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The U.S. Department of Transportation's Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA) today announced two grants totaling \$13,018,052 to the Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District of San Francisco, California. The grants will assist in the acquisition of transit improvements in the San Francisco urban area.

The first grant for \$11,487,732 supplements a previous commitment of \$24,559,298 for the purchase of 186 buses, 3 maintenance facilities, 3 ferry boats and 3 terminals. Additional items to be acquired are 70 bus shelters and ferry boat renovation. The remainder of the funds will assist with cost increases of both the bus and ferry portions of the original project. (UMTA Project No. CA-03-0036-03)

The second grant for \$1,530,320 assists in the purchase of thirty-two 49-53 passenger transit buses, radios, fareboxes, and related support equipment. (UMTA Project No. CA-03-0065)

The Golden Gate Transit System is the principal mass transportation carrier which provides service between San Francisco and Marin, Napa and Sonoma Counties. Since it began operations in 1971 the District has experienced a phenomenal growth in ridership. One hundred and eighty-six buses are now in operation. The new buses will alleviate the existing crowded conditions during morning and evening rush periods and will be used to provide service to East Petaluma which currently does not have service.

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Additional service will be provided to Santa Rosa, Novato and central and southern Marin County.

The one-fifth local share of the total project cost is being provided by the Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District from Bridge Toll reserves.

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