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## DOT AWARDS \$32 MILLION GRANT FOR PITTSBURGH TRANSIT IMPROVEMENTS

Secretary of Transportation Brock Adams today announced a \$31,888,000 grant to complete engineering and design and initiate construction of the 6.8 mile East Busway portion of Pittsburgh's Early Action Program.

The grant was made by the Department's Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA) bringing to \$43,140,000 the total current Federal share of the East Busway project.

The Secretary noted the exclusive roadway from downtown Pittsburgh to Wilkinsburg, "is expected to serve an estimated 90,000 daily commuters within the next five years." By 1983 approximately 950 buses will use the Busway each day.

The grant being announced today and \$11,252,000 previously committed to the East Busway project represents the initial funding for final engineering and design, land acquisition, and for ConRail relocation and construction.

UMTA Deputy Administrator Charles F. Bingman brought the news to Pittsburgh officials at the South Busway dedication. He commended local officials on completion of the South Busway portion of Pittsburgh's Early Action Program and noted the additional funds to continue a similar improvement East Busway, was most timely.

A full funding Federal commitment of \$85,652,000 toward the total \$109,870,000 project cost is being made to assure completion of the heavily populated access corridor to East Pittsburgh.

A local source for additional information is Michael J. Scanlon, Assistant Manager of Community Relations, Port Authority of Allegheny County, Beaver & Island Avenues, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15233, (412) 237-7000. (PA-03-0012-04)

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