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The U.S. Department of Transportation's Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA) today announced a grant of \$23,040,424 to the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) of Boston, Massachusetts to assist in advancing the MBTA's South Shore Rapid Transit Project. This grant is the second to tap the \$671 million made available for mass transit in the Boston area by means of a transfer of funds originally earmarked for Interstate Highway construction.

The South Shore Line currently runs from a connection with the Cambridge/Dorchester Line to a temporary terminal at Quincy Center and since its opening in 1970 has been carrying 60 per cent more weekday passengers than had been anticipated. Today's grant will supplement previously approved funding to extend rapid transit service 3.2 miles south from Quincy Center to South Braintree and will bring the Federal commitment for the South Shore Line to a total of \$61,862,020.

Included in the project is construction of a South Braintree Station designed to accommodate six-car trains. A 1,000 to 1,200 space parking lot, a bus transfer facility, and access ramps for the elderly and handicapped are also part of the present station plan.

The local one-fifth share of the total project cost will be provided by MBTA from the proceeds of bond sales.

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