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## DOT GRANT TO HOUSTON FOR NEW BUS FACILITIES

A \$9,719,492 grant to expand bus maintenance and administration facilities in Houston, Texas, was announced today by U.S.

Secretary of Transportation Brock Adams.

The grant, made by the department's Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA), is for the purchase of two tracts of land and architectural and engineering costs for two maintenance and administration facilities.

Historic Union Station will be preserved on one tract and it will be included in the development of a light maintenance and administrative facility.

The other site, property declared surplus by the Houston Independent School District, will be developed for transit headquarters and heavy maintenance operations. A high school vocational technical program in bus maintenance will be conducted at this transit facility.

The grant also includes funds for the purchase of 500 bus radios and related equipment.

Houston operates 417 large transit buses. In 1976, system ridership was 30,580,000. When the city took over the system from a private operator in 1974, ridership was 24,500,000.

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A local source for additional information is Mr. Barry Goodman, Administrator, Office of Public Transportation, City of Houston, P.O. Box 1562, Houston, Texas 77001, (713) 222-5217. (TX-03-0030).

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