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A \$5,748,136 supplemental grant to the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) of New York, for improvements to commuter rail facilities used by the New Haven Line was announced today by Robert E. Patricelli, Administrator of the U.S. Department of Transportation's Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA).

Patricelli pointed out "the project is part of a priority commuter rail improvement program and specifically includes continuing funding of communications equipment, signal modernization and engineering and design on the heavily traveled system." The New Haven service carries 30,000 commuters a day between Connecticut and the Grand Central Terminal in NYC.

"With this grant," Patricelli said, "a total of \$34,811,239 has been reserved for the project as evidence of the continuing Federal commitment to improved commuter rail transportation in the New York metropolitan area."

The UMTA Administrator noted that the project was originally approved in 1967 as part of a joint MTA-Connecticut Department of Transportation program for the improvement of the New Haven Line service operating in the two states. The original grant included the purchase of new commuter cars, station modernization, conversion of electrification to commercially available 60 cycle power and signal system modernization.

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