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The U. S. Department of Transportation's Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA) today announced a grant of \$5,492,600 to the Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority (NFTA) Buffalo, New York, to help buy 103 new buses and related support equipment. One hundred and three antiquated and unreliable buses and three old service vehicles will be replaced by the grant, which also will provide additional spare engines and transmissions to the shop inventory.

NFT Metro, NFTA's operating subsidiary has been providing service since April, 1974 when, with UMTA assistance, it acquired the major local private carrier. Since that time, NFT Metro has continued to consolidate small area carriers into one comprehensive system. Once all local carriers have been acquired and unreliable equipment replaced, NFT Metro expects to stem the recent downward trend in ridership and hopes for an annual increase of 5 per cent.

The local one-fifth share of the total project cost will be met with New York State Transportation Bond funds.

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