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The Department of Transportation's Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA) today announced a grant of \$3,658,356 to the Cumberland-Dauphin-Harrisburg Transit Authority of Harrisburg, Penn., known locally as Capitol Area Transit (CAT). The grant will assist CAT in the purchase of 55 new transit buses and related equipment, the renovation of a garage/office facility, and the acquisition of the tangible assets of the privately owned Harrisburg Railways Co.

On July 1, 1973, CAT assumed responsibility for transit service in the Harrisburg area under a purchase-of-service agreement with the Harrisburg Railways Co. This was in direct response to the private company's application to cease service. When acquisition is completed, Harrisburg will be the 123rd city in which public ownership of mass transit has been made possible by UMTA's Capital Grant Program.

The 55 new buses will be used to meet CAT's peak hour requirements and will replace a like number of 18 to 23 year old vehicles.

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The local one-fifth share of the project cost is being provided by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, the City of Harrisburg, and the counties of Dauphin and Cumberland.

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