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### \$8.2 MILLION GRANT TO SANTA CLARA FOR BUSES WITH LIFTS

An \$8,147,160 grant to Santa Clara County Transit District, San Jose, California to help purchase 100 new 40 to 45-passenger propane-powered transit buses, 125 two-way mobile radio units, five vans, real estate and related improvements was announced today by U.S.

Secretary of Transportation Brock Adams.

Since the District was formed in 1972, annual ridership has increased from 3.9 million to 9.5 million in 1976. These 100 new air-conditioned buses will be the first incremental phase of a planned expansion program for an eventual 516-bus fleet.

"In order to accommodate the transportation needs of the physically handicapped and of elderly patrons," Secretary Adams said, "all the new buses will be equipped with an extra wide front entrance and a low front step. For wheelchair users, the buses will have a lift and interior tie down facilities."

The Secretary added that these specially-equipped buses conform with provisions of the Department's Urban Mass Transportation Administration regulation requiring

that "special efforts be made in the planning and design of mass transportation facilities and services to assure accessibility to elderly and handicapped persons," Mr. Adams commended local officials for their "attention to environmental and energy considerations in Santa Clara County." He added, "these improvements are expected to benefit the entire community."

This grant also covers maintenance equipment, construction costs of parking facilities, and upgrading of the San Carlos shop facilities.

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