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DOT AWARDS \$48 MILLION FOR
CHICAGO OPERATING SUBSIDY

Secretary of Transportation Brock Adams announced today a \$48,445,570 grant to assist in meeting transit operating expenses of the Chicago, Illinois area Regional Transportation Authority.

"The grant will assist in covering eligible transit operating expenses of the Chicago Transit Authority, City of Aurora and City of Elgin, Illinois", Secretary Adams noted.

Eligible commuter rail operating expenses for the service in the Aurora-Elgin and the Joliet urbanized areas are included. The commuter rail service into the Aurora-Elgin urbanized area is provided by the Milwaukee Road, Burlington Northern, Chicago and Northwestern and by the Rock Island and Illinois Central Gulf in the Joliet urbanized area.

Today's announced grant is for the Illinois portion of the region's transit operating expenses for the local fiscal year 1978.

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A local source for additional information is Mr. B.G. Cunningham, Manager of Government Grants, Regional Transportation Authority, 300 North State Street, Chicago, Illinois 60610, (312) 836-4231. (IL-05-4040)

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