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U. S. Secretary of Transportation William T. Coleman Jr., today announced an Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA) grant of \$42,688,360 to the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority, Boston, Massachusetts.

This grant is the third to tap the \$671 million made available for mass transit in the Boston area by means of a transfer of funds originally earmarked for Interstate Highway construction.

The grant assists in the purchase of six new Orange Line and 34 new Blue Line rapid transit cars, and the modernization of 100 existing Orange Line cars. The cost for each new car is estimated to be \$450,000. Per car modernization cost is estimated to be \$150,000.

Secretary Coleman said, "The approval of this project represents a significant step for Boston in that all of its rapid transit and streetcar fleet will be either replaced or modernized."

The Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority will provide the local one-fifth share of the total cost of the project from the proceeds of bond sales.

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