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A program to modernize bus maintenance operations in Cincinnati, Ohio, received a substantial boost today with the announcement of a \$10,537,516 Federal grant by U.S. Secretary of Transportation Brock Adams.

The grant was made to the Southwest Ohio Regional Transit Authority by the Department's Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA) for construction of a new heavy maintenance garage and other improvements.

Previous UMTA grants totaling \$2,891,764 provided for the acquisition of land at a centrally located site, and engineering and design services for the new facility.

UMTA Administrator Richard S. Page noted that the large new facility will replace two obsolete and totally inadequate structures presently being leased. "The new facility allows for needed expansion and should result in substantial financial and energy savings over the current arrangements," the Administrator said.

In addition to construction of the new garage the grant provides assistance in the purchase of shop tools and equipment, bus washing and cleaning equipment and spare bus components.

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A local source for additional information is Ms. Therese Thomas, Southwest Ohio Regional Transit Authority, 6 East Fourth Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202, (513) 621-9450. (OH-03-0031-01).

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