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A \$1,198,806 grant for communications equipment to the Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority, Buffalo, New York, was announced today by the U.S. Department of Transportation's Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA).

UMTA Administrator Robert E. Patricelli noted the federal portion of the grant will come from the Buffalo urbanized area's Federal Aid to Urban Systems apportionment for the current fiscal year. The highway funds were reserved in October for the mass transit project under provisions of the Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1973.

The grant provides for the purchase of 668 digital, two-way radios and base station equipment. The new equipment is needed to replace 100 antiquated, tube-type radios and five base stations. The equipment is expected to substantially increase the system's efficiency and security and aid in the collection of needed data.

The New York State Department of Transportation and the Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority are providing the local share of the project cost.

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