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ADAMS ANNOUNCES \$134.5 MILLION
FOR N.Y.C. TRANSIT IMPROVEMENT

Secretary of Transportation Brock Adams today announced federal grants totaling \$134.5 million for extensions and improvements of the New York City public transportation system.

Three of the grants provide additional funding for extension of two new subway lines and the Long Island Rail Road in Queens.

In addition, two grants provide money for modernization and rehabilitation of existing Conrail and Long Island Rail Road commuter lines.

Noting that a total of \$583 million in federal funds has been given New York City for public transportation improvements and operating subsidies since President Carter took office, Secretary Adams said:

"It is deeply satisfying to me that in the face of New York's financial problems we can continue to be the instrument of insuring not only that good public transportation is maintained in New York but that it will become better.

"Our program of federal aid to public transportation makes a permanent contribution to the health of New York's economy, acts as a catalyst to private development and augments President Carter's efforts to improve the quality of urban living."

All of the grants announced today were made by DOT's Urban Mass Transportation Administration at a signing ceremony in the Secretary's office attended by New York City officials and members of Congress.

The first grant, \$67,880,000, will assist in construction of the 63rd Street line in Queens, from 29th St. to Sunnyside yard, and for construction of that line's Northern Boulevard station on Long Island.

A grant of \$22,760,000 will be used for the extension of the Long Island Rail Road along the same route. The rapid transit extension and the Long Island Rail Road share the same right-of-way.

A third grant of \$29,600,000 will be used to connect the Archer Avenue line to the Jamaica Avenue elevated line and for construction of the Jamaica-Van Wyck station, all in Queens.

Two grants provide funding for modernization and rehabilitation of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority's commuter rail system.

A \$12,297,200 grant provides for track improvements, installation of a signal system on the Conrail lines and track and signal improvements on the Long Island Rail Road.

The final grant of \$2,010,000 assists in the replacement of rail and ties on the Hudson line between Spuyten-Duyvil and Tarrytown and on the Harlem line between Mount Vernon and North White Plains.

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