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DETROIT GETS \$950,288
FOR DOWNTOWN PEOPLE MOVER

A grant of \$950,288 to help finance the preliminary engineering, design and environmental impact of a Downtown People Mover in Detroit was announced today by U.S. Secretary of Transportation Brock Adams.

Today's grant, for engineering and assessment activities, and planned Federal funding of an evaluation of the potential impact, cost benefit analyses, value capture planning, financial planning and preliminary system analysis is expected to ready the proposed system for construction in about 15 months.

A Downtown People Mover is made up of driverless vehicles operating on their own right of way -- sometimes called a horizontal elevator.

Richard S. Page, UMTA Administrator, commended Gov. William Milliken, Detroit Mayor Coleman Young and other officials on their dedication to improved mobility in downtown Detroit. "The State of Michigan, Southeastern Michigan Transportation Authority and City of Detroit are working on a plan to incorporate the DPM into a broader transit improvement program for Detroit and the surrounding area," Page said.

The Detroit DPM is a proposed 2.3 mile system with 11 stations serving the Renaissance Center, Washington Boulevard Retail District, City, County and Federal Government buildings and other activity centers in the downtown area. When completed, the system is expected to serve more than 50 thousand passengers daily.

A local source for additional information is Mr. Larry Salci, General Manager, Southeastern Michigan Transportation Authority, 211 Fort Street, West, Suite 1600, Detroit, Michigan 48231, (313) 962-9800. (MI-03-0063)

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