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A \$4,605,052 grant for construction of new bus maintenance and storage facilities, renovation of an existing administration building and other improvements to Toledo's public transportation system was announced today by Robert E. Patricelli, Administrator of the U.S. Department of Transportation's Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA).

Patricelli said, "Construction of these new maintenance facilities will provide better service to Toledo's transit riders by improving the reliability and performance of their local bus fleet. These improvements also will greatly improve the working conditions of the Toledo transit system's employees. I am pleased that Federal help is available to assist the community in achieving these much needed transit improvements."

The Toledo Area Regional Transit Authority, operator of the Toledo transit system, provides service on 33 routes, seven days a week. Reliability has been good and ridership has risen 64 percent over the past five years to a total of 12,500,000 annual passengers.

Three of the five buildings presently in use as maintenance shops were built around the turn of the century for use as street car maintenance facilities. The current office building, constructed in 1957, will continue to be used as an office facility after renovation. One of the older buildings will be removed and replaced with the new maintenance and storage facilities.

A local source for additional information is Mr. Dave Decsman, Toledo Area Regional Transit Authority, 1127 West Central Avenue, P.O. Box 4702, Toledo, Ohio 43620, (419) 242-6472. (UMTA Project No. OH-03-0047-01).

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