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DOT AWARDS 29 GRANTS
FOR UNIVERSITY RESEARCH

Administrator Richard S. Page of the U.S. Department of Transportation's Urban Mass Transportation Administration today announced award of 29 grants totaling \$1,995,000 to 27 universities to undertake research and training projects.

"These projects include energy implications of transit, transportation requirements for elderly and handicapped persons, productivity of transit operations and improvements in transit management," Page said.

University grants are available to public and private non-profit institutions for comprehensive research related to transportation problems in urban and non-urban areas. Emphasis is on policy-oriented research that is performed by faculty members, who are usually assisted by graduate or undergraduate students working toward transportation-oriented careers.

With a \$77,664 grant, the University of California-Berkeley, for example, will report on attempts to find better methods of organization for metropolitan transit services in an area with several governmental jurisdictions.

Another study, by Howard University in Washington, D.C. under a \$74,824 grant, will investigate subway systems designed to meet the requirements of the elderly and handicapped accessibility regulation and determine whether elderly and handicapped persons actually can make effective use of subways. Washington's Metro rail system will be included in the project.

With a \$70,494 grant, Polytechnic Institute of New York in Brooklyn will research the total energy advantages of urban public transportation.

Other recipients of awards and the amounts are:

California State University, Long Beach (\$79,888); University of California, Irvine (two grants totaling \$135,020); Clark College, Atlanta (\$61,857); Atlanta University Center (\$67,170); University of Hawaii, Manoa (\$55,878); University of Illinois at Chicago Circle (\$69,444); Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill. (\$58,966); Indiana University, Bloomington (\$68,046); Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Mass. (\$98,466); North Carolina A&T State University, Greensboro (\$70,000); Princeton University, Princeton, N.J. (\$76,972); and University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana (\$79,425).

Also, State University of New York, Buffalo (\$56,295); Portland (Oregon) State University (\$46,909); University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia (two grants totaling \$130,933); University of Tennessee, Knoxville (\$90,036); Rice Center for Community Design and Research, Houston (\$80,000); Prairie View (Texas) A&M University (\$51,850); University of Texas, Austin (\$68,671); University of Utah, Salt Lake City (\$55,073); University of Virginia, Charlottesville (\$74,618); University of Washington, Seattle (\$60,381); University of Wisconsin, Madison (\$73,815); and West Virginia University, Morgantown (\$61,738).

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