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During the month of April 1973 the Department of Transportation's Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA), announced 12 grants totaling \$28.6 million. Following is a digest of these grants, their dollar amount, UMTA project number, and date of 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:

* Luzerne County Transportation Authority, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania -- \$1,426,068 -- to assist in the purchase of 43 new 45 passenger buses, and related equipment, 45 fare boxes, and 49 two-way radios. Also included is a new garage, a bus washing and cleaning facility, shop equipment, 300 route signs and 37 bus shelters. The grant will aid LCTA in its efforts to aid private mass transportation in the flood-damaged Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania area. (PA-03-0039, 4/11/73)

* City of Detroit, Michigan -- \$1,000,000 -- to assist the City's Department of Street Railways (DSR) to renovate or replace much of its obsolete maintenance facilities, shop equipment and non-revenue vehicles. (MI-03-0021, 4/11/73)

* Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania -- \$51,666 -- to assist in a study to establish staggered work-hours in the Philadelphia metropolitan area and to provide funds to the

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South Eastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority to develop a plan for replacing the Reading Company's power supply facility. This is a supplemental grant. (IT-09-0025-2, 4/17/73)

* City of San Francisco, California -- \$19,766,666 -- to the Public Utilities Commission to enable the City's Municipal Railway (MUNI) to rebuild its electrical system for subway/surface rail cars and trolley coaches. Nine new sub-stations will be built and eight existing ones will be upgraded. Also included will be a new system of power feeders and supervisory control and telephone systems. (CA-03-0056, 4/17/73)

* Wheeling, West Virginia -- \$308,000 -- to the Wheeling Transportation Authority to aid in the purchase of 8 new 33 passenger buses and 4 new 45 passenger buses. The new equipment will be leased to the privately owned Wheeling Rapid Transit, Inc. at a nominal fee while the City of Wheeling develops an overall transit plan for the area. (WV-03-002, 4/18/73)

* The Peninsula Planning District Commission of Southeast Virginia, Hampton, Virginia -- \$53,866 -- for a technical study program relating to the development of ownership and management alternatives for the privately-owned Citizens Rapid Transit Company, and for a five-year capital and non-capital transit improvement program in the Cities of Newport News, Hampton, Williamsburg, and the Counties of James City, York and the town of Poquoson, Virginia. (VA-09-0007, 4/18/73)

* Metropolitan Dade County Transit Authority, Miami, Florida -- \$283,366 -- to assist in the purchase of 19 small buses for use in Miami's CBD and on the Venetian Causeway linking Miami and Miami Beach. Included are 9 new custom designed open buses, 4 new 22-25 passenger buses and 6 new 19 passenger buses. (FL-03-0018, 4/19/73)

* Tri-State Regional Planning Commission, New York, New York -- \$3,500,000 to aid in preparing plans for improving mass transportation in the Connecticut, New Jersey and New York metropolitan area. This is a supplemental grant and will be used to finance at least 14 improvement studies, 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. (IT-09-0023-1, 4/21/73)

* Transit Authority of Lexington and Fayette County, Lexington, Kentucky -- \$1,692,083 -- to aid in the purchase of 42 new 45-passenger buses for use when the privately owned Lexington Transit Corp. discontinues service on June 30, 1973. Also included is the construction of a new maintenance facility and the purchase of related equipment. (KY-03-0002, 4/26/73)

* Fort Wayne Public Transportation Corp., Fort Wayne, Indiana -- \$249,416 -- to assist in the purchase of four 25-passenger and four 31-35 passenger buses, along with two service vehicles, eight passenger shelters and 26 mobile radio units and related equipment. (IN-03-0015, 4/27/73)

* City of Key West, Florida -- \$160,000 -- to assist in the purchase of seven new 31-35 passenger buses and related equipment. The buses will be used to replace buses currently being leased from the Florida State Department of Transportation. (FL-03-0021, 4/27/73)

* City of Amarillo, Texas -- \$165,346 -- to aid in the purchase of eight new 31-35 passenger buses. A previous UMTA grant to the city owned and operated Amarillo Transit System (ATS) for eight similar buses was made in 1971. (TX-03-0017, 4/27/73)

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