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This is the U.S. Department of Transportation Broadcast News Service with two actualities of Transportation Secretary John Volpe on the award of more than \$70 million to the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority for the purchase of four area bus companies.

"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. Coordination of all public transit facilities under one regional authority in Washington may well be the beginning of a model system for the entire nation.

"This will enable the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority to operate a coordinated mass transportation system. Some of the changes will include the integration of the fare systems and the availability of transfers between routes. The end result will be better equipment and service as well as a more comfortable ride for patrons of the system."

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