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The U.S. Department of Transportation's Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA) today announced a grant of \$1,114,984 to the Bloomington-Normal Public Transit System (BNPTS), of Bloomington, Illinois. The grant will help BNPTS buy eighteen 31-passenger and two 25-passenger transit buses and related support equipment, and will finance the acquisition and renovation of the present bus garage. These actions were recommended in an earlier UMTA funded transportation study.

The new buses will allow BNPTS to retire all but 6 of its present fleet of vehicles and to extend and improve its service. The 2 smaller buses will be equipped to accommodate passengers in wheel chairs and will be patronized on a demand-responsive basis by the area's elderly and handicapped.

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The local one-fifth share of the total project cost is being provided by the Illinois Department of Transportation and the communities of Bloomington and Normal.

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