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Secretary of Transportation Claude S. Brinegar today announced a grant of \$3.5 million to the Tri-State Regional Planning Commission to aid in the preparation of plans for improving urban mass transportation in the Connecticut, New Jersey and New York metropolitan area.

The grant, made by the Department of Transportation's Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA), is in addition to \$5.9 million previously obligated by UMTA to Tri-State.

In announcing the grant, Secretary Brinegar noted that as a result of the original funding Tri-State became the first legislatively-created regional planning agency in a major metropolitan area to receive joint planning funds from UMTA, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). He also observed that this was an example of President Nixon's determination "to end the fragmented 'bit and pieces' approach to urban problems, to recognize their interrelationships, to tackle them in a comprehensive coordinated manner."

The supplemental funds will be used to finance detailed planning for at least 14 improvement studies. These include a range of projects including station development impact in Lower Manhattan, staggered work hours, Erie-Lackawanna rail improvements, Penn Central extension of electrification, and Port Authority Trans-Hudson (PATH) rapid transit extension lines.

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Frank C. Herringer, UMTA Administrator said that two previous grants, along with this latest amendment represents two-thirds of the total \$18 million project costs currently being spent for transportation planning in the Tri-State Area. The remaining one-third local share (\$6 million) is being paid for by local or State participating sponsors.

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