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An \$8,654,988 grant to the Orange County Transit District, Santa Ana, California for 90 new buses, and other bus transit improvements, including start of construction of a new bus maintenance facility was announced today by Robert E. Patricelli, Administrator of the U.S. Department of Transportation's Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA).

The UMTA Administrator commended Orange County residents and local officials for "their solid support of public transportation within the county."

Ridership within Orange County has grown steadily with the expansion of county-wide bus service from 38,000 monthly riders in 1972 to more than 662,000 riders each month last year.

The new buses being purchased consist of 75 new air-conditioned 50 to 55-passenger coaches and 15 new 17 to 24-passenger vehicles.

The 75 large buses will be used to establish new expanded service on ten new routes and to provide more frequent service on 14 existing routes.

The 15 small buses will be used in both fixed route and demand responsive service in residential areas.

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Other new equipment to be purchased includes 119 two-way radios, bus stop signs, fare boxes, tools and service vehicles and a bus washer and bus interior cleaning equipment.

The purchase of land, architectural and engineering services and phase 1 construction of a new bus maintenance facility located in southern Orange County are also included in the project.

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A local source for additional information is Mr. Edward Loritz, General Manager, Orange County Transit District, 1200 Main Street, Santa Ana, California 92702, (714) 834-2062. (UMTA Project No. CA-03-0117).

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