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Three grants totaling \$111,592,126 to the Maryland Department of Transportation for final design, land acquisition and construction of a new rapid transit system and to help cover bus system operating expenses in Baltimore, Maryland were awarded today by Robert E. Patricelli, Administrator of the U.S. Department of Transportation's Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA).

Patricelli noted that, "including this grant, \$248,751,200 has been made available by UMTA to acquire land, and to design and build the new eight-mile rapid rail transit system in Baltimore."

He cited the Federal commitment as "a major step forward in providing mobility and economic stability within one of our Nation's great cities."

UMTA initially approved the Baltimore rail rapid transit project in October 1972 and in June 1975 committed \$500 million to permit full funding of an eight-mile segment between Charles Center Station in downtown Baltimore and Reistertown Plaza Stations near the Baltimore City-County line in the northwest.

Today's announced funding represents the fourth such grant towards the total \$573 million federal commitment to the new rail system.

The first of today's announced grants provides funding of \$100 million for continuation of final design and construction of the Mondawmin, Charles Center and Bolton Hill station structures, relocation of the Western Maryland Railway tracks,

relocation of utilities and construction of the Charles Center Line. (MD-03-0004-03).

The first of two grants to assist in meeting operating expenses of the Baltimore bus transit system is for \$4,253,796 and covers eligible expenses of the Mass Transit Administration from November 26, 1974 through June 30, 1975. (MD-05-4002)

The second grant of \$7,338,330 helps cover the bus system's operating expenses from July 1, 1975 through June 30, 1976. (MD-05-4004)

A local source for additional information is Mr. Walter J. Addison, Administrator, Mass Transit Administration, Maryland Department of Transportation, Baltimore-Washington International Airport, Baltimore, Maryland 21240, (301) 383-3434. (UMTA Project No. MD-03-0004)