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The U.S. Department of Transportation's Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA) today announced a \$2,775,600 grant to the Jacksonville Transportation Authority of Jacksonville, Florida, to assist in meeting the growing demands for public transportation of the Jacksonville area. The grant will assist in the purchase of 50 new 53-passenger buses, 14 buses with a capacity ranging from 16 to 25 passengers, and two new specially equipped 16-passenger buses to serve the area's handicapped. In addition, new fare boxes, service vehicles, shop equipment, bus stop shelters and related equipment will be acquired.

In late 1972, an UMTA grant made possible public acquisition of the then privately owned transportation system and 45 new buses. The resulting public acceptance and substantial ridership gains necessitates replacement of 39 vehicles averaging 17 years of age and the addition of new routes. A significant reduction

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in maintenance costs, increased dependability and continued increases in ridership are expected to result from these improvements.

The local one-fifth share of the total project cost is being provided by the Florida Department of Transportation and Jacksonville Transportation Authority.

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