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The U.S. Department of Transportation's Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA) today announced 28 grants totaling \$30,283,177 to cities for local operating expenses and the purchase of transit equipment under Section 5 provisions of the Urban Mass Transportation Act of 1964 as amended by the National Mass Transportation Assistance Act of 1974.

Following is a digest of the announced grants:

*New York, New York, Metropolitan Transportation Authority--\$8,822,800--for transit operating expenses of the Long Island Rail Road, The Penn Central Transportation Company and the Erie-Lackawanna Railway Company from January 1, 1975 through June 30, 1975. (UMTA Project No. NY-05-4001).

*Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Port Authority of Allegheny County--\$4,000,231--for transit operating expenses of the Port Authority from November 26, 1974 through June 30, 1975. (UMTA Project No. PA-05-4005).

*San Juan, Puerto Rico, Commonwealth of Puerto Rico Department of Transportation and Public Works--\$2,954,010--for transit operating expenses of the Metropolitan Bus Authority from November 26, 1974 through June 30, 1975. (UMTA Project No. PR-05-4001).

*Cleveland, Ohio, Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency--\$1,846,937--for transit operating expenses of the Cleveland Transit System from December 1, 1974 through December 31, 1975. (UMTA Project No. OH-05-4002).

*Portland, Oregon, Tri-County Metropolitan Transportation District of Oregon--\$1,660,105--for transit operating expenses of the District from November 26, 1974 to June 30, 1975. (UMTA Project No. OR-05-4001).

*Dallas, Texas--\$1,381,616--for transit operating expenses of the public transportation system during the local fiscal year ending September 30, 1975. (UMTA Project No. TX-05-4003).

*Louisville, Kentucky, Transit Authority of River City--\$1,144,515--for transit operating expenses of the Authority from November 26, 1974 through April 30, 1975. (UMTA Project No. KY-05-4001).

*Rochester, New York, Rochester-Genesee Regional Transportation Authority--\$848,134--for transit operating expenses from April 1, 1975 through March 31, 1976. (UMTA Project No. NY-05-4015).

*Fort Worth, Texas--\$842,400--for transit operating expenses of the public transportation system during the local fiscal year ending September 30, 1975. (UMTA Project No. TX-05-4004).

*Providence, Rhode Island, Rhode Island Department of Transportation--\$833,511--for transit operating expenses during the local fiscal year ending June 30, 1975. (UMTA Project No. RI-05-4001).

*Indianapolis, Indiana, Indianapolis Public Transportation Corporation--\$812,239--for transit operating expenses of the Public Transportation Corporation from January 7, 1975 through December 31, 1975. (UMTA Project No. IN-05-4002).

*Rochester, New York, Rochester-Genesee Regional Transportation Authority--\$657,319--for transit operating expenses of the Authority from November 26, 1974 through March 31, 1975. (UMTA Project No. NY-05-4014).

*Fort Wayne, Indiana, Fort Wayne Public Transportation Corporation--\$503,833--for transit operating expenses of the Public Transportation Corporation from January 1, 1975 to December 31, 1975. (UMTA Project No. IN-05-4001).

*Norfolk, Virginia, Tidewater Transportation District Commission--\$501,554--for eligible operating expenses of the Tidewater Metro Transit during the period from December 1, 1974 through June 30, 1975. (UMTA Project No. VA-05-4004).

*Bakersfield, California, Golden Empire Transit District --\$480,480--for the purchase of eight new transit buses, eight bus shelters and 600 bus stop signs. (UMTA Project No. CA-05-0002).

*San Bernardino, California, California Department of Transportation--\$403,036--to help purchase seven new 40 to 45-passenger buses, bus benches and related transit equipment. (UMTA Project No. CA-05-0006).

*Dallas, Texas--\$384,000--to purchase seven radio equipped, air-conditioned buses specially equipped to accommodate persons in wheelchairs and related transit equipment. (UMTA Project No. TX-05-0001).

*Dallas, Texas--\$352,000--for the purchase of bus shelters, land acquisition for a park-and-ride lot and other improvements in Garland, Texas. (UMTA Project No. TX-05-0002).

*Peoria, Illinois, Greater Peoria Mass Transit District --\$320,347--for transit operating expenses of the District from November 26, 1974 through June 30, 1975. (UMTA Project No. IL-05-4003).

*Syracuse, New York, Central New York Regional Transportation Authority--\$276,375--for transit operating expenses of the Authority from November 26, 1974 through March 31, 1975. (UMTA Project No. NY-05-4012).

*Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, Luzerne County Transportation Authority--\$255,348--for eligible transit operating expenses during the local fiscal year ending on June 30, 1975. (UMTA Project No. PA-05-4007).

*Phoenix, Arizona--\$250,000--for transit operating expenses of the public transportation system from December 1974 through June 30, 1975. (UMTA Project No. AZ-05-4001).

*Salinas, California, state of California--\$200,000--for the purchase of four new transit buses and fare boxes. (UMTA Project No. CA-05-0004).

*Dallas, Texas--\$148,800--for the purchase and installation of a bus priority system. (UMTA Project No. TX-05-0003).

*Fort Worth, Texas, City Transit Service of Fort Worth --\$141,020--for the purchase and installation of 50 route and schedule information display units, 400 bus stop signs, 800 schedule information signs, and other equipment. Also included are 30 bus passenger shelters and data collection and processing software. (UMTA Project No. TX-05-0005).

*Bakersfield, California, Golden Empire Transit District --\$140,167--for transit operating expenses of the District from November 26, 1974 through June 30, 1975. (UMTA Project No. CA-05-4010).

*Dayton, Ohio, Miami Valley Regional Transit Authority --\$70,000--for transit operating expenses within the city of Xenia from July 1, 1975 through December 31, 1975. (UMTA Project No. OH-05-4016).

*Norwalk, Connecticut, Connecticut Department of Transportation--\$52,400--for transit operating expenses of the Westport Transit District from November 26, 1974 through June 30, 1975. (UMTA Project No. CT-05-4001).

Approval of the grants follows assurance by the State and local governments that non-fare box revenues will be maintained for provision of mass transportation services on a level equal to or exceeding assistance provided for the two preceeding local fiscal years. Other requirements are to improve or continue service and to establish a procedure for charging not more than one-half of the peak hour fare to elderly and handicapped persons during off-peak hours. Section 5 provides Federal assistance to local systems to meet operating as well as capital costs of maintaining and improving public transportation. The 1974 amendment authorizes \$3.975 billion for the program for fiscal years 1975 through 1980. The grants are awarded to urbanized areas on a statutory formula apportionment basis. Section 5 provides for Federal funding of up to 50 percent of operating assistance and up to 80 percent of capital assistance projects. It gives transit systems the opportunity to assess total transit service needs and to make the necessary trade off decisions between capital and operating expenses.

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