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\$8 MILLION FEDERAL GRANT FOR BUSES IN ATLANTA GEORGIA

An \$8,051,328 grant to the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority (MARTA), Atlanta, Georgia, to assist in the purchase of 100 new 42-passenger buses and renovation of nine used buses was announced today by Brock Adams, U.S. Secretary of Transportation.

This grant was made by the Department's Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA) to assist MARTA in the purchase of the 100 new air-conditioned diesel-powered transit buses as replacements for a like number of 15-year old vehicles. Conversion of nine used buses to accommodate elderly and handicapped riders, including wheelchair users is included.

Another bus has been specially equipped with elderly and handicapped accessibility options and an additional 20 buses are being specially equipped under a previously awarded UMTA grant. "This total of 30 buses ultimately will rise to 45 buses to improve the mobility of elderly and handicapped transit riders in Atlanta," Secretary Adams said.

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