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A \$6,751,000 grant to the Southern California Association of Governments to help cover eligible operating expenses of the Orange County Transit District in the Los Angeles-Long Beach urbanized area, was announced today by Robert E. Patricelli, Administrator of the U.S. Department of Transportation's Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA).

The Federal formula funds for operating assistance are being made available under Section 5 provisions of the Urban Mass Transportation Act of 1964 as amended.

Patricelli commended local officials for their continued efforts to improve service throughout the operating area. "The County operates one of the finest bus transit systems throughout the country," Patricelli said. "The 284 bus fleet covers 1,086 route miles and carries nearly 12,800,000 passengers each year, an increase of 4,855,599 over the last two years."

Approval of the grant follows assurance that State and local support and non-fare box revenues for provision of mass transportation services will be maintained on a level equal to or exceeding assistance provided for the two preceding local fiscal years. Other significant Section 5 requirements for Federal operating assistance are to improve or continue service and to assure a charge of not more than one-half of the peak hour fare to elderly and handicapped persons using the system during non-peak hours.

A local source for additional information is Mr. Edward F. Loritz, General Manager, Orange County Transit District, P.O. Box 688, Santa Ana, California 92702, (714) 834-6190. (CA-05-4046).

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