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The United States Department of Transportation's Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA) today announced the award of a \$540,116 technical studies grant to the Puerto Rico Department of Transportation and Public Works to support on-going transportation planning in the San Juan and Ponce metropolitan areas. Island-wide planning activities as contained in the Unified Work Program are included in the study.

"Comprehensive transit planning is essential to the orderly growth of our urban areas," Secretary Brinegar said. "It is doubly critical in confined geographic areas such as Puerto Rico," the Secretary added.

UMTA Administrator, Frank C. Herringer noted that the most significant item included in the study relates to the San Juan metropolitan area rapid transit system. The objective of this activity is to complete the preliminary design work underway, develop a land use plan to guide development along the rapid transit corridor, evaluate the environmental impact and develop a financial plan for implementation of the rapid transit system.

Significant short-range activities include a feasibility study on the establishment of park and ride facilities in conjunction with the existing bus system, development of a bus service improvement plan, preparation of a San Juan area Transit Development Program, and a carpooling study.

The one-fifth share of the total project cost is being provided by the Puerto Rico Department of Transportation and Public Works.

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