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The U.S. Department of Transportation's Urban Mass Transportation Administrator, Robert E. Patricelli, today announced a \$5,087,560 grant to Charlotte, North Carolina to assist in the public acquisition of the privately owned City Coach Lines, Inc.

"For the past two years the city of Charlotte has leased public transportation facilities with an option to acquire the private operator," Patricelli said. "The public acquisition of the system will allow the city to upgrade equipment and expand its commitment to public transportation in Charlotte. We are pleased to be able to assist Charlotte in its initiative to improve public transportation."

The grant also helps to purchase 34 new 45-passenger transit coaches, two vans, a two-way radio communication system, fareboxes, passenger shelters and related equipment. The two vans are being specially equipped to accommodate handicapped and elderly persons.

The 34 new coaches are needed to replace obsolete buses, up to 25 years old, being acquired from the private operator. In addition, another 34 coaches will be refurbished as part of the 86-bus fleet improvement program.

The City of Charlotte is providing the local one-fifth share of the total project cost through general obligation bonds.

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A local source of information is Mr. David Burkhalter, City Manager, 600 East Trade Street, Charlotte, North Carolina 28202, (704) 374-2241. (UMTA Project No. NC-03-0009)

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