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During March 1976, the U.S. Department of Transportation's Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA) announced the award of 66 grants totaling \$126,404,374.

A digest of the announced grants, their dollar amount, UMTA project number and date of announcement follows.

Grants were made to:

*Memphis, Tennessee--\$2,600,650--to help cover eligible operating expenses of the Memphis Transit Authority from July 1, 1975 through June 30, 1976. (UMTA Project No. TN-05-4006, 3/3/76)

*Miami, Florida, Metropolitan Dade County--\$15,176,000--for engineering costs related to the first stage of construction of Miami's proposed rail transit system. (UMTA Project No. FL-03-0036, 3/4/76)

*Detroit, Michigan, Southeastern Michigan Transportation Authority--\$7,382,084--to help buy 196 new buses and related bus transit equipment. (UMTA Project No. MI-03-0030-02, 3/4/76)

*Iowa City, Iowa, Johnson County Regional Planning Commission--\$15,000--a supplemental grant to support continuing transportation planning in the metropolitan area. (UMTA Project No. IA-09-0012-01, 3/5/76)

*Lansing, Michigan, Michigan Department of State Highways and Transportation--\$120,800--a supplemental grant to support a statewide elderly and handicapped transit planning program and other studies. (UMTA Project No. MI-09-8001-01, 3/5/76)

*Merced, California--\$278,572--to help buy four 14-passenger vans and related bus transit equipment. (UMTA Project No. CA-03-0103, 3/8/76)

*Winslow, Maine, North Kennebec Regional Planning Commission--\$25,600--to support production of a transit development program for Augusta, Gardiner and Waterville, Maine and vicinity. (UMTA Project No. ME-09-0006, 3/9/76)

*Boise, Idaho, Ada Council of Governments--\$20,000--to support continuing transportation planning in the metropolitan area. (UMTA Project No. ID-09-0002-01, 3/8/76)

*Honolulu, Hawaii, Hawaii Department of Transportation--\$20,000--a supplemental grant to support continuing short-range transit planning in Maui and Kauai counties. (UMTA Project No. HI-09-8001-01, 3/9/76)

*Cleveland, Ohio-Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency--\$126,217--to help cover eligible operating expenses of the city of Euclid from January 1, 1975 through December 31, 1975. (UMTA Project No. OH-05-4004, 3/9/76)

*Provo, Utah, Mountainland Association of Governments--\$43,460-- a supplemental grant for continued support of comprehensive transit planning efforts in the Provo/Orem metropolitan area. (UMTA Project No. UT-09-0006-01, 3/9/76)

*Louisville, Kentucky, Transit Authority of Louisville and Jefferson County--\$3,194,560--to help buy a private transit company, new buses and related equipment. (UMTA Project No. KY-03-0011, 3/10/76)

*Des Moines, Iowa, Central Iowa Regional Association of Governments--\$20,000--a supplemental grant to support continuing transportation planning in the metropolitan area. (UMTA Project No. IA-09-0018-01, 3/10/76)

*Iowa City, Iowa--\$1,071,832--to help buy 20 new buses and related transit equipment. (UMTA Project No. IA-03-0015, 3/10/76)

*Springfield, Illinois, Springfield Mass Transit District--\$49,212--a supplemental grant to assist in the purchase of new buses and related transit equipment. (UMTA Project No. IL-03-0032-01, 3/10/76)

*Canton, Ohio, Canton Regional Transit Authority--\$266,000--to assist in the purchase of four new transit buses. (UMTA Project No. OH-05-0004, 3/10/76)

*South Bend, Indiana, South Bend Public Transportation Corporation--\$232,680--a supplemental grant to help construct a new administrative facility and to buy additional transit equipment. (UMTA Project No. IL-03-0017-01, 3/10/76)

*Dallas, Texas, Dallas Transit System--\$3,113,243--to help purchase 50 new 51-passenger transit buses and

related equipment. (UMTA Project No. TX-03-0027, 3/11/76)

*Brooklyn, New York, Polytechnic Institute of New York--\$62,304--to support research into noise levels of subway cars. (UMTA Project No. NY-11-0002, 3/10/76)

*Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, Tri-County Regional Planning Commission--\$40,000--to support comprehensive transportation planning in the metropolitan area. (UMTA Project No. PA-09-0033, 3/12/76)

*Tupelo, Mississippi, Lee County Council of Governments--\$18,336--a supplemental grant to help meet a higher than anticipated cost of six new 25-passenger buses and related equipment. (UMTA Project No. MS-03-0001-01, 3/15/76)

*Sacramento, California, Sacramento Regional Transit District--\$2,982,319--to help cover eligible operating expenses of the Sacramento Regional Transit District from July 1, 1975 through June 30, 1976. (UMTA Project No. CA-05-4035, 3/16/76)

*Chapel Hill, North Carolina, the University of North Carolina--\$74,753--supports a study of taxi innovations in small cities. (UMTA Project No. NC-11-0005, 3/16/76)

*Kingston, Pennsylvania, Luzerne County Transportation Authority--\$547,872--to help cover eligible operating expenses of the Luzerne County Transportation Authority and Nanticoke Public Service Company from July 1, 1975 through June 30, 1976. (UMTA Project No. PA-04-4015, 3/16/76)

*Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority--\$18,126--a supplemental grant to help cover eligible operating expenses of the Pottstown Transit Inc. from December 1, 1974 through June 30, 1975. (UMTA Project No. PA-05-4008-01, 3/16/76)

*Sacramento, California, Department of Transportation--\$104,000--to support long and short-range transportation planning in the Sacramento metropolitan area. (UMTA Project No. CA-09-0050, 3/17/76)

*Glen Cove, New York--\$39,896--to assist in the purchase of two school buses for specialized transportation services for elderly persons. (UMTA Project No. NY-03-0093, 3/18/76)

*Ann Arbor, Michigan, Ann Arbor Transportation Authority--\$438,424--to help cover eligible operating expenses of the Ann Arbor Transportation Authority from July 1, 1975 through June 30, 1976. (UMTA Project No. MI-05-4019, 3/19/76)

*Jacksonville, Florida, Jacksonville Transportation Authority--\$1,782,376--to help cover eligible operating expenses of the Jacksonville Transportation Authority from October 1, 1975 through September 30, 1976. (UMTA Project No. FL-05-4017, 3/19/76)

*Allentown, Pennsylvania, Lehigh and Northampton Transportation Authority--\$854,850--to help cover eligible operating expenses of the Lehigh and Northampton Transportation Authority from July 1, 1975 through June 30, 1976. (UMTA Project No. PA-05-4014, 3/22/76)

*Nashville, Tennessee, Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County--\$1,396,500--to help cover eligible operating expenses of the Metropolitan Transit Authority for the period from July 1, 1975 through June 30, 1976. (UMTA Project No. TN-05-4005, 3/22/76)

*Baltimore, Maryland, Maryland Department of Transportation--\$2,334,031--a supplemental grant to help expand transit improvements at three service facility locations. (UMTA Project No. MD-03-0001-03, 3/22/76)

*Boston, Massachusetts, Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority--\$9,256,368--to assist in the modernization and upgrading of the area's transit system. (UMTA Project No. MA-03-0015-01, 3/22/76)

*Denver, Colorado, Denver Regional Council of Governments--\$600,000--a supplemental grant to support continued long and short-range transportation planning in the metropolitan area. (UMTA Project No. CO-09-0013-01, 3/23/76)

*Niles, Michigan--\$40,623--to help cover eligible operating expenses of the Niles Dial-A-Ride Transit Service from August 1, 1975 through July 1, 1976. (UMTA Project No. MI-05-4018, 3/23/76)

*Duluth, Minnesota, Duluth Transit Authority--\$325,639--to help cover eligible operating expenses of the Duluth Transit Authority from January 1, 1975 through December 31, 1975. (UMTA Project No. MN-05-4002, 3/23/76)

*Corona, California--\$62,604--to assist in the purchase of four new 12 to 16-passenger buses, radios, fare boxes, a communications control center and other equipment. (UMTA Project No. CA-03-0099, 3/23/76)

*Tulsa, Oklahoma, Metropolitan Tulsa Transit Authority--\$752,651--to help cover eligible operating expenses of the Metropolitan Tulsa Transit Authority from July 1, 1975 through June 30, 1976. (UMTA Project No. OK-05-4003, 3/23/76)

*Charleston, West Virginia, Regional Intergovernmental Council--\$26,000--a supplemental grant to support continuing transportation planning in the Charleston metropolitan area. (UMTA Project No. WV-09-0008-01, 3/23/76)

*Bay Harbor Islands, Florida--\$44,000--to assist in the purchase of two new 20 to 24-passenger, air-conditioned buses and special equipment for one bus to accomodate persons confined to wheelchairs. (UMTA Project No. FL-03-0039, 3/23/76)

*Fredericksburg, Virginia--\$25,000--to support an evaluation of the area's transit needs based on a review of the existing transit system. (UMTA Project No. VA-09-0021, 3/23/76)

*Canton, Ohio, Canton Regional Transit Authority--\$133,120--to help cover eligible operating expenses of the Canton Regional Transit Authority from November 26, 1974 through December 31, 1975. (UMTA Project No. OH-05-4014,01, 3/24/76)

*Dayton, Ohio, Miami Valley Regional Transit Authority--\$371,920--a supplemental grant to help cover eligible operating expenses of the Miami Valley Regional Transit Authority from November 26, 1974 through December 31, 1975. (UMTA Project No. OH-05-4007-01, 3/24/76)

*Detroit, Michigan, Southeastern Michigan Transportation Authority--\$1,206,344--to assist with commuter rail service improvements on the Grand Trunk Western Railroad. (UMTA Project No. MI-03-0045, 3/25/76)

*Euclid, Ohio, Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency--\$126,217--to help cover eligible operating expenses of the Euclid Municipal Transit System from January 1, 1975 through December 31, 1975. (UMTA Project No. OH-05-4004, 3/24/76)

*Detroit, Michigan--\$422,000-- to help finance the installation of 3,540 feet of trolley track and other transit activities as a part of the job-creating "Washington Boulevard Trolley" project. (UMTA Project No. MI-63-0001, 3/24/76)

*Detroit, Michigan--\$563,000--to assist in the cleaning, repairing and maintenance of transit vehicles under the job-creating "Fleet Clean" program. (UMTA Project No. MI-63-0002, 3/24/76)

*Indianapolis, Indiana, Indianapolis Department of Metropolitan Development--\$207,200--to support continued transportation planning in the Indianapolis metropolitan area. (UMTA Project No. IN-09-0015, 3/25/76)

*New Orleans, Louisiana, Regional Planning Commission--\$100,000--a supplemental grant to assist in completing a

passenger traffic study and survey of privately owned transit operations management. (UMTA Project No. LA-09-0008-02, 3/25/76)

*Tucson, Arizona, Pima Association of Governments--\$48,000--to support a short-range transit planning study including development of the area's transit improvement program and transportation system element. (UMTA Project No. AZ-09-0009-01, 3/25/76)

*Phoenix, Arizona, Arizona Department of Transportation--\$25,700--to support short-range transit planning feasibility studies in the small urban areas of Arizona. Transit programs are being developed for Kingman, Prescott and Nogales. (UMTA Project No. AZ-09-8001, 3/25/76)

*Corpus Christi, Texas--\$240,989--to help cover eligible operating expenses of the city's public transportation system from November 26, 1974 through July 1, 1975. (UMTA Project No. TX-05-4002, 3/25/76)

*Belton, Texas, Central Texas Council of Governments--\$12,000--to determine the feasibility of public transportation in the urbanized area. (UMTA Project No. TX-09-0043, 3/25/76)

*Huntington, West Virginia, Tri-State Transit Authority--\$207,692--to help cover eligible operating expenses of the Tri-State Transit Authority from July 1, 1975 through June 30, 1975. (UMTA Project No. WV-05-4004, 3/25/76)

*Gadsden, Alabama--\$32,000--to support an evaluation of existing transit service, identification of the potential market and submission of recommendations to upgrade the community's transit service. (UMTA Project No. AL-09-0014, 3/25/76)

*Houston, Texas, Houston-Galveston Area Council--\$464,000--to support major planning activities of the Houston metropolitan area. (UMTA Project No. TX-09-0044, 3/25/76)

*Altoona, Pennsylvania, Transportation and Motor Buses for Public Use Authority--\$70,864--to help meet eligible operating expenses of the public transportation system from November 26, 1974 through June 30, 1975. (UMTA Project No. PA-05-4021, 3/26/76)

*Phoenix, Arizona--\$1,391,746--to help meet eligible operating expenses of the city's public transportation system from July 1, 1975 through June 30, 1976. (UMTA Project No. AZ-05-4002, 3/26/76)

*Flint, Michigan, Flint Mass Transportation Authority--\$54,100--to support planning activities in the Flint metropolitan area. (UMTA Project No. MI-09-0017, 3/26/76)

*Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Central Oklahoma Transportation and Parking Authority--\$159,664--to help cover eligible operating expenses of the Central Oklahoma Transportation and Parking Authority from December 1, 1974 through June 30, 1975. (UMTA Project No. OK-05-4004, 3/26/76)

*Chicago, Illinois, Regional Transportation Authority--\$32,079,000--to assist in the purchase of new commuter rail cars and locomotives. (UMTA Project No. IL-03-0049, 3/30/76)

*Chicago, Illinois, Chicago South Suburban Mass Transit District--\$21,480,944--a supplemental grant to assist in the purchase of rail commuter cars and the construction of a rail extension to Park Forest South. (UMTA Project No. IL-03-0023-02, 3/30/76)

*Chicago, Illinois, Regional Transportation Authority--\$9,757,800--to assist in the purchase of 150 new buses and related equipment. (UMTA Project No. IL-03-0050, 3/30/76)

*St. Paul, Minnesota, Metropolitan Council of the Twin Cities Area, St. Paul, Minnesota--\$500,000--to support transportation planning activities in the St. Paul/Minneapolis metropolitan area. (UMTA Project No. MN-09-0019, 3/30/76)

*Evansville, Indiana--\$133,320--to assist in the purchase of five new 19-passenger buses, fare boxes and related bus transit equipment. (UMTA Project No. IN-05-0003, 3/30/76)

*New Orleans, Louisiana, Mississippi River Bridge Authority--\$1,061,170--to help cover eligible operating expenses of the Mississippi River Bridge Authority, New Orleans Public Service Inc., Westside Transit, City of Kenner and St. Bernard Parish from January 1, 1975 through December 31, 1975. (UMTA Project No. LA-05-4002, 3/31/76)

Other major activities include:

*An announcement of a group of organizational changes designed to improve the agency's operational efficiency in dealing with its expanding responsibilities in urban mass transportation.

*Swearing in ceremonies for Charles F. Bingman as Deputy Administrator.

*An announcement of six one-day "Public Transit for Small Communities" seminars between March 23 and May 11, 1976.

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