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A \$10 million grant to continue planning activities for rail transit improvements in the Boston area was announced today by U.S. Secretary of Transportation Brock Adams.

The grant, made by the department's Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA), will assist the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority in continuing preliminary engineering and design work for the Red Line extension from Harvard Square to Arlington Heights and for the relocation of the Orange Line from South Cove to Forest Hills.

The grant also will permit several coordinated improvements on the North Shore, a series of public transportation improvements in the Boston regional core directly related to the proposed depression of the Central Artery, a series of joint development projects at station locations, and an integration of parking facilities for transit patrons into a single rational regional system.

The Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority is in the midst of planning, designing and engineering a major expansion of the existing rapid transit system. This grant, when added to the \$13 million previously awarded by UMTA for these projects, will enable the authority to continue its planning activities.

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A local source of additional information is Mr. Donald Graham, Manager of Development, Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority, 50 High Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02110, (617) 722-6303. (MA-29-9001-02)

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