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The Consolidated Rail Corporation (Conrail) has been awarded a \$23,400,000 operating assistance grant for rail passenger service in the Northeast Corridor and Great Lakes Region by the U.S. Department of Transportation's Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA), it was announced today by Robert E. Patricelli, UMTA Administrator.

"This grant - the first of its kind - will cover a portion of rail passenger service operating deficits incurred during the first six months of Conrail's operation of the bankrupt carriers," Patricelli said. "The grant insures continuing commuter rail service formerly operated by the bankrupt Penn Central Railroad, Erie Lackawanna, Reading and Central Railroad of New Jersey."

The passenger rail service designated by the grant focuses primarily in the Philadelphia and New York City metropolitan regions. In addition these funds will assist a portion of the Boston commuter territory lying south and west of Boston, and the State of Rhode Island. The Cleveland-Youngstown corridor also is affected as well as the City of Chicago and Lake and Porter Counties in Indiana.

The grant is made under Section 17 of the Urban Mass Transportation Act of 1964, as amended.

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A local source for additional information is Mr. Mark Sullivan, Consolidated Rail Corporation, 1818 Market Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103, (215) LO8-4925. (UMTA Project NO. PA-17-0001).

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