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A \$1,514,332 grant to Madison, Wisconsin for the purchase of 24 new 53-passenger buses and other bus transit improvements was announced today by Robert E. Patricelli, Administrator of the U.S. Department of Transportation's Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA).

In announcing the grant, Administrator Patricelli noted that "approximately 90 percent of Madison's citizens are within one-quarter mile of a transit route." In addition to the large area served by the Madison transit system, Patricelli said, "use of public transportation in Madison is enhanced greatly by an excellent marketing program, preferential treatment of buses on major streets, downtown parking restraints and a continuing financial commitment to improve transit within the community."

Acquisition of the new buses will result in replacement of 15 obsolete buses. The nine remaining new buses will provide more frequent service on nine separate routes and increase the total active fleet from 162 to 171 buses.

The UMTA grant also will assist in the purchase of 20 bus passenger shelters, 50 two-way radios, 14 fare boxes and related bus transit equipment.

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A local source for additional information is Mr. Warren Somerfeld, City-County Building, Madison, Wisconsin 53709, (608) 266-4761. (WI-03-0022).

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