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A \$195,000 Federal grant for a study of the short and long-range public transportation requirements of the Dayton, Ohio region was announced today by Robert E. Patricelli, Administrator of the U.S. Department of Transportation's Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA).

Aided by this grant the Dayton region's current long-range transportation plan will be updated by the Montgomery-Greene County Transportation and Development Planning Program. Under the grant, work will begin on a Phase I study of alternative public transportation modes within the Southeast Corridor, site of a proposed 12.2-mile light rail line.

"Today's announced funding," Patricelli said, "is geared to support the inventory, review and evaluation of existing conditions within the Southeast Corridor. It will initiate the development of information required for the more detailed Phase II analysis of alternatives needed to determine the feasibility of light rail in Dayton," he added.

The update of the region's transportation plan to the year 2000 includes refinement of the Transportation System Management (TSM) element, a concept designed to help urban areas make the most efficient use of their existing transportation resources.

Transportation System Management is a requirement of the joint UMTA and Federal Highway Administration urban transportation planning regulations, issued September 17, 1975. Under this provision, urban areas are required to consider roads, private automobiles, taxis and mass transit facilities as elements of a single transportation system. These elements must be organized into a coordinated and balanced transportation network in the interest of greater efficiency and conservation of existing resources.

Dayton's short-range transportation planning process, recently completed with the assistance of UMTA funding, has resulted in the establishment of a carpooling program, recommended park-and-ride locations, a bike-way system and recommendations for a comprehensive program to provide improved transportation to Dayton's elderly and handicapped persons.

Refinement of the Transportation System Management element includes coordination of the individual transportation modes developed under the short-range plan and investigates other options such as staggered work hours, special industry bus routes, pedestrian activities and the development of a park-and-ride program.

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