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Two grants totaling \$4,772,357 to the Regional Transportation District (RTD) of Denver, Colorado, for the purchase of 71 new diesel-powered transit buses, service vehicles, two-way radio equipment, and a 6.9-acre site in Boulder for a new bus maintenance and storage facility were announced today by Robert E. Patricelli, Administrator of the U.S. Department of Transportation's Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA).

The grants are being made under Section 5 provisions of the Urban Mass Transportation Act of 1964, as amended.

The RTD operates a comprehensive transportation system for a six-county region encompassing the Denver and Boulder urbanized areas, the city and county of Denver, Boulder, Douglas and Jefferson Counties and the western urbanized portions of Adams and Arapahoe Counties.

The first grant of \$4,073,861 is made from the 1975 program year funds to assist in the purchase of 40 new 47-passenger buses, 10 new 30-passenger buses and 16 new 49-passenger coaches. It also helps buy 19 registering fare boxes, four service vehicles, 66 two-way radios, bus stop signs and related equipment.

Forty-seven of the new buses will replace a like number of obsolete vehicles while 19 coaches will be used to expand peak hour service in the Denver metropolitan area. (CO-05-0003)

The second grant of \$698,496 represents 1975 program year funds apportioned to the Boulder urbanized area and assists in the purchase of a 6.9-acre site in Boulder for a new maintenance and storage facility. The grant also includes the purchase of five new 23 to 30-passenger buses for use in expanded transit service in Boulder. (CO-05-0004)

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A local source for additional information is Mr. John D. Simpson, General Manager, Regional Transit District, 1325 South Colorado Boulevard, Denver, Colorado 80222, (303) 759-1000.

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