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## URBAN MASS TRANSPORTATION ADMINISTRATION

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Administrator Robert E. Patricelli of the U.S. Department of Transportation's Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA) today announced a \$763,200 grant to the Dallas Transit System for the purchase of land for bus storage.

The 11 parcels of land are located near the East Dallas Transportation Building, a multipurpose facility built in 1966 with the help of a \$13.5 million UMTA grant.

Administrator Patricelli said the additional space is "essential to the continued service growth of public transportation in the Dallas metropolitan area." He described the Dallas transit system as "leaders in the industry with respect to passenger service. The 449 bus fleet is one of the most modern and well-kept in the nation," he added.

The additional storage space is vital to proposed new types of service which will require additional vehicles.

The project includes the purchase, paving, landscaping and lighting of the land which is located adjacent to the existing bus storage and service station facilities of the East Dallas Division. Construction of the new parking facilities also will allow for additional employee parking which will alleviate on-street parking in the overcrowed residential neighborhood.

A local source for additional information is Mr. Ellis Watkins, General Manager, Dallas Transit System, 101 North Peak Street, Dallas, Texas 75226, (714) 827-3400. (UMTA Project No. TX-03-0018)

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