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U. S. Secretary of Transportation William T. Coleman Jr., today announced a \$10,394,400 Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA) grant to the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority to assist in needed transit improvements in Boston, Massachusetts.

The grant is designed to help finance the purchase and installation of new equipment and rehabilitation of the South Boston and Lincoln Power stations.

Secretary Coleman noted that transit improvements are commonly thought of as new or rehabilitated vehicles, track or roadway and structures. "Though power equipment seldom wears out it loses efficiency over a period of time and must eventually be replaced," the Secretary said. Among other improvements, this project proposes the rehabilitation of two power stations, one installed in 1917 and the other in 1923.

UMTA Administrator Frank C. Herringer pointed out that the safe output of the power stations has dropped nearly three quarters since 1960. Obsolete boilers and other equipment are being replaced and buildings are to receive extensive rehabilitation under the project.

Installation of the new equipment and renovation of the building are scheduled for completion within the next five years. The improvements are expected to substantially reduce the probability of power outages and, thus, improve reliability of trains in the Boston area.

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The Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority is providing the local one-fifth share of the total project cost.

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