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Secretary of Transportation Claude S. Brinegar today announced an Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA) grant of \$2,659,200 to the Tri-State Regional Planning Commission, New York City, to assist in coordinated support program projects and sub-regional transit systems planning programs.

In commenting on the UMTA technical studies grant-in-aid program under which planning funds are made available to cities for transit planning, Secretary Brinegar said, "continuing comprehensive planning, on a regional basis is vital to the success of the Nation's public transportation." The Tri-State Regional Planning Commission is recognized as the region's single recipient agency for New York metropolitan area UMTA transit planning funds.

UMTA Administrator Frank C. Herringer noted that prior to undertaking the planning activities, unified work programs will be required of the subregional agencies and include a transit development program as one of the products.

Following is a digest of the projects, their dollar amount and the agency performing the study:

* New York City Department of City Planning and the Office of Lower Manhattan Development -- \$200,000 -- to investigate the specific circulation requirements of a small transit system, and evaluate the practicality with which various system hardware, circulation routes, and station location schemes can be expected to cope with projected mobility demands in the Lower Manhattan area.

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* Metropolitan Transportation Authority -- \$200,000 -- to investigate the means for improvement of service in the vicinity of the Jamaica station on the Long Island Rail Road.

* Metropolitan Transportation Authority -- \$134,400 -- to investigate the physical and operational needs of adding a third track to a ten mile section of the Long Island Rail Road main line serving the Oyster Bay, Jefferson and Main Line - Ronkonkoma branches.

* New York City Transit Authority -- \$134,400 -- to develop an automated testing system for diagnosing mechanical and electrical troubles in buses.

* New York City Transportation Administration -- \$120,000 -- to develop recommendations for improvements to Staten Island Ferry terminal facilities.

* New York City Transit Authority -- \$236,000 -- to develop track alignments, profiles, method of construction, station locations and cost estimates for the "East Houston Street-Avenue C routes" of the New York City Rail Rapid Transit Expansion Program.

* New Jersey Department of Transportation -- \$92,000 -- to determine the feasibility of line extension and modal modification of the New York and Long Branch Railroad for the purpose of providing improved service.

* Tri-State Regional Planning Commission/Metropolitan Transportation Authority -- \$60,000 -- to develop data on the public transportation needs of the handicapped, determine alternatives to meet these needs and cost of providing the service.

* New Jersey Department of Transportation -- \$96,000 -- to determine the nature and extent of the demand for and feasibility of continuing public transportation service in the Plainfield-Annandale corridor.

* Port Authority of New York and New Jersey -- \$800,000 -- to undertake and complete Phase II, including preliminary design and engineering required for expanded PATH rail service in Northeastern New Jersey.

* Metropolitan Transportation Authority -- \$74,400 -- extend and complete the Erie-Lackawanna Railway Improvements study including the portion of the route in New Jersey between Secaucus and Suffern, the Bergen County Line and the Maine Line via Paterson.

* New York City Transportation Administration -- \$40,000 -- to identify potential transportation problems and opportunities related to the New York City Bicentennial celebration.

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