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The U.S. Department of Transportation's Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA) today announced a grant of \$10,054,080 to the City and County of Honolulu, Hawaii, for the purchase of 40 new transit buses. The project also includes the purchase of 9 acres of land at Halawa, and the construction of a multimillion dollar maintenance facility at the site.

The project is based on the recommendations of the city's transit development program and represents Phase I of a three-year plan.

The buses will replace unreliable vehicles currently in use and will allow the city to provide more efficient, dependable service. The city will be able to maintain and store 250 buses at the new facility.

Ever since 1970 when a strike forced the former private operator to withdraw from service, the city and county have had to build up a transit system virtually from nothing. UMTA capital assistance, combined with innovative service, an enthusiastic marketing campaign, and a reduced fare plan have resulted in a comprehensive bus system providing excellent service throughout the island of Oahu. Honolulu expects to follow up the present projects with further construction and fleet additions to meet the needs of its increasing number of transit riders.

The local one-fifth share of the total project cost is being provided by the City and County of Oahu.

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