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The U. S. Department of Transportation's Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA) today announced a \$1,111,864 grant to the Greater Anchorage Area Borough to assist in continuing and expanding transit service in the Anchorage, Alaska area.

The Anchorage area lost its local transit service in 1964 after many years of declining ridership. A 1972 UMTA-funded technical study recommended an initial system of 34 buses increasing to 47 as patronage and funds permit. Voters subsequently approved a property tax increase to provide funds for initiating the system. In the interim, the city has been operating a six-bus system with assistance from UMTA's Service Development Program.

This grant will assist in the purchase of four new 17-24 passenger buses, eight new 31-35 passenger buses, four new 40-45 passenger buses and the purchase, renovation and equipping of 23 used buses, including the six buses currently operated by the city. In addition, four non-revenue

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vehicles will be purchased, and spare parts, shop equipment and other transit related items necessary for initiating transit service will be acquired.

The one-fifth local share of the total project cost is being provided by the Greater Anchorage Area Borough and the State of Alaska.

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