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U. S. Secretary of Transportation, William T. Coleman, Jr., today announced a \$2,234,000 Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA) grant to the Regional Transportation Planning Board to support transportation planning in the Chicago, Illinois/Gary, Indiana, metropolitan area.

UMTA Administrator, Robert E. Patricelli noted the grant is designed to assist in the continuation and conclusion of several local studies dealing with the region-wide improvement program in DuPage County Indiana, Lake County Illinois and the North Suburban Mass Transit District and the Chicago central area of Illinois. Also the grant provides for the start of new studies for the Southwest Corridor in Cook and Will Counties and the cities of Aurora and Elgin, Illinois. In addition, the Chicago Transit Authority is provided funds to investigate the feasibility of reorganization and consolidation of its maintenance facilities.

The city of Chicago and other local jurisdictions are providing a one-fifth share of the total project cost.

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