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U. S. Secretary of Transportation William T. Coleman, Jr., today announced the award of a \$1,080,000 grant to the city of Galveston, Texas.

The grant is being made by the Department's Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA) for the purchase of 15 45-passenger buses, 18 two-way mobile radios, other equipment and maintenance apparatus.

"Without the continued access to public mass transit, many of Galveston's citizens would be seriously and adversely affected in their ability to travel throughout the city," Secretary Coleman said.

In awarding the grant, the UMTA Administrator, Robert E. Patricelli, said, "The most conspicuous need of mass transit in Galveston is for new vehicles. The average age of the buses to be replaced is over 14 years old."

Patricelli also noted that the buses purchased under this grant will be designed in such a way that a portion of Galveston's elderly and handicapped persons will be able to ride on these vehicles with minimum difficulty.

The city of Galveston is providing the local one-fifth share of the project cost.

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