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A grant of \$7.5 million for the management and operation of the Bicentennial Transportation Program, April 4-October 30, for the National Capital Area was announced today by U.S. Secretary of Transportation William T. Coleman, Jr. The grant, made by the Department's Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA), is for the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, Washington, D.C.

The program consists of three main elements including visitor fringe parking lots at two close-in locations, express Metrobus service over 17 major radial routes and a comprehensive advertising and informational program to alert area residents and out-of-town visitors to the special Bicentennial year transit service including available private transit operations.

Secretary Coleman said "As the nation's Capital, Washington will be a major center in the celebration of the country's Bicentennial. Mobility must be assured for both residents and visitors." Along with the traditional sightseeing attractions many new Bicentennial exhibits and events are planned. More than 17 million visitors from throughout the country and abroad are expected in the area during 1976.

UMTA Administrator Robert E. Patricelli noted the grant will help implement a transit service program jointly developed by Federal and local transportation planners. Patricelli said "the

program is expected to prevent serious traffic congestion and parking problems. Also it will demonstrate the feasibility of convenient and reliable mass transit service for sightseeing and recreational purposes."

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