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CHICAGO GETS DOT GRANT FOR RAPID TRANSIT CARS

A \$34,955,712 grant to the Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) was announced today by U.S. Secretary of Transportation Brock Adams.

The grant was made by the Department's Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA).

"CTA will use this grant toward the purchase of 300 rapid transit cars," Richard S. Page, UMTA Administrator, said. "This is part of a five year CTA program of \$139,000,000 in federal assistance to modernize the fleet. CTA will ask for bids on 300 cars to attract a large number of bidders. Ideally, this will keep the unit cost of each car at its lowest."

Deliveries will be set for no more than 120 cars a year and no less than 80.

Page also said that since 1971 UMTA has invested \$326.6 million in the CTA's physical plant. Most of that money has gone toward rehabilitating the rapid transit system.

CTA previously ordered 200 cars. The Boeing Vertol Company has delivered 58 cars. CTA operates 1094 rapid transit cars.

A local source for additional information is Ron Luczak, Manager, Capital Development, Chicago Transit Authority, Merchandise Mart Plaza, P.O. Box 3555, Chicago, Illinois 60654, (312) 664-7200. (UMTA Project No. IL-03-0068).

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