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A \$4,269,200 grant to help purchase additional land and provide for final engineering of new maintenance and administrative facilities to be built for the Honolulu Division of the Honolulu, Hawaii public transportation system was announced today by Robert E. Patricelli, Administrator of the U.S. Department of Transportation's Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA).

In announcing the grant, the UMTA Administrator commended City and County officials for "moving dwifflly to implement the city's comprehensive transit development plan and further dedication to providing improved mobility for Honolulu residents."

Patricelli also noted that, "since UMTA made its first grant to Honolulu in March 1971, annual ridership has increased from 21.6 million to more than 45 million passengers last year."

The comprehensive transit development plan completed by Honolulu in 1974, recommends an incremental expansion of fleet size to 450 buses by 1980. In order to maintain such a fleet, the study recommended construction of new transit facilities to serve both the Honolulu and Halawa divisions. The original grant approved in 1974, provided \$12,138,076 for construction of the new maintenance facility at Halawa, 85 new buses, bus passenger shelters and related bus transit equipment.

This grant allows the city to continue implementation of the transit program with the acquisition of a one and one-half acre site adjacent to facilities currently in use, demolition and clearance of obsolete buildings, and final engineering for the new transit facilities.

In addition to construction, the grant provides for the purchase of 11 service vehicles, 2,000 bus stop signs, 200 bus stop benches and 25 bus passenger waiting shelters.

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A local source for additional information is Mr. George Villegas, Director of Transportation Services, City and County of Honolulu, City Hall, Honolulu, Hawaii, (808) 523-4529. (HI-03-0006).

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