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## PHILADELPHIA TO GET 110 NEW ELECTRIC TROLLEY BUSES

A \$12.5 million grant to expand Philadelphia's electric trolley coach bus fleet was announced today by U. S. Secretary of Transportation Brock Adams.

The \$12,425,432 grant, made by the Department's Urban Mass Transportation Administration, supplements \$36.8 million previously provided to upgrade both electric and diesel bus service in the Philadelphia area.

The 110 new electric coaches will feature wide doors and kneeling devices to facilitate entry and exit by elderly and handicapped riders. Wheelchair lift options also are being installed on 10 of the new coaches.

A smaller element of the grant will help purchase 834 air dryers, which prevent oil, carbon and sludge from entering the braking and air system, and 337 energy absorbing bumpers for installation on the existing buses presently lacking this equipment. The improvements are expected to result in a substantial reduction in the cost of operating and maintaining the present bus fleet.

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A local source for additional information is William R. Eaton, General Manager, Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority, 12 South 12th Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19107, (215) 456-4100. (PA-03-0032-04)

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