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WASHINGTON METRO GETS GRANT TO BUY 240 BUSES

A \$17,400,000 grant for 240 buses, 120 of them equipped with wheelchair lifts, was announced today by U.S. Secretary of Transportation Brock Adams.

The grant was made to the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, Washington, D.C., by the Department's Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA).

Referring to the wheelchair lift feature, Secretary Adams said, "Washington Metro continues to move forward in its efforts to make its bus and rail system accessible to our senior citizens and handicapped persons. Metro also provides an information system for deaf persons."

UMTA Administrator Richard S. Page pointed out that "All the buses provided by this grant will have the wheelchair lift capability. Half of the buses will be delivered to Metro with lifts. The other 120 buses may be equipped with lifts without changes in the basic bus design."

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A local source for additional information is Cody Pfanstiehl, Director of Community Services, Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, 600 5th Street N.W., Washington, D.C. 20001, (202) 637-1047. (UMTA Project No. IT-03-0031).

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