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The U.S. Secretary of Transportation William T. Coleman, Jr. today announced an Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA) grant of \$8,155,700 to the District of Columbia for construction at the National Visitor Center, Washington, D.C.

The grant is designed to assist construction of a main-level bus terminal in the National Visitor Center parking structure, together with ingress and egress ramps for public transit vehicles and a mezzanine gallery to provide pedestrian movement between public transportation modes.

Secretary Coleman said, "The project was identified in the President's 1972 Bicentennial Message as of particular significance to the nation's Bicentennial celebration. The National Visitor Center at Union Station is unique because bus, rail and automobile transportation converge there and because it remains ideally located to serve the travelling public."

The project converts Union Station into a National Visitor Center, including the integration of present intercity and commuter rail service with local transportation modes. The grant represents funding of facilities which are needed to coordinate public transportation at a time when urban dependence upon the auto must decline.

Local contributions are assisting in the project.

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