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Secretary of Transportation Claude S. Brinegar today announced a \$283,366 grant to the Metropolitan Dade County Transit Authority (MTA) to assist in the purchase of 19 small buses for use in the Central Business District of Miami and on the Venetian Causeway linking Miami and Miami Beach.

The grant, made by the Department of Transportation's Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA), represents the Federal two-thirds share towards developing this minibus system. The local one-third share will be paid by MTA and the Florida Department of Transportation.

In making the grant, UMTA's Administrator Frank C. Herringer alluded to President Nixon's statement that "nothing could do more to lift the face of our cities...and the spirit of our city dwellers...than truly adequate systems of modern transportation." Herringer went on to say that the proposed downtown minibus project with its low fare, frequent service and custom-designed equipment will provide an attractive transportation facility and will be the first step to improve mobility in the central Miami area.

Although the project is expected to operate at an annual deficit, this will be paid by Dade County and the Downtown Development Authority. According to local officials, "the project is essential to maintaining downtown Miami as the economic center of Dade County.

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