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U.S. Secretary of Transportation William T. Coleman, Jr., today announced a \$5,277,200 grant to the Southern California Rapid Transit District in Los Angeles, California, to aid the District with the purchase of 30 articulated buses.

Awarded by the Department of Transportation's Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA), the grant also will aid in purchasing bus stop signs, supervisory automobiles and the acquisition of land and improvement of facilities at a maintenance complex.

UMTA Administrator Robert E. Patricelli noted that all buses to be purchased under this grant will contain the presently available package of amenities to facilitate use by the elderly and handicapped persons. These include entrance way grab rails and stanchions, lighted stepwells and non-skid flooring.

"By assisting the cities to improve public transportation systems, the federal government is able to contribute to the mobility of all our cities' citizens," Secretary Coleman said. "Improving urban mass transportation is a top priority for the federal government."

The State of California is providing the local one-fifth share of the project cost.

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