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The U.S. Department of Transportation's Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA) today announced a grant of \$1,927,040 to the Birmingham-Jefferson County Transit Authority (BJCTA) of Birmingham, Alabama. The grant will assist in the purchase of twenty-five new 45-passenger buses and the acquisition of a garage/office facility presently being leased.

The new buses will replace 25 vehicles of an average age of 16 years, and will allow BJCTA to operate new buses on virtually all routes. Outright ownership of the garage/office facility is expected to save an annual \$75,000 presently being paid in taxes and rent.

In 1973, an UMTA grant provided for the public purchase of the tangible assets of the privately owned Birmingham Transit Corporation. Since that time BJCTA has expanded service from 18 to 37 routes and has launched a vigorous campaign to publicize its service and increase ridership.

The local one-fifth share of the total project cost is being provided by the City of Birmingham and several surrounding communities.

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