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The U.S. Department of Transportation's Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA) today announced a grant of \$1,481,600 to the City of Sheboygan, Wisconsin. The grant will allow the city to take over Sheboygan's privately owned bus line and to make major, badly needed capital improvements. Both actions were recommended in an UMTA funded study conducted in 1972.

The grant provides for the purchase of twenty-three new 35- and 45-passenger transit buses, 24 registering fare-boxes, and 25 two-way radios, as well as the construction and outfitting of a new office/maintenance facility. The new buses will replace Sheboygan's entire fleet which no longer provides reliable service. The present garage was originally built as a street car barn and is too old and cramped to be profitably renovated. The local one-fifth share of all project costs will be provided by the city of Sheboygan.

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Since 1970, transit ridership has plummeted. The new buses are expected to reverse this down-trend by allowing the city to reroute its service so as to reduce headways and provide faster, more direct transportation. The two-way radios, to be installed on all vehicles, will enable drivers to report accidents and delays immediately and will result in better transfer service.

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