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The U.S. Department of Transportation's Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA) today announced a grant of \$1,643,960 to the County of Lackawanna Transit System Authority (COLTS) of Scranton, Pennsylvania. The grant will help COLTS buy 30 new transit buses, support vehicles and equipment, and 3 intermediate-sized buses specially equipped to accomodate the handicapped and elderly.

The 30 full-sized buses will replace all but one vehicle in COLTS's entire fleet. The city's present buses are all 19 years old and are operated under lease from a private company. The smaller buses will provide demand responsive service to those residents of Scranton confined to a wheel chair.

COLTS hopes to follow up the present improvement project with the future construction of a new garage/office facility and further fleet additions.

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The local one-fifth share of the present project's total cost is being provided by Lackawanna County and the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation.

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