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U. S. Secretary of Transportation Claude S. Brinegar today announced an Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA) grant of \$3,507,764 to the Transit Authority of the City of Omaha, Nebraska, to assist in the purchase of fifty 49-53 passenger, air-conditioned diesel transit buses, radios, passenger shelters, service vehicles, related bus transit equipment, and a parcel of land for parking. In addition, the garage, shop area, and administrative offices will be renovated.

"The increase in ridership in Omaha and other American cities over the past year is an encouraging sign," Secretary Brinegar said. Since public acquisition of the transit system, and purchase of thirty new buses, with the help of an UMTA capital grant in mid-1972, ridership has steadily increased.

UMTA Administrator Frank C. Herringer noted that the equipment to be acquired is part of the region's transit development program developed by the Metropolitan Area Planning Agency for the Omaha area. The new coaches will be equipped with special handrails, and stanchions, non-skid flooring and front and rear step-well lighting which illuminates the area outside of the bus doors to better serve the elderly and handicapped riders. The system also participates in a reduced fare plan and provides other amenities for the elderly.

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The one-fifth local share of the total project cost is being provided by the Transit Authority of the City of Omaha.

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