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A grant of $11,447,220 for completion of Philadelphia's downtown Frankford elevated railway was announced today by Secretary of Transportation William T. Coleman, Jr. The grant is from the Department's Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA).

Secretary Coleman said, "Mass transit performs a vital role in conserving energy, protecting the environment and assuring access to essential community services." The Secretary a native of Philadelphia, added, "I am especially pleased to see the long-delayed and much needed 'EL' relocation project proceed toward completion. The project exemplifies the high local priority being given to mass transit improvements in the Philadelphia area."

The grant to the city of Philadelphia provides funds for land acquisition and construction, with the relocation of a section of the Elevated Railway between the Second Avenue station and the intersection of Front and Wilder Streets to a new location in the median strip of the Delaware Expressway. The grant supplements a previous award of $9,686,666.

Robert E. Patricelli Administrator of UMTA, said the grant reflects a national Federal commitment to urban transportation improvements as a means of conserving energy and meeting the needs of urban citizens.

The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation and local jurisdictions are providing the local one-fifth share of the total project cost.

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