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A grant of \$39,068,500 for Erie Lackawanna Railway improvements was announced today by U.S. Secretary of Transportation William T. Coleman, Jr. The grant is from the Department's Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA).

The grant supplements funds already approved for design and engineering of the Erie Lackawanna Railway improvement program and for the purchase of 160 new rail commuter cars. The additional funds allow for adjustment in the cost of the original car order and extension of the project from 160 to 180 new cars. With this grant the total UMTA share of the project cost now totals \$118.8 million.

UMTA Administrator Robert E. Patricelli noted that in addition to the purchase of new cars the program includes conversion of an antiquated 3,000 volt d.c. electrification system to a more conventional 12,500 volt 60 cycle system, extension of electrification from Dover to Netcong, a distance of ten miles, the construction of stations, yards and shops and other improvements to track, signal, switch, communications and train control systems.

The local one-fifth share of the total project cost is being provided by the New Jersey Department of Transportation.

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