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U. S. Secretary of Transportation Claude S.

Brinegar today announced an Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA) grant of \$1, 411,652 to the City of Colorado Springs, Colorado for the purchase of 14 used and 14 new buses, maintenance equipment, and the construction of a new garage/office facility. Bus signs, shelters, and two-way radios also will be purchased in an effort to revitalize bus transportation in the area.

Secretary Brinegar commented that "rising costs and reduced revenues are prompting large-scale Federal assistance to mass transportation in many American cities." It is expected that improvements

and extensions in service made possible by the UMTA grant will end the steady down-trend in ridership prevalent in the the city since 1956.

UMTA Administrator Frank C. Herringer pointed out that Colorado Springs first took over the operation of public bus transportation in 1972. Since that time the city council has passed a series of formal resolutions affirming its commitment to improved mobility and public operation has resulted in an upgraded and expanded mass transit system.

The local one-fifth share of the project cost is being provided by the City of Colorado Springs.

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