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A \$26,289,000 grant to help meet transit operating expenses in the Los Angeles area was announced today by Urban Mass Transportation Administrator Robert E. Patricelli.

The Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA) grant was made to the Southern California Association of Governments on behalf of the Southern California Rapid Transit District (SCRTD) which provides transit service in the Los Angeles/Long Beach metropolitan area. The SCRTD bus fleet, totaling more than 2,300 vehicles, serves 300 million passengers a year.

Patricelli pointed out that although Los Angeles is noted for being automobile oriented, the city has an "exceptionally fine bus transit system deserving of a maximum effort to maintain reasonable fares and improve service within the community."

The grant helps cover eligible operating expenses of the Southern California Rapid Transit District from July 1, 1975 through June 30, 1976 as provided for in the Section 5 provisions of the Urban Mass Transportation Act of 1964, as amended.

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A local source for additional information is Mr. Jack Gilstrap, Executive Director, Southern California Rapid Transit District, 425 South Main Street, Los Angeles, California 90013, (213) 972-6628. (UMTA Project No. CA-05-4024)

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