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This is the U.S. Department of Transportation Broadcast News Service for Thursday, January 11 with remarks by a Departmental spokesman on the award of more than \$70 million for the purchase of Washington area bus companies.

"Transportation Secretary John Volpe has announced the award of more than \$70 million to the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority to aid in the purchase of 4 area bus companies. The \$70 million, 300 thousand grant, funded by the Urban Mass Transportation Administration, represents two-thirds of the \$105 million, 500 thousand total cost. Secretary Volpe said, 'acquiring the faltering private companies now operating in the nation's capital is in keeping with President Nixon's priorities for preserving and improving transit service nationwide.' The local share of the project will be contributed by governmental bodies within the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Virginia and the State of Maryland."

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