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The U.S. Department of Transportation's Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA) today announced grants totaling almost \$107 million for transit improvements in the Chicago, Illinois metropolitan area.

Noting the high local priority being given to mass transit improvements in the Chicago area, Judith T. Connor, acting administrator of UMTA, said, "virtually all aspects of mass transit operations are included in these planned improvements. The grants reflect a national Federal commitment to urban transportation improvements as a means of conserving energy and in meeting the needs of our urban citizens."

A grant of \$75,600,000 to the Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) supplements previous funding of \$70,000,000, and makes possible the continuation of Phase II of the CTA's capital improvement program started last year. Extensive renovation, installation of service and maintenance equipment, the purchase of 600 new buses and related improvements are included. (UMTA Project No. IL-03-0040-01).

A second grant of \$1,874,000 to the CTA represents a transfer of funds from the Federal Aid Urban Systems Program to mass transit projects. The purchase of 20 new 70-passenger articulated diesel transit buses with Federal highway monies is made possible through provisions of the Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1973. The buses will be purchased as part of a consortium effort sponsored by the California Department of Transportation. All of the new buses will be used to replace obsolete equipment. (UMTA Project No. IL-23-0002).

A \$12,431,040 grant to the West Suburban Mass Transit District will assist in the purchase of 20 new double-deck rail commuter cars, four locomotives, spare parts and related items. (UMTA Project IL-03-0044).

An \$11,258,132 grant to the Illinois Department of Transportation will assist in the purchase of land and construction of commuter rail passenger automobile parking

facilities in 19 suburban communities. The grant also includes relocation payments and engineering and design costs. (UMTA Project No. IL-03-0031).

A \$5 million grant to the Chicago Urban Transportation District will support preliminary and pre-design engineering of the Chicago Central Area Transit Project consisting of a new Loop and Distributor subway system. The grant supports the transit-related elements of the region's FY '76 Unified Work Program. (UMTA Project No. IL-03-0012).

A \$697,856 grant to the Chicago South Suburban Mass Transit District will assist in the purchase of land and construction of a park-and-ride lot for the Illinois Central Gulf Railroad commuter rail system in Park Forest South. (UMTA Project No. IL-03-0048).

The Illinois Department of Transportation and local jurisdictions are providing the local share of the projects cost.

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