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Secretary of Transportation Claude S. Brinegar today announced an Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA) grant of \$1,200,000 to the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority, (MBTA) Boston, Massachusetts, to assist in several high priority transit planning projects in the Boston area. Included are development of environmental guidelines, a further study of transit use of railroad rights-of-way, and planning related to MBTA power supplies and plant modernization.

"Communities must now, more than ever, plan for the most energy-efficient modes of Transportation," Secretary Brinegar said. "Federal funding through the Department's technical studies grant assistance program makes this possible," the Secretary added.

Although several of the projects are categorized as long-range, they all include short-range planning activities or preliminary engineering.

UMTA Administrator Frank C. Herringer noted that this study is included in the overall program for a unified urban transportation system as part of the comprehensively planned development of the urban area.

MBTA will manage each of the projects excepting an American Bicentennial Celebration action plan and a University of Massachusetts, Boston Campus, impact study. These studies will be prepared by the State Executive Office of Transportation and Construction.

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The one-fifth local share of the project cost is being provided by the MBTA, State and local agencies.

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