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A \$1,636,944 supplemental grant to AC Transit, Oakland, California, to fund additional costs associated with the purchase of 30 articulated buses and six additional 25½-foot buses 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, Administrator Patricelli noted that AC Transit participated with a number of other transit authorities in developing a specification for the joint procurement of an articulated bus. This grant will cover the difference between estimated and actual costs.

An articulated bus is a 70-passenger vehicle consisting of two segments whose combined length is 65 feet. Because the bus bends in the middle, its turning radius is shorter than that of a conventional 40-foot bus. The new buses will carry 50 percent more passengers than the 45 to 50-passenger buses now in service, thereby increasing the productivity of the driver-operator.

The purchase of six additional 25½-foot buses will bring the total number of buses in this category to 29 vehicles. These six buses are needed by AC Transit to provide new bus service in the outlying communities of Pleasant Hill and Moraga. The buses will provide general circulation service as well as feeder service to BART (Bay Area Rapid Transit) rail stations.

These buses also will be equipped with the presently available package of amenities to facilitate use by ambulatory elderly and handicapped.

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The one-fifth local share of the cost of this project is being provided by California State Transportation Funds.

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