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A \$2,100,000 grant to help convert the historic Santa Fe railroad depot in downtown San Diego, California to an intermodal transportation terminal was announced today by Robert E. Patricelli, Administrator of Urban Mass Transportation Administration.

"I am especially pleased," Patricelli said, "that UMTA can be a part of a project that marries transportation improvements with a community development program. This project presents us with an innovative opportunity to make transit pay off for a city in a broader way than just moving people, and we are appreciative of Mayor Pete Wilson's leadership in putting all the pieces together."

The Administrator added, "The station's size, prime location at Broadway and Kettner Boulevards and present use as an intercity train service depot make the building extremely well suited for its proposed use." The city, a private developer and UMTA are cooperating in the restoration and conversion project.

UMTA participation in the project is based on the transit aspects of the conversion. San Diego Transit Corporation buses will be stopping on Kettner and Broadway Boulevards. Passengers transferring between buses, seeking

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information or continuing on to board AMTRAK trains, will be using the courtyard, main lobby and the transition areas to the AMTRAK facilities. An exclusive parking mall for buses and a storage site for dial-a-ride vehicles are receiving 80 percent funding from UMTA.

Sixteen bus routes will either originate, terminate or make major passenger transfer stops at the terminal. About 3,850 daily passengers are expected to use the conveniently located depot during the first year of operation. A 10 percent increase in passenger use, based on the initiation of additional express routes and further increases in AMTRAK service, is expected each year.

The city of San Diego will remove the existing parking space at the Depot entrance and reconstruct the former arcade and patio. The addition of horizontal structural bracing, existing steel columns, will provide a mezzanine path area. All Spanish motif tiles will be kept and all woodwork will remain undisturbed.

Exterior additions will be compatible with the style of the original building, and use stucco, arches and red tile roof.

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A local source for additional information is Mr. E. Riccio, 202 C. Street, San Diego, California 92101, (714) 236-6125. (UMTA Project No. CA-03-0086).

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