

# U.S. Department of Transportation

# news:

Office of Public Affairs

Washington, D.C. 20590



FOR RELEASE WEDNESDAY  
July 5, 1978

UMTA            38-78  
Contact:    Joe Marshall  
(202)        426-4043

## DOT ANALYZES RAIL TRANSIT MODERNIZATION PROGRAM

The results achieved from the expenditure of \$1.7 billion in federal grants for rehabilitation and upgrading of rail transit systems in eight cities are analyzed in a report available from the Department of Transportation.

The report incorporates a description of the Department's Urban Mass Transportation Administration's light, rapid and commuter rail modernization program from 1965 through 1977. The study excludes new systems and major extensions of existing facilities.

The eight cities studied include New York City, Chicago, Boston, Philadelphia, San Francisco, Cleveland, Pittsburgh and Detroit. It was found that the New York Tri-State region received the largest share of funds with \$832 million or 47.8 percent of the total. Chicago received the next largest share with \$376 million or 21.6 percent followed by Boston and Philadelphia. These four cities account for 92 percent of the total Federal rail modernization funds.

Over 50 percent of total project costs have gone for the purchase of new rolling stock, while improvements to power systems and to track represent 11.0 and 7.0 percent respectively.

- 0 -

Single copies of the report are available from the UMTA Office of Public Affairs, 400 7th Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20590 (202) 426-4043.

####

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
URBAN MASS TRANSPORTATION  
ADMINISTRATION  
Washington, D.C. 20590

Official Business

PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE, \$300

POSTAGE AND FEES PAID  
URBAN MASS TRANSPORTATION  
ADMINISTRATION  
DOT 511

FIRST CLASS

