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The U. S. Department of Transportation's Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA) today announced a grant of \$1,363,872 to the Metropolitan Tulsa Transit Authority (MTTA) of Tulsa, Oklahoma, to assist in the purchase of 25 new 45-passenger air-conditioned transit buses and related service and maintenance equipment. In addition, adjoining property will be purchased and rehabilitated for parking and storage, and further improvements made to the existing office and maintenance facility.

Significant increases in ridership on the Tulsa system have been made since 1971 and are projected to continue. UMTA Administrator Frank C. Herringer attributed the increases to "more frequent service, reduced fares and innovative marketing." The 1971 patronage was barely more than 1.7 million. It is projected to reach 3.7 million by the end of this year.

The new buses will be used to further expand service, increasing the present peak-hour fleet of 70 to a total of 95 buses. Forty-five of the present 70 bus fleet were purchased

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with the help of a \$1,357,433 grant made to MTTA last year.

The one-fifth share of the total project cost is being derived from local sources.

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