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The U.S. Department of Transportation Broadcast News Service for Wednesday, June 27 has a story by a Department spokeswoman on a project testing a new energy source for mass transit.

"The Department of Transportation's Urban Mass Transportation Administration today announced a grant for a project which could be the first step in the re-emergence of the trolley as a popular mass transit vehicle. The \$300,000 grant goes to the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission for the design and testing of a Kinetic Energy Wheel as a supplemental energy supply system to power trolley-coaches. The system to be developed will use a flywheel in the trolley to store enough electrical energy from overhead wires to allow the trolley to travel 6 miles before a recharge is needed. Without dependence on overhead wires, the noiseless, pollution free trolley buses could again become a workable transit system in today's larger, more spread-out cities."

This has been the Transportation News Report.

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