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During January 1976, the U.S. Department of Transportation's Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA) announced the award of 28 grants totaling \$74,705,446.

A digest of the announced grants, their dollar amount, UMTA project number and date of announcement follows. For additional information contact the UMTA Office of Public Affairs at (202) 426-4043 or the grant recipient.

Grants were made to:

*Charlottesville, Virginia, University of Virginia -- \$98,976--to prepare a comprehensive study relating to the mode of transportation used to commute to and from rapid transit stations. The project also will investigate fringe parking and services to both rail stations and express bus stops. (UMTA Project No. VA-11-0005, 1/6/76)

*Oceanside, California--\$540,080--to assist in the purchase of 14 new 19 to 25-passenger buses and related bus transit equipment. (UMTA Project No. CA-03-0107, 1/9/76)

*Blacksburg, Virginia, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University--\$34,079--to implement and monitor a previously developed Minority Accessibility Program with a view to increasing the efficiency and objectivity of UMTA minority reviews. (UMTA Project No. VA-11-0002, 1/12/76)

*Austin, Texas--\$211,000--to help cover eligible operating expenses of the Austin public transportation system from November 26, 1974 through September 30, 1975. (UMTA Project No. TX-05-4007, 1/14/76)

*Great Falls Montana, Great Falls City-County Planning Board--\$12,000--to support short-range transportation planning activities in the Great Falls metropolitan area. (UMTA Project No. MT-09-0004, 1/14/76)

*San Antonio, Texas, Alamo Area Council of Governments
--\$126,000--a supplemental grant to support continuation of
transportation planning in the San Antonio metropolitan area.
(UMTA Project No. TX-09-0016-02, 1/14/76)

*Dayton, Ohio, Miami Valley Regional Transit Authority
--\$2,432,816--a supplemental grant to assist in meeting a higher
than anticipated cost of new electric trolley coaches and related
equipment. (UMTA Project No. OH-03-0026, 1/16/76)

*Jackson, Michigan--\$5,036-- a supplemental grant to assist in
meeting a higher than anticipated cost of four new buses and for
the purchase of one additional two-way radio. (UMTA Project
No. MI-03-0025, 1/16/76)

*Cambridge, Massachusetts, Massachusetts Institute of
Technology --\$250,000--to assist in the development of a computer-
ized system for scheduling innovative transportation services
which integrate conventional fixed route and flexible route demand-
responsive services. (UMTA Project No. MA-06-0071, 1/16/76)

*Richmond, Virginia, Greater Richmond Transit Company--
\$1,568,567--to help cover eligible operating expenses of the
Greater Richmond Transit Company for the period from July 1,
1975 through June 30, 1976. (UMTA Project No. VA-05-4006, 1/19/76)

*Melbourne, Florida, Brevard Transportation Authority--
\$71,510--to help cover eligible operating expenses for public
transportation in the Melbourne-Cocoa metropolitan area for the
period from November 26, 1974 through September 30, 1975. (UMTA
Project No. FL-05-4010, 1/19/76)

*Chicago, Illinois, Regional Transportation Authority--
\$47,000,000--to help cover eligible operating expenses of the
Chicago Transit Authority for the period from July 1, 1975 through
June 30, 1976. (UMTA Project No. IL-05-4009, 1/20/76)

*Sacramento, California, Regional Transit District--\$451,609
--to help cover eligible public transportation operating expenses
of the Sacramento metropolitan area. (UMTA Project No. CA-05-4009,
1/22/76)

*Wausau, Wisconsin--\$712,168--to assist in the purchase of
12 new 45-passenger buses and related bus transit equipment.
(UMTA Project No. WI-03-0020, 1/22/76)

*Gary, Indiana, Gary Public Transportation Corporation--
\$948,652--to help cover eligible operating expenses of the Gary
Transportation Corporation from the period from January 1, 1975
through December 31, 1975. (UMTA Project No. IN-05-4009, 1/23/76)

*Chicago, Illinois, Regional Transportation Planning Board
--\$2,234,000--to support transportation planning in the Chicago, Illinois/Gary, Indiana, metropolitan area. (UMTA Project No. IT-09-0052, 1/23/76)

*Boston, Massachusetts, Metropolitan Area Planning Council
--\$750,000--to support continuing and comprehensive transportation planning in the Boston metropolitan area. (UMTA Project No. MA-09-0027, 1/22/76)

*Baltimore, Maryland, Maryland Department of Transportation
--\$600,000--to support continuing and comprehensive transportation planning throughout the state. (UMTA Project No. MD-09-0010, 1/26/76)

*New York, New York, Tri-State Regional Planning Commission
--\$4,091,000--to support continuing and comprehensive transportation planning in the New York metropolitan area. (UMTA Project No. IT-09-0058, 1/26/76)

*Knoxville, Tennessee--\$298,832--a supplemental grant to purchase land, a bus shelter and to make certain site improvements not included in the original grant to improve transit in the Knoxville area. (UMTA Project No. TN-03-005-01, 1/28/76)

*Roanoke, Virginia, Fifth Planning District Commission
--\$34,168--to support an update of the community's transit development program. (UMTA Project No. VA-09-0020, 1/28/76)

*Galveston, Texas--\$1,080,000--to assist in the purchase of 15 new 45-passenger buses, 18 two-way mobile radios and related bus transit equipment. (UMTA Project No. TX-03-0019, 1/28/76)

*Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania Department of Transportation --\$314,400--to support comprehensive transportation planning, specifically in the communities of Altoona, Erie, Johnstown, Lancaster, Reading, Williamsport and York. Also included are planning activities in the non-urbanized areas with particular emphasis on the transportation needs of the state's elderly and handicapped persons. (UMTA Project No. PA-09-8002, 1/28/76)

*West Palm Beach, Florida, Palm Beach County Transportation Authority--\$74,068--to help cover a higher than anticipated cost of 25 new transit buses and related equipment. (UMTA Project No. FL-03-0020, 1/28/76)

*Los Angeles, California, Southern California Rapid Transit District--\$5,277,200--to assist in the purchase of 30 new articulated buses, acquisition of land and related improvements. (UMTA Project No. CA-03-0106, 1/28/76)

*Syracuse, New York, Onondaga County--\$258,720--to assist in the purchase of four new 49 to 53-passenger buses and related bus transit equipment. (UMTA Project No. NY-03-0073, 1/28/76)

*Bay City, Michigan, Bay County Metropolitan Transportation Authority--\$154,670--to help cover eligible operating expenses of the Bay County Metropolitan Transportation Authority for the period from July 1, 1975 through June 30, 1976. (UMTA Project No. MI-05-4012, 1/29/76)

*San Diego, California, Comprehensive Planning Organization for the San Diego Transit Corporation--\$5,075,895--to help cover eligible operating expenses of the San Diego metropolitan area public transportation system for the period July 1, 1975 through June 30, 1976. (UMTA Project No. CA-05-4019, 1/30/76)

Other major activities include:

*Evanston, Illinois, Institute of Transportation Engineers --\$78,600--a contract for the development of a program to encourage minority high school students to consider a career in traffic and transportation engineering.

*Nashville, Tennessee--start of the service improvement and communication phase of UMTA's transit marketing project.

*Houston, Texas--remarks by UMTA Administrator Robert E. Patricelli, before the American Public Transit Association's First Affirmative Action Seminar to discuss civil rights issues as they impact the mass transportation industry.

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