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The U.S. Department of Transportation Broadcast News Service for Friday, June 29 has two excerpts of Secretary Brinegar on public transit.

Atlanta, Georgia has received one of the largest grants for public transit in the history of the U.S. Department of Transportation. It amounts to \$69.5 million for the first phase of that city's rail-busway rapid transit system.

Transportation Secretary Claude Brinegar observed during ceremonies in Washington:

"The system the people of Atlanta are building has all the ingredients to make it a success: 50 miles of modern rapid rail facilities in combination with 14 1/2 miles of exclusive busways, to serve the central business district as well as the suburbs, supported by a local tax initiative that lowered fares and already has increased public transit travel significantly.

"President Nixon is strongly committed to the development of urban transportation systems that best serve the needs of the community. Atlanta, from all we have seen, is building that kind of a system. I believe that when cities throughout the Nation follow the example being set by Atlanta, we will achieve new levels of mobility that will do honor to our cities, our society and our kindred goals of environmental preservation and energy conservation."

This has been the Transportation News Report.

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