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The U.S. Department of Transportation's Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA) today announced a grant of \$2,099,904 to the Long Beach Public Transportation Company (PTC) of Long Beach, California. The grant will help PTC buy thirty-two 45-passenger buses, 145 two-way radios, 1,175 bus stop signs, and other support equipment. The grant also will provide for the purchase and installation of anti-pollution devices on 55 buses, purchase of a fare collection and sorting system, and the construction of a building to house the system.

PTC ridership has been rising since 1973, especially so since April 1, 1974 when fares were reduced to 25 cents and transfers were made interchangeable with three adjoining bus lines. The new buses will be used to reduce headways by 10 to 15 minutes on fourteen existing routes and to open two new cross-town routes. The two-way radios and the fare collection system will help increase operating efficiency.

A previous UMTA grant of \$2,114,175 provided for the purchase of 8 buses and the construction of a recently completed maintenance facility.

The local one-fifth share of the total project cost is being provided from state gasoline tax revenues.

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