assist the Commission in establishing a staggered work hours program for the Philadelphia metropolitan area. Additionally, the grant will provide funds to the South Eastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority (SEPTA) to develop a plan for replacing the Reading Company's existing power supply facility with power supplied by the Philadelphia Electric Company's transmission lines.

Administrator Herringer announced the grant at a press conference following a day in Philadelphia, during which he met with Mayor Rizzo for a briefing on key Philadelphia transit projects and addressed the Annual Meeting of the Old Philadelphia Development Corporation.

Herringer pointed out that this second supplemental grant increases the total Federal participation in the project to \$485,666. "The results of feasibility studies such as this could have a broad and enduring effect on relieving downtown congestion during the morning and early evening hours when people are going to and coming from work," he said. "I have a natural reluctance," he added, "to refer to these periods of the day as 'rush hours'."

The original UMTA grant of \$334,000 was made in June 1972 and the first supplement of \$100,000 was made in October 1972. The one-third local share for this \$51,666 supplement is being supplied by SEPTA and the Greater Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce.

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