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The U.S. Department of Transportation's Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA) today announced the award of a \$101,760 grant to the City of New Castle, Pennsylvania, to assist in the purchase of four new 31-35 passenger transit buses and four modular bus shelters. The new buses will replace three 26 year old 36-passenger buses and four experimental Minibuses all of which are in urgent need of replacement.

UMTA Administrator Frank C. Herringer pointed out that the four new buses and eight buses purchased previously under UMTA's capital grant program will provide a realistic solution to New Castle's transit needs and substantially reduce operating costs. The four bus shelters will be located at key transfer points in the City's Central Business District.

Under a statewide program funded by the Pennsylvania State Department of Transportation, the New Castle Area Transit Authority, operator of the system, provides free transportation for all senior citizens. Bus routes have been structured to provide convenient service for elderly and handicapped to hospitals, community centers and nursing homes. Installation of features on the new buses such as additional hand rails, grip rails, sponge floor coverings, and moveable steps to ease boarding and debarking by elderly and handicapped riders are included in the project.

The one-fifth local share of the project cost is being provided by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the City of New Castle.

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