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U.S. Secretary of Transportation Claude S. Brinegar today announced an Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA) technical studies grant of \$457,370 to the Houston-Galveston Area Council (HGAC) of Houston, Texas, to support the transit related elements of the transportation planning program in the Houston-Galveston metropolitan area. The study is being conducted as part of the Integrated Grant Administration program.

"Comprehensive regional transit planning is vital to America's future reliance on her own energy resources," Secretary Brinegar said. "The opportunities for public transportation to provide mobility to the residents of our metropolitan areas, conserve energy and shape more orderly urban development depend on sound planning," the Secretary added.

UMTA Administrator Frank C. Herringer noted that this grant will provide UMTA funds for the first time to the Houston-Galveston Area Council. The City of Houston previously received a \$516,000 technical studies grant to prepare a long and short-range mass transportation program, including a preliminary rapid transit plan.

This study will update the long-range transportation plan and produce a five year regional transportation development program for the Houston-Galveston area.

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The one-fifth local share of the project cost is being provided by the Houston-Galveston Area Council, and the cities of Houston and Galveston, Texas.

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