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A \$9,715,728 Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA) grant to the Tri-County Metropolitan Transportation District of Oregon for public transportation improvements in Portland, Oregon was announced today by Robert E. Patricelli, UMTA Administrator.

"Significant sums of Federal money are now available for the improvement and expansion of public transportation facilities in our nation's urban areas," Patricelli said. "We encourage initiatives such as those being made in Portland to provide more efficient facilities for the administration and maintenance of the city's transit system, which presently serves 80,000 riders each day."

Improvements include the final design, engineering, site development and construction of a major new central maintenance and administrative facility for Portland's bus system.

The planned facilities will replace three separate buildings constructed more than one-half century ago as trolley barns. The new facilities will consist of a two-story maintenance building and a three-story office building.

The project also provides for the acquisition of additional land for parking, office and service equipment and for the purchase and installation of bus stop shelters and information signs.

The Tri-County Metropolitan District of Oregon is providing the local share of the project cost.

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