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During April 1976, the U.S. Department of Transportation's Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA) announced the award of 71 grants totaling \$173,983,202.

A digest of the announced grants their dollar amount, UMTA project number and date of the announcement follows.

Grants were made to:

*Kansas City, Missouri, Mid-America Regional Council of Governments -- \$364,000 -- a supplemental grant for continuing transportation planning in the metropolitan area. (UMTA Project No. IT-09-0047-01, 4/1/76).

*Westport, Connecticut, Westport Transit District -- \$258,984 -- a supplemental grant to help in the purchase of 14 new buses, equipment and construction of facilities. (UMTA Project No. CT-03-0003-01, 4/1/76).

*Des Moines, Iowa, Des Moines Metropolitan Transit Authority -- \$2,079,584 -- to assist in the purchase of 30 new 50 to 55-passenger transit buses, real estate and other improvements. (UMTA Project No. IA-03-0016, 4/1/76).

*Lancaster, Pennsylvania, The Lancaster City and County Joint Transit Authority -- \$52,000 -- to assist in the public acquisition of privately owned transportation companies. (UMTA Project No. PA-03-0053, 4/1/76).

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*Beloit, Wisconsin -- \$470,440 -- to assist in the purchase of seven new 45-passenger buses, radios, fare boxes, passenger shelters, benches and bus stop signs. (UMTA Project No. WI-03-0006, 4/5/76).

*Key West, Florida -- \$27,996 -- a supplemental grant to assist in meeting a higher than anticipated cost of construction of a garage/office facility. (UMTA Project No. FL-03-0021-02, 4/5/76).

*Hagerstown, Maryland, Washington County Transportation Commission -- \$16,580 -- a supplemental grant to assist in meeting higher than anticipated cost of renovation of a garage/office complex. (UMTA Project No. MD-03-0006-01, 4/5/76).

*Lake Elsinore, California, Lake Elsinore Transit System -- \$60,284 -- to assist in the purchase of three 12 to 16-passenger vans, fare boxes, radios, bus stop signs and benches. (UMTA Project No. CA-03-0112, 4/5/76).

*Morgantown, West Virginia, West Virginia University -- \$1,038,448 -- a supplemental grant to assist in funding start-up costs of the Morgantown Personal Rapid Transit System. (UMTA Project No. WV-03-0006-01, 4/9/76).

*Boston, Massachusetts, Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority -- \$12,800,000 -- to assist in the acquisition and reconstruction of 9.1 miles of the Penn Central Railroad right-of-way located between the Readville and South Station sections of the city of Boston. (UMTA Project No. MA-23-9004, 4/9/76).

*Boston, Massachusetts, Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority -- \$26,950,400 -- to help extend rapid transit along the Penn Central Shore Line to Back Bay Station. (UMTA Project No. MA-23-9005, 4/9/76).

*St. Paul, Minnesota, University of Minnesota -- \$25,590 -- to support a study on longitudinal control and crashworthy vehicle design for automated guideway transit systems. (UMTA Project No. MN-11-0002, 4/12/76).

*Winston-Salem, North Carolina, Winston-Salem Transit Authority -- \$457,076 -- a supplemental grant to help meet a higher than anticipated construction cost of an office/maintenance facility. (UMTA Project No. NC-03-0002-03, 4/12/76).

*Greenfield, Massachusetts, Greenfield-Montague Transportation Area -- \$319,792 -- to assist in the purchase of three new 45-passenger buses, fare boxes, communications equipment and related improvements. (UMTA Project No. MA-03-0047, 4/12/76).

*Neenah, Wisconsin, East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission -- \$63,468 -- to support continuing transportation planning in the metropolitan area. (UMTA Project No. WI-09-0016, 4/15/76).

*Middletown, Connecticut, Midstate Regional Planning Agency -- \$20,000 -- to support production of a transit development program. (UMTA Project No. CT-09-0006, 4/15/76).

*Greenville, South Carolina, South Carolina Appalachian Council of Governments -- \$31,960 -- to support an evaluation of existing transit service and development of a program of recommended actions to improve transit in the Spartanburg metropolitan area. (UMTA Project No. SC-09-0010, 4/15/76).

*Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority -- \$25,671,480 -- to assist in a modernization program which includes replacement of switches, rails, communication equipment, powerlines and service vehicles. (UMTA Project No. PA-03-0062, 4/21/76).

*Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority -- \$11,184,588 -- a supplemental grant to assist in the purchase of 18 new air-conditioned commuter rail cars. (UMTA Project No. PA-23-9001-01, 4/21/76).

*Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority -- \$3,008,880 -- to assist in the purchase of right-of-way for three commuter rail lines. The lines are being bought from the Penn Central Railroad. (UMTA Project No. PA-03-0068, 4/21/76).

*Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority -- \$414,425 -- a loan to help purchase right-of-way of the Octoraro branch of the Penn Central Railroad. (UMTA Project No. PA-03-9002, 4/21/76).

*Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority -- \$401,118 -- a loan to help purchase right-of-way of the Stone Creek Branch of the Reading Railroad and the Chester Creek Branch of the Penn Central Railroad. (UMTA Project No. PA-03-9003, 4/21/76).

*Eugene, Oregon, Lane Transit District -- \$217,280 -- a supplemental grant to assist in meeting a higher than anticipated cost of 19 new 41 to 45-passenger buses and related bus transit equipment. (UMTA Project No. OR-03-0007-02, 4/21/76).

*Washington, D.C., Metropolitan Council of Governments -- \$150,000 -- to support a study which will consider the need for improved access between Dulles International Airport and downtown Washington, D.C. (UMTA Project No. IT-29-0001, 4/22/76).

*Cleveland, Ohio, Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency -- \$100,000 -- a supplemental grant to support management and financial improvement studies for the Cleveland metropolitan area. (UMTA Project No. OH-09-0028-01, 4/22/76).

*Denver, Colorado, Regional Transit District -- \$914,116 -- a supplemental grant to assist in incorporating a solar heating unit into the construction of a new garage, maintenance and office facility. (UMTA Project No. CO-03-0007-02, 4/22/76).

*Waukesha, Wisconsin, Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission -- \$232,144 -- to support a continuing land use transportation study, and development of a transportation improvement program. (UMTA Project No. WI-09-0015, 4/23/76).

*Battle Creek, Michigan -- \$91,136 -- a supplemental grant to assist in the purchase of two new 31 to 35-passenger buses, fare boxes, passenger shelters, radios and engineering costs related to construction of a new garage. (UMTA Project No. MI-03-0024-01, 4/28/76).

*Muskegon, Michigan -- \$336,200 -- to assist in the purchase of 13 new 20 to 25-passenger shelters. (UMTA Project No. MI-03-0033, 4/28/76).

*Durham, New Hampshire, New England Municipal Center -- \$30,000 -- to assist in the organization of an information development and dissemination program dealing with mass transit legislation. (UMTA Project No. NH-06-0001, 4/28/76).

*Boston, Massachusetts, Boston University, School of Management -- \$47,382 -- to support development of a computer system for the cost-effective maintenance of rail equipment in urban mass transit systems. (UMTA Project No. MA-06-0073, 4/28/76).

*Waterbury, Connecticut, Connecticut Department of Transportation -- \$1,410,816 -- to help purchase a fleet of 25 new buses for the Waterbury Transit System. (UMTA Project No. CT-03-0014, 4/29/76).

*Saint Paul, Minnesota, Metropolitan Transit Commission -- \$1,123,576 -- a supplemental grant to help cover a higher than anticipated cost of acquiring the privately owned Twin City Lines Inc. (UMTA Project No. MN-03-0004-03, 4/29/76).

*Charlotte, North Carolina -- \$5,087,560 -- to assist in the public acquisition of the privately owned City Coach Lines, Inc., 34 new 45-passenger transit buses, two vans, radios, passenger shelters, and related transit equipment. (UMTA Project No. NC-03-0009, 4/30/76).

*Portland, Oregon, Tri-County Metropolitan Transportation District of Oregon -- \$9,715,728 -- to assist in the final design, engineering, site development and construction of a new central maintenance and administrative facility for Portland's bus system. (UMTA Project No. OR-03-0009, 4/30/76).

Included in the total number of grants are formula apportioned funds made available under section 5 of the Urban Mass Transportation Act of 1964, amended. These grants may be used either to help cover eligible operating expenses or to purchase transit equipment. Unless noted the following grants were used to help cover eligible operating expenses.

*Lancaster, Pennsylvania, Lancaster City and County Joint Transit Authority -- \$188,729 -- (PA-05-4018, 4/1/76).

*Montgomery, Alabama -- \$130,636 -- (AL-05-0001, 4/5/76).

*Charleston, West Virginia, Kanawha Valley Regional Transportation Authority -- \$502,400 -- (WV-05-4005, 4/6/76).

*Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Milwaukee County Transit Board -- \$1,515,546 -- (WI-05-4003, 4/9/76).

*Kingston, Pennsylvania, Luzerne County Transportation Authority -- \$3,248 -- (PA-05-4023, 4/12/76).

*Saint Cloud, Minnesota, Saint Cloud Metropolitan Transit Commission -- \$59,900 -- (MN-05-4003, 4/12/76).

*Topeka, Kansas, Kansas Department of Transportation -- \$166,663 -- (KS-05-4003, 4/12/76).

*Orlando, Florida, Orange-Seminole-Osceola Transportation Authority -- \$108,366 -- (FL-05-4013, 4/12/76).

*Jackson, Mississippi -- \$191,036 -- (MS-05-4001, 4/12/76).

*Charlotte, North Carolina -- \$663,612 -- (NC-05-4008, 4/12/76).

*Gainesville, Florida, Alachua County Board of County Commissioners -- \$136,000 -- (FL-05-4006, 4/12/76).

*Ventura, California, South Coast Area Transit -- \$429,934 -- (CA-05-4023, 4/12/76).

*Sacramento, California, Monterey Peninsula Transit Company -- \$290,352 -- (CA-05-4032, 4/12/76).

*Columbus, Ohio, Central Ohio Transit Authority -- \$1,495,841 -- (OH-05-4021, 4/13/76).

*Dover, Delaware, Delaware Division of Transportation -- \$1,106,000 -- (DE-05-4003, 4/13/76).

*Ventura, California, South Coast Area Transit -- \$182,819 -- (CA-05-4022, 4/14/76).

*San Antonio, Texas, Transit Board of Trustees -- \$1,761,720 -- (TX-05-4008, 4/14/76).

*Louisville, Kentucky, Transit Authority of River City -- \$2,976,273 -- (KY-05-4003, 4/14/76).

*Los Angeles, California, Southern California Association of Governments -- \$26,289,000 -- (CA-05-4024, 4/14/76).

*Lancaster, Pennsylvania, Lancaster City and County Joint Transit Authority -- \$358,750 -- (PA-05-4019, 4/15/76).

*Davenport, Iowa -- \$243,976 -- (IA-05-4003, 4/15/76).

*Melbourne, Florida, Brevard Transportation Authority -- \$116,581 -- (FL-05-4020, 4/15/76).

*Bradenton, Florida, Manatee County Board of Commissioners -- \$454,036 -- to help buy eight new 33-passenger buses, nine two-way radios, a base communication station, service vehicles and related bus transit equipment. (FL-05-0002, 4/15/76).

*Richmond, Virginia, Greater Richmond Transit Company -- \$597,280 -- to help buy 10 new 47-passenger buses. (VA-05-0001, 4/15/76).

*Newport, Kentucky, Transit Authority of Northern Kentucky -- \$697,966 -- (KY-05-4005, 4/15/76).

*Omaha, Nebraska, Transit Authority of the City of Omaha -- \$998,494 -- (NE-05-4002, 4/19/76).

*Detroit, Michigan, Southeastern Michigan Transportation Authority -- \$2,453,105 -- (MI-05-4008-01, 4/19/76).

*Detroit, Michigan, Southeastern Michigan Transportation Authority -- \$17,435,543 -- (MI-05-4017, 4/19/76).

*Ashland, Kentucky -- \$25,325 -- (KY-05-4006, 4/21/76).

*Wichita, Kansas, Wichita Metropolitan Transit Authority -- \$290,171 -- (KS-05-4001, 4/22/76).

*Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Central Oklahoma Transportation and Parking Authority -- \$341,060 -- (OK-05-4005, 4/23/76).

*Huntington, West Virginia, Tri-State Transit Authority -- \$3,766 -- (WV-05-4002-01, 4/23/76).

*Asheville, North Carolina, Division of Planning -- \$253,601 -- (NC-05-4007, 4/23/76).

*Flint, Michigan, Mass Transportation Authority -- \$1,164,240 -- (MI-05-0006, 4/23/76).

*Baton Rouge, Louisiana, -- \$225,742 -- (LA-05-4001, 4/23/76).

*San Juan, Puerto Rico, Commonwealth of Puerto Rico -- \$4,952,460 -- (PR-05-4002, 4/27/76).

Other activities of interest related to:

*a coordinated study project designed to standardize specifications for rail rapid transit cars.

*the U.S. Government hosting the Economic Commission for Europe's Second Seminar on the Role of Transportation in Urban Planning, Development and Environment.

*a project to demonstrate the benefits of fully automated people mover systems in urban downtown areas.

*the selection of five cities to participate in the design of Auto Restricted Zone demonstrations in downtown areas.

*a public hearing on urban transit bus design and performance specifications.

*the availability of reports on the characteristics of 13 small community transit operations.

*the issuance of final regulations and guidance to transit agencies concerning the accessibility of public transportation service to elderly and handicapped persons.

*appointment of Dr. Robert E. Gallamore as Associate Administrator for Transportation Planning.

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