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DOT AWARDS \$280 MILLION  
FOR NEW YORK CITY TRANSIT

Secretary of Transportation Brock Adams announced today grants totaling \$279,681,921 for an ambitious modernization and extension program for New York City's bus, rail and subway system.

More than half of the grant total "is scheduled for replacement and rejuvenation of power, track, signal and communication components -- the heart of the entire system," Adams pointed out.

"Although not highly visible," the Secretary noted, "these functions are vital to about six million daily riders in improved reliability and safety."

The remaining grants provide for more noticeable improvements such as noise control, station modernization, system extensions and new buses.

The Secretary commended local officials on the transfer of \$28 million from Federal Air Urban Systems funds to assist in the mass transit modernization program.

He said, "the grants announced today, and others we shall announce in the near future, will serve to dispel the mistaken notion that the Carter Administration is biased against rail mass transit."

"We fully support construction and improvement of rail transit where analysis of all transit alternatives indicates rail is the most efficient way to go. Certainly this is the course to pursue in New York, as it is and will be in other densely populated areas," Adams added.

Adams told New York Transit officials he was "particularly glad to note that in addition to the much needed rail improvements, we are also able to assist you in the replacement of a substantial number of buses and related bus equipment."

The city will be getting funds to buy 325 new 53-passenger, diesel-powered, air-conditioned buses.

The grants announced today from the Department of Transportation's Urban Mass Transportation Administration are as follows:

To the New York City Transit Authority --

- \$102,301,640 for the continuation of the New York City Transit Authority's half-billion dollar program for rehabilitation of its subway system's electrical, power and communications systems; track replacement and roadbed improvement; and station modernization.

In addition, the grant includes the purchase of 325 new 53-passenger, diesel-powered, air-conditioned buses as replacements for a like number of 15 year and older buses presently in service and 200 new two-way radios as replacements for obsolete equipment.

- \$5,000,000 to continue the Authority's noise abatement program. Continuously welded rail and resilient track fasteners will be installed in 13 stations and 1,100 rail transit cars will be retrofitted with equipment designed to reduce noise.
- \$20,650,000 to help replace signals and communication equipment, rehabilitation and modernization of the Sea Beach Line, the Stillwell Avenue terminal, Newkirk Avenue station and other facilities of the NYCTA in Brooklyn, Manhattan, Queens and the Bronx.
- \$7,470,550 to cover various improvements to the Long Island Rail Road including replacement of communications equipment, installation of signal and rail equipment and improvements to four passenger stations.
- \$24,880,000 for construction of an additional section of the rapid transit line in Queens along Archer Avenue. The section will include a station at Sutphin Boulevard adjacent to the Long Island Rail Road Jamaica station
- \$15,498,860 for the installation of track, lighting, fire lines and ventilation equipment on already completed sections of 63rd Street Line in Manhattan and Queens.

To the Metropolitan Transportation Authority --

- \$87,600,000 to construct a section of the Long Island Rail Road extension to Midtown Manhattan. The extension will provide Long Island commuters with direct access to the highly developed East Midtown area.
- \$16,280,871 to help cover eligible transit operating expenses of the Long Island Rail Road and ConRail from January 1, 1976 through December 30, 1976. Funds in the amount of \$3,054,300 were approved earlier in the year bringing the total operating assistance for the year to \$19,335,171.

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