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The U. S. Department of Transportation's Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA) today announced a grant of \$7,076,000 to the Cleveland Transit System (CTS) of Cleveland, Ohio for capital improvements in both bus and rail. The grant will help CTS buy 160 new 50-passenger buses and eight supervisory vehicles, as well as a pole truck, an under-rail wheel grinder and a track tamping machine for its rapid rail line. Today's grant brings total UMTA assistance to CTS to a figure of more than \$27 million.

When the 160 new buses are delivered, CTS will withdraw a like number of obsolete vehicles from service, the oldest and least reliable of which will be cannibalized. The rest will be put into storage and reactivated as necessary to meet increasing transit demands.

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The pole-truck, used to replace and maintain the poles that support over-head electrification lines, will replace a 20 year-old predecessor long past retirement age. The wheel grinder will allow maintenance of rail car trucks without removing them from the cars and should save at least 100 man-hours in service time per car. The tamping machine will enable CTS to maintain its own road-bed.

The local one-fifth share of the total project cost is being provided from the CTS's Capital Replacement Fund and a grant from the Ohio Department of Transportation.

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