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Secretary of Transportation Claude S. Brinegar today announced a \$2 million grant to the Miami Valley Regional Transit Authority (MVRTA) in Dayton, Ohio to help acquire the tangible operating assets of the privately-owned City Transit Company (CTC) of Dayton.

The \$1,984,833 grant will be administered by the Department's Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA) and will provide two-thirds of the money required to purchase 134 trolley buses, 42 diesel buses, and other physical assets of CTC. No real estate will be included in the transaction. The remaining one-third local share will be provided by a special transit property tax levied in the Dayton area, following a successful referendum held in October 1971.

In making the announcement, Secretary Brinegar said that Dayton had responded to President Nixon's recent request in his National Transportation Week Proclamation. "I ask the people of our Nation to join with the Department of Transportation and with our appropriate State and local agencies," the President said, "in reaffirming our commitment to a progressive and balanced transportation system for America."

UMTA Administrator Frank C. Herringer remarked that several aspects of this grant are unique. He pointed out that Dayton is the only city in the United States in which the all-electric trolley-coach is the backbone of the transit service, (out-numbering diesel coaches 130-to-40) and to have extended these lines in recent years. "It is also gratifying," Herringer said, "to find a community willing to tax itself for better transportation." He added that the citizens of Dayton did just this when they overwhelmingly approved a referendum to provide one mill per dollar

valuation on taxable property over a ten year period, to be used for transportation purposes alone. " The Administrator went on to say that the ecological decision to retain and extend the trolley-coach system is indicative of the City's unique and enterprising approach to mass transit.

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