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## \$12.7 MILLION DOT GRANT TO AID PITTSBURGH AREA PUBLIC TRANSIT

PITTSBURGH, PA.... A grant of \$12,716,000 to the Port Authority of Allegheny County to assist in the purchase of 146 air-conditioned buses was announced today by Secretary of Transportation Brock Adams.

The grant was made by DOT's Urban Mass Transportation Administration to upgrade and expand the Authority's fleet of 1,000 buses that serve 148 municipalities in a five-county region of southwestern Pennsylvania.

The diesel-powered buses will be equipped with two-way radio communications as a security measure for passengers and to increase the schedule reliability. The purchase includes 50 new 43-passenger buses and 96 new 49-passenger vehicles.

The purchase will give the Port Authority a net increase of 21 buses. Replacement of 125 buses averaging more than 14 years old is planned.

Adams, who was in Pittsburgh to visit bridge and highway projects with Rep. Doug Waldren, noted the potential for fuel conservation, since the buses to be replaced use fuel at a much higher-than-average rate.

A local source for additional information is James R. Maloney, Executive Director, Port Authority of Allegheny County, Beaver and Island Avenues, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15233 (412) 237-7000 (PA-03-0081).

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