



DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

NEWS

URBAN MASS TRANSPORTATION ADMINISTRATION WASHINGTON, D. C. 20590

FOR RELEASE WEDNESDAY
April 13, 1977

Contact: Robert R. Trotter
Phone: (202) 426-4043
UMTA 77-21

**\$14 MILLION DOT GRANT
HELPS 10 PRIVATE NEW YORK
TRANSIT FIRMS**

Ten private New York City bus companies will receive up to 234 buses through a \$14,040,000 grant to the New York City Transportation Administration, Secretary of Transportation Brock Adams announced today.

"These companies carry 116 million riders a year," Secretary Adams said. "With a combined fleet of 1,251 buses, these 10 private companies form the ninth largest bus operation in the nation. This is the first time the New York City private bus operators have participated in the capital grant program."

The grant was made through the Department of Transportation's Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA).

"This project complements the publicly-owned New York City transit system," Secretary Adams said, "and it should be recognized that these fixed route transit operators provide service solely within New York City."

This grant is sufficient to allow New York City to replace every private operator's bus that is at least 15 years old. The new 49-53 passenger buses, although operated by the private firms, will be owned by New York City. UMTA can only award grants to public bodies which, as in this project, may contract with privately owned transit firms.

The 10 private transit firms that will receive assistance are: Avenue B and East Broadway Transit Co., Inc.; Green Bus Lines, Inc.; Jamaica Buses, Inc.; Pelham Parkway Bus Service, Inc.; Riverdale Transit Corp.; Queens Transit Corp.; Steinway Transit Corp.; Triboro Coach Corp.; New York Bus Tours, Inc. and Pioneer Bus Corp.

Five bus operators primarily serve Queens -- Green, Jamaica, Queens, Steinway and Triboro. Riverdale, New York Bus Tours and Pelham Parkway operate express routes between the Bronx and Manhattan. Pioneer Bus operates primarily in Brooklyn while Avenue B and East Broadway Transit operates entirely within Manhattan. The 10 bus companies provide only incidental charter service and no exclusive school service.

The one-fifth local share of the cost of this project will be provided by the New York State Department of Transportation and funds from the participating private operators.

-- 0 --

A local source of additional information is Mr. Lawrence W. Haas, New York City Transportation Administration, 40 Worth Street, New York, New York 10013, (202) 566-5782. (UMTA Project No. NY-03-0084)

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
URBAN MASS TRANSPORTATION
ADMINISTRATION

Washington, D.C. 20590

Official Business

PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE, \$300

POSTAGE AND FEES PAID
URBAN MASS TRANSPORTATION
ADMINISTRATION
DOT 511



FIRST CLASS