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Secretary of Transportation Claude S. Brinegar today announced an Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA) supplementary grant of \$1,295,288 to the Delaware Authority for Regional Transit (DART) to assist in the acquisition of land, construction of a garage/office facility and the purchase of shop tools and office equipment.

"The kind of facilities available to a transit system play an important role in its ability to operate economically, conserve energy, and provide good service," Secretary Brinegar said. The new site, located near the center of DART's operating area, will save 9,500 gallons of diesel fuel per year as compared to the present site.

UMTA Administrator Frank C. Herringer pointed out that the original grant of \$1,708,679, which today's award supplements, assisted DART in acquiring the Delaware Coach Company and in purchasing 55 new 45-passenger transit buses. The present amendment provides adequate funds for the construction and outfitting of the garage/office facility, replacing a building constructed during the Civil War.

The new site, located under an elevated section of I-95, will provide partially sheltered parking for 65 buses. Parking spaces for an additional 35 buses are also available.

The one-fifth local share of the total project cost is being provided by the State of Delaware.

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