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Two grants totaling \$5,422,648 to assist in the purchase of 121 new buses and related bus transit improvements for the San Antonio, Texas transit system were announced today by Robert E. Patricelli, Administrator of the U.S. Department of Transportation's Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA).

Patricelli noted that one grant, for \$2,006,788, represents funds apportioned to the area under Section 5 of the Urban Mass Transportation Act of 1964, as amended. Funds so apportioned may be used to purchase capital equipment or for operating expenses. He commended local officials on their "prudent approach to improving the community's mobility by using the available resources for additional buses and other capital improvements."

The grant helps buy 23 new 45-passenger and 10 new 20 to 30-passenger air-conditioned, diesel-powered transit buses and plant maintenance equipment. The smaller buses will be used to implement downtown distribution service while the larger buses all are replacements for a like number of obsolete coaches. (UMTA Project No. TX-05-0009).

The second grant of \$3,415,860 supplements a previous award of \$4,122,666 and helps buy 98 45-passenger buses, supervisory vehicles, bus cleaning equipment, bus stop passenger shelters, and related bus transit improvements. In addition, it provides for the construction and landscaping of a park-and-ride lot. (UMTA Project No. TX-03-0005-04).

The buses being purchased under both grants will be designed in such a manner as to improve accessibility for elderly and handicapped persons. The padded stanchions, non-skid flooring, and special lighting at both entrance and exit are features desired by many individuals.

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A local source for additional information is Mr. Tom Fuller, Assistant General Manager, San Antonio Transit System, P.O. Box 12489, 800 West Myrtle Street, San Antonio, Texas 78212, (512) 227-5371.

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