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A \$17,779,234 grant to the New Jersey Department of Transportation to help cover eligible operating expenses in New Jersey of the Erie Lackawanna Railway Company, Central Railroad of New Jersey and the Penn Central Transportation Company was announced today by Robert E. Patricelli, Administrator of the U.S. Department of Transportation's Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA).

The Federal formula funds for operating assistance are being made available under Section 5 provisions of the Urban Mass Transportation Act of 1964, as amended.

Patricelli said, "The grant reflects a Federal commitment to public transportation improvements and increased mobility for residents of the northern New Jersey metropolitan area."

Approval of the grant follows assurance by the State that non-fare box revenues will be maintained for provision of mass transportation services on a level equal to or exceeding assistance provided for the two preceding local fiscal years. Other requirements are to improve or continue service and to assure a charge of not more than one-half of the peak hour fare to elderly and handicapped persons during non-peak hours.

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A local source for additional information is Mr. Alan Sanger, Chairman, Commuter Operating Agency of the New Jersey Department of Transportation, 1035 Parkway Avenue, Trenton, New Jersey 08625, (609) 292-3535. (UMTA Project No. NJ-05-4007)

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