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UMTA AWARDS \$48,804,819 GRANTS TO CALIFORNIA COMMUNITIES

Nine grants for \$48,804,819 to seven California communities were announced today by Robert E. Patricelli, Administrator of the U.S. Department of Transportation's Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA).

Patricelli said, "These nine grants reflect a strong and growing Federal commitment to improved public transportation and increased mobility for Californians and all Americans. These grants," Patricelli added, "follow assurances that State and local government support and non-fare-box revenues will be maintained for provisions of mass transportation services on a level equal to or exceeding assistance provided for the two preceding local fiscal years."

Patricelli also pointed out that "California, up to June 30, 1976, has received \$68,287,801 for 98 capital assistance programs, another \$2,773,440 covering four formula grant capital projects (Section 5), and three urban systems programs in California received grants of \$2,363,144."

Three of the grants for capital assistance total \$3,620,784, with three grants totaling \$44,417,939 to cover operating assistance. The two technical study grants total \$82,000. One \$684,096 grant will assist development of a commuter vanpool service.

A \$1,156,000 grant to assist in the purchase of 38 used transit buses and related bus transit maintenance was made to the Southern California Rapid Transit District, Los Angeles, California. (UMTA Project No. CA-03-0121.)

Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District, San Francisco, California, received a \$684,096 grant to develop and implement a computer vanpool service for employees traveling from Marin County to San Francisco. The vanpool will be part of the total transportation system operated by Golden Gate Bridge. After the service is established the project vans will be replaced on a permanent basis with vans supplied by the employer. (UMTA Project No. CA-06-0095.)

The City of Fresno, California, received a grant of \$892,939 to help cover eligible transit operating expenses for the city's public transportation system from July 1, 1975 through June 30, 1976. (UMTA Project No. CA-05-4025.)

A \$38,000 grant to the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments, Monterey, California, supports transportation planning activities in the Santa Cruz, Monterey, Seaside and Salinas areas. (UMTA Project No. CA-09-0058.)

The State of California received a \$525,000 grant for operating assistance to cover eligible operating expenses of the Santa Barbara Metropolitan Transit District for the period July 1, 1975 through June 30, 1976. (UMTA Project No. CA-05-4051.)

A \$44,000 planning grant was made to the Council of Fresno County Governments, Fresno, California, to support continuing transportation planning in the Fresno metropolitan area. (UMTA Project No. CA-09-0057.)

A \$43 million grant was made to the Southern California Association of Governments to help cover eligible operating expenses in the Los Angeles-Long Beach urbanized area. (UMTA Project No. CA-05-4052.)

A \$1,636,944 grant was made to AC Transit, Oakland, California, to fund additional costs associated with the purchase of 30 articulated buses and six additional 25½-foot buses.

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. These buses also will be equipped with the presently available package of amenities to facilitate use by ambulatory elderly and handicapped persons. (UMTA Project No. CA-03-0105-01.)

The City of Palm Springs, California, \$827,840 grant will provide assistance in expanding an original grant for seven buses to include an additional 12 new 25 to 30-passenger buses, 13 new radios, fareboxes, bus stop passenger shelters, signs and related equipment. (UMTA Project No. CA-03-0095-02.)

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NOTE TO EDITOR: Types of grants are identifiable by UMTA project number: capital assistance grants are CA-03-0000; operating assistance grants are CA-05-0000; technical study grants are CA-09-0000, and demonstration grants are CA-06-0000.

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