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During December, 1974, the Department of Transportation's Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA) announced 18 grants totaling \$35,262,987. Following is a digest of the announced grants, their dollar amount, UMTA project number and date of announcement. For further information contact the UMTA Office of Public Affairs at (202) 426-4043 or the grantee.

The grants were made to:

*New Orleans, Louisiana, Mississippi River Bridge Authority -- \$1,200,000 -- a supplemental grant to provide for the engineering and construction of a parking facility at the Algiers Ferry landing -- complements a previous \$10.7 million award for boats and other improvements to ferry service. (LA-03-0012-01, 12/2/74)

*New Bedford, Massachusetts, Southeastern Regional Transit Authority -- \$4,982,500 -- to assist in the purchase of 73 new transit buses for replacement of aging, unserviceable buses and for service improvements. (MA-03-0030, 12/2/74)

*Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Franklin Institute Research Laboratories -- \$29,959 -- supplements a previous grant of \$14,985. The project will identify and evaluate all presently available hardware designed to facilitate the use of public transit systems by the handicapped and elderly. (PA-06-0031-01, 12/10/74)

*Beckley, West Virginia, Region I Planning and Development Council -- \$36,000 -- a technical studies grant to assist in the development of a short-range transit program. (WV-09-0004, 12/10/74)

*Meredith, New Hampshire, Lakes Regional Planning Commission -- \$23,200 -- a technical studies grant to investigate existing public transportation services and to formulate recommendations for improvement. (NH-09-0003, 12/10/74)

*Topeka, Kansas, Topeka-Shawnee County Metropolitan Planning Commission -- \$22,220 -- a technical studies grant to support a continuing transportation planning program in the Topeka area. (KS-09-0004, 12/10/74)

*San Luis Obispo, California, San Luis Obispo Regional Transportation Agency -- \$24,760 -- a technical studies grant to support short-range transportation planning. (CA-09-0039, 12/10/74)

*New York, New York, New York City Transit Authority -- \$18,869,600 -- a supplemental grant for unanticipated construction costs for improvements to portions of the 63rd Street line. \$63,733,333 was previously approved for the project. (NY-03-0045-01, 12/10/74)

*Trenton, New Jersey, New Jersey Department of Transportation -- \$200,000 -- to continue the Haddonfield Dial-A-Ride demonstration program into February 1975. (NJ-06-0002, 12/12/74)

*Norfolk, Virginia, Southeastern Virginia Planning District Commission of Norfolk, Virginia -- \$94,500 -- a technical studies grant to support the transit-related activities contained in the Norfolk area FY 1975 Unified Work Program. (VA-09-0012, 12/17/74)

*Las Cruces, New Mexico, Southern Rio Grande Council of Governments -- \$16,000 -- a technical studies grant to determine the need for public transportation and if feasible, develop plans and programs to establish an urban transit system for each community within Dona Anna, Sierra and Socorro counties. (NM-09-0004, 12/17/74)

*Lubbock, Texas -- \$564,432 -- to help buy 13 new buses and related bus transit equipment. (TX-03-0016, 12/17/74)

*Maysville, Kentucky -- \$105,840 -- to assist in the purchase of three new 33-passenger buses. (KY-03-0006, 12/23/74)

*Vancouver, Washington -- \$516,712 -- to assist in the purchase of 10 new buses and related transit equipment. (WA-03-0018, 12/23/74)

*Indianapolis, Indiana, Indianapolis Public Transportation Corporation -- \$8,033,516 -- to assist in the public acquisition of a local transit system and other improvements to public transportation in the Indianapolis area. (IN-03-0022, 12/26/74)

*Wooster, Ohio -- \$159,860 -- to assist in the purchase of four new buses and related transit equipment. (OH-03-0032, 12/30/74)

*Palm Springs, California -- \$313,544 -- to assist in the purchase of seven new buses and related transit equipment. (CA-03-0095, 12/30/74)

*Ventura, California, South Coast Area Transit -- \$70,344 -- a supplemental grant to assist in the purchase of two 40-45 passenger buses and related equipment as substitutes for smaller buses originally approved. The original grant was for \$105,200. (CA-03-0053-01, 12/30/74)

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