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U.S. Secretary of Transportation William T. Coleman Jr., today announced a \$69,971,000 supplemental grant to the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority (MARTA) in Atlanta, Georgia, to help continue construction of the area's rapid rail transit system.

Awarded by the Department of Transportation's Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA), the grant will help fund engineering, project management, land acquisition and construction projects, and assist in the purchase of 100 new rapid transit rail cars.

UMTA Acting Administrator Judith T. Connor noted that this amendment to the basic MARTA rail grant brings the total Federal commitment to Atlanta's rapid transit system to \$269,904,333.

"Improving urban mass transportation is a top priority for the Federal government," Secretary Coleman said. "By assisting cities to construct well-designed transit systems, the Federal government is able to contribute to the mobility of our cities' citizens."

MARTA is providing the local one-fifth share of the total project cost.

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