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U.S. Secretary of Transportation William T. Coleman Jr., today announced an Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA) grant of \$9,660,000 to the New York City Transit Authority for transit improvements in New York City.

The grant was made to help replace wooden station platforms, contact rails and other improvements.

Secretary Coleman noted that this grant is the second time the New York City Transit Authority has used Federal-Aid Urban Systems funds under the Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1973 for mass transit improvements. "The Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1973 provided a much-needed option for communities to use monies previously earmarked only for highway purposes for mass transit projects. I am most pleased," the Secretary said, "to see this shift in priority to public transportation improvements."

The New York State Department of Transportation and New York City are providing the local 30 percent share of the project cost.

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