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PEOPLE MOVER TO BE UPGRADED

A \$2,000,000 grant to improve the urban deployability of the Dallas/Fort Worth airport AIRTRANS people mover system was announced today by Robert E. Patricelli, Administrator of the U.S. Department of Transportation's Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA).

Administrator Patricelli pointed out the objectives of the 12-month project are to: "upgrade the propulsion subsystem, improve the power collection subsystem, investigate and implement an improved steering subsystem, test under actual operating conditions an improved, more reliable command and control subsystem, and perform a vehicle test and demonstration program to verify the improved subsystems and to demonstrate operation of the system."

Patricelli said the "design and improvement modifications are important because they are needed to make the system fully deployable in an urban environment."

The Vought Corporation will be the primary subcontractor to the Dallas/Fort Worth Regional Airport Board, the grant recipient. The Airport Board will make a utility vehicle and other facilities available to the subcontractor for the subsystem tests.

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A local source for additional information is Mr. Dennis M. Elliott, Director of Engineering, Dallas Fort Worth Regional Airport Board, P.O. Drawer DFW, Dallas/Fort Worth Airport, Texas 75261, (214) 574-6720 (TX-06-0020).

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