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U.S. Secretary of Transportation William T. Coleman, Jr., today announced three grants totaling \$2,358,768 to the Capital Area Transportation Authority, of Lansing, Michigan.

The grants were made by the Department's Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA) to help expand and improve public transportation in the Lansing metropolitan area.

UMTA Administrator Robert E. Patricelli noted that the grants provide for the purchase of new equipment and facilities which are expected to substantially reduce maintenance costs, improve existing service and add new routes.

The first grant of \$488,400 represents funding apportioned to the Lansing urbanized area under Section 5 provisions of the Urban Mass Transportation Act of 1964. The Act provides that funds may be used on a 50 percent Federal 50 percent local cost sharing basis to help defray operating expenses and on an 80 percent Federal 20 percent local sharing basis for the purchase of capital equipment.

The bus purchase selected by Lansing increases their fleet by 11 new 42-passenger diesel transit buses. (UMTA Project No. MI-05-0004).

The second grant of \$635,712 assists in the purchase of seven new 42-passenger and three new 53-passenger buses, a two-way voice communication radio system, 17 new fareboxes, bus stop shelters, tools and related equipment. (UMTA Project No. MI-03-0048)

The third grant of \$1,234,656 provides for the purchase of land within existing building which will be rehabilitated to serve as a bus storage and maintenance facility. Engineering services, 30 new bus stop shelters, a route monitoring and

inspection vehicle tools and related equipment are included in the acquisition. (UMTA Project No. MI-03-0051)

The Capital Area Transportation Authority members and the state of Michigan Bureau of Urban and Public Transportation are providing the local one-fifth share of the projects cost.

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