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A \$10,113,664 grant to help buy 153 new air-conditioned buses and finance other bus transit improvements in the Detroit Metropolitan area served by the Southeastern Michigan Transportation Authority (SEMTA) was announced today by Robert E. Patricelli, Administrator of the U.S. Department of Transportation's Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA).

In announcing the grant, the UMTA Administrator noted that the Detroit Metropolitan area, the fifth most heavily populated in the United States, is served by two major public transportation carriers. "The cooperative planning efforts of both transit systems and local officials is solid evidence of the community's determination to improve Detroit's bus systems," he said. "The new bus fleet should encourage greater use of public transportation by Detroit area residents, who will be provided with more convenient and reliable service," he added.

The Detroit Department of Transportation will receive 119 of the new buses as replacements for a like number of obsolete buses. The remaining 34 buses will be used to retire older equipment currently used by SEMTA.

In addition to the new air-conditioned diesel-powered buses, the UMTA grant will assist in the purchase and installation of 69 bus stop passenger shelters, 3,200 bus stop signs, 22 new supervisory vehicles, 128 bus destination sign curtains and repainting of used buses previously acquired and being retained for service by SEMTA.

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