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During February 1976, the U.S. Department of Transportation's Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA) announced the award of 40 grants totaling \$49,083,845.

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:

\*Salt Lake City, Utah, Utah Transit Authority--\$167,708-- a supplemental grant to help meet a higher than anticipated cost of 12 new 30 to 35-passenger buses. (UMTA Project No. UT-03-0004, 2/2/76).

\*Steubenville, Ohio--\$83,205--to help cover eligible operating expenses of the Steubenville public transportation system from January 1, 1975 through December 31, 1975. (UMTA Project No. OH-05-4018, 2/3/76).

\*Springfield, Ohio--\$157,040--to assist in the purchase of three new buses, bus shelters and other equipment. (UMTA Project No. OH-05-0005, 2/3/76).

\*Syracuse, New York, Onondaga County--\$111,069--to help cover eligible operating expenses of the Onondaga Coach Corporation and Syracuse and Oswego Motor Lines Inc., from November 26, 1974 through December 31, 1975. (UMTA Project No. NY-05-4013, 2/3/76).

\* Grand Rapids, Michigan, Grand Rapids Transit Authority--\$426,168--to assist in the purchase of eight new 45-passenger buses. (UMTA Project No. MI-05-0001, 2/3/76).

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\*Nazareth, Michigan, Southcentral Michigan Planning and Development Council of Region III--\$38,624--to support transportation planning activities in the Kalamazoo and Battle Creek urbanized areas. (UMTA Project No. MI-09-0020, 2/5/76).

\*Neenah, Wisconsin, East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission--\$21,620--a supplemental grant to support an update of the transit development programs for the cities of Appleton, Oshkosh and Fond du Lac. (UMTA Project No. WI-09-0013-01, 2/5/76).

\*Chattanooga, Tennessee, Chattanooga Area Regional Transportation Authority--\$775,109--to help cover eligible operating expenses of the Chattanooga Area Regional Transportation Authority from July 1, 1975 through June 30, 1976. (UMTA Project No. IT-05-4003, 2/5/76).

\*Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Department of Public Property--\$11,447,200--a supplemental grant to assist in completion of the relocation of the Frankford Elevated Railway. (UMTA Project No. PA-03-0036-02, 2/6/76).

\*Austin, Texas--\$281,600--to assist in the purchase of five new 26-passenger buses and related bus transit equipment. (UMTA Project No. TX-05-0007, 2/9/76).

\*Olympia, Washington, Intercity Transit Commission--\$335,800--a supplemental grant to assist in the purchase of six new 31 to 35-passenger buses, related transit equipment and construction. (UMTA Project No. WA-03-0015-02, 2/9/76).

\*Portland, Oregon, Tri-County Metropolitan Transportation District of Oregon--\$692,320--to assist in the purchase of 15 new air-conditioned buses equipped for transporting elderly and handicapped persons. (UMTA Project No. OR-03-0012, 2/9/76).

\*Texarkana, Texas, Ark-Tex Council of Governments--\$10,000--a supplemental grant to support reevaluation of available mass transit alternatives in the metropolitan area. (UMTA Project No. TX-09-0036-01, 2/9/76).

\*Bryan, Texas, Brazos Valley Development Council--\$8,000--a supplemental grant to support the preparation of a transit improvement program. (UMTA Project No. TX-09-0030-01, 2/9/76).

\*Harlingen, Texas--\$8,000--to support a short-range transit study with special consideration being given the transit needs of persons totally dependent upon public transportation. (UMTA Project No. TX-09-0038, 2/9/76).

\*Lubbock, Texas--\$24,000--to support an update of the area's transit development program. The study will examine the transit needs of elderly and handicapped persons and recommend capital improvements and priorities for a five-year period. (UMTA Project No. TX-09-0040, 2/9/76).

\*Wichita Falls, Texas--\$16,000--to support preparation of a five-year capital improvement program. (UMTA Project No. TX-09-0039, 2/9/76).

\*Nashville, Tennessee, Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County--\$548,942--a supplemental grant to help cover a higher than anticipated cost of 100 new 45-passenger transit buses, related equipment and other improvements. (UMTA Project No. TN-03-0006-02, 2/9/76).

\*Flint, Michigan, Mass Transportation Authority--\$380,551--to help cover eligible operating expenses of the Mass Transportation Authority from July 1, 1975 through June 30, 1976. (UMTA Project No. MI-05-4013, 2/9/76).

\*Washington, D. C. American Public Transit Association--\$27,500--to assist in organizing and conducting a conference to explore priorities of urban mass transportation research and development. (UMTA Project No. DC-06-0136, 2/12/76).

\*Bristol, Virginia, Bristol, Tennessee-Virginia Planning Commission--\$24,000--to support a short-range transit study in the Bristol bi-state metropolitan area. (UMTA Project No. IT-09-0049, 2/13/76).

\*Berkeley, California, Metropolitan Transportation Commission--\$600,000--a supplemental grant to support the BART Impact program. The program helps assess the effects of BART upon area residents. (UMTA Project No. CA-09-0042, 2/17/76).

\*Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority, (SEPTA)--\$16,472,300--to help cover eligible operating expenses of SEPTA's City Transit Division and Red Arrow Division and other services provided with the assistance of SEPTA by the Penn Central Transportation Company, Reading Company and the Trenton-Philadelphia Coach Company through June 30, 1976. (UMTA Project No. PA-05-4020, 2/17/76).

\*Portland, Oregon, Tri-County Metropolitan Transportation District of Oregon--\$234,500--a supplemental grant to assist in the purchase of ten used buses. The grant represents a transfer of urban highway funds to mass transit improvements. (UMTA Project No. OR-23-0001-01, 2/18/76).

\*Baltimore, Maryland, Mass Transit Administration--\$620,000--to assist the service demonstration portion of an UMTA transit marketing project. (UMTA Project No. MD-06-0021, 2/18/76).

\*Scranton, Pennsylvania, Lackawanna County Regional Planning Commission--\$30,080--to support and update the region's transit development program and a long-range transportation planning study. (UMTA Project No. PA-09-0031, 2/18/76).

\*Duluth, Minnesota, Arrowhead Regional Development Commission--\$37,000--to support continuing transportation planning in the Duluth, Minnesota/Superior, Wisconsin metropolitan area. (UMTA Project No. IT-09-0060, 2/19/76).

\*Cumberland, Maryland, Allegany County Transit Authority--\$69,776--a supplemental grant to help cover a higher than anticipated cost of a new garage and for the purchase of equipment. (UMTA Project No. MD-03-0007-01, 2/19/76).

\*Buffalo, New York, Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority--\$1,198,806--to assist in the purchase of 668 digital two-way radios and base communication station equipment. The grant represents a transfer of highway funds to mass transit improvements. (UMTA Project No. NY-23-0004, 2/19/76).

\*Atlanta, Georgia, Atlanta Regional Commission--\$650,000--to support continuing regional comprehensive transportation planning in the metropolitan area. An area-wide transit improvement program will be developed. (UMTA Project No. GA-09-0025, 2/20/76).

\*Nashville, Tennessee, Metropolitan Transit Authority--\$300,000--to assist the service demonstration portion of an UMTA transit marketing project. (UMTA Project No. TN-06-0007, 2/20/76).

\*Kalamazoo, Michigan--\$96,368--a supplemental grant to help cover a higher than anticipated cost of two new buses equipped to accommodate passengers confined to wheelchairs. (UMTA Project No. MI-03-0022-01, 2/24/76).

\*Oneida County, New York--\$48,454--to help cover eligible operating expenses of the Central New York Coach Lines, Inc. and the Utica-Rome Bus Company from November 26, 1974 through December 31, 1975. (UMTA Project No. NY-05-4018, 2/24/75)



\*Herkimer County, New York--\$41,261--to help cover eligible operating expenses of the Central New York Coach Lines, Inc. from November 26, 1974 through December 31, 1975. (UMTA Project No. NY-05-4026, 2/24/76)

\*Salt Lake City, Utah, Utah State Department of Highways--\$30,000--a supplemental grant to support continuing state involvement in urban areas within the state, including monitoring the state's elderly and handicapped transit program. (UMTA Project No. UT-09-8001-01, 2/24/76).

\*Austin, Texas, State Department of Highways and Public Transportation--\$176,000--a supplemental grant to support planning, grant management and development programs with particular attention being given to assistance for small urbanized areas. (UMTA Project No. TX-09-8001, 2/24/76).

\*Portland, Oregon, Tri-County Metropolitan Transportation District--\$11,972,164--a supplemental grant to assist in the construction and equipping of a transit mall on Fifth and Sixth Avenues in downtown Portland. (UMTA Project No. OR-03-0008-01, 2/24/76).

\*Arlington, Texas, North Central Texas Council of Governments--\$474,000--a supplemental grant to support continuing and comprehensive transportation planning in the Arlington area. (UMTA Project No. TX-09-0024-01, 2/24/76).

\*Charleston, West Virginia, West Virginia Department of Welfare--\$262,344--to support planning activities of the State's Transportation Remuneration Incentive Program (TRIP). (UMTA Project No. WV-09-8001, 2/25/76).

\*Huntington, West Virginia, Tri-State Transit Authority--\$186,336--a supplemental grant to help cover a higher than anticipated cost of construction of a new maintenance and administration facility. (UMTA Project No. WV-03-0001-03, 2/26/76).

Other major activities include:

\*An announcement of two UMTA-funded flywheel-driven energy-storing subway cars about to enter revenue service on New York City Transit Authority Lines.

\*Announcement of regional meetings to explain a uniform system for reporting key financial accounting and reporting elements (Project FARE).

\*Announcement of the availability of \$22 million for the 1976 fiscal year program to improve the mobility of elderly and handicapped persons.

\*Testimony of Administrator Robert E. Patricelli before the Transportation Subcommittee of the House Appropriations Committee.

\*Remarks by Administrator Robert E. Patricelli before the Annual Meeting of Central Atlanta Progress.

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