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\$25 MILLION TO MIAMI  
FOR RAIL RIGHT-OF-WAY

A \$24,918,896 grant to assist in the acquisition of land for the proposed Miami, Florida, rapid rail transit system was announced today by U.S. Secretary of Transportation Brock Adams.

The land is to be acquired with financial assistance provided by the department's Urban Mass Transportation Administration. It includes a 9.6 mile segment of the Florida East Coast Railway right-of-way consisting of 102 acres and 60 acres of land in Hialeah selected as the site for a storage yard and maintenance shop. The grant also includes funds for helping relocate four businesses.

The Secretary noted that today's award is the third grant to assist in the building of Miami's proposed 20.5 mile rapid rail system. The first two grants for \$15,176,000 and \$19,095,256 provided funds for the preliminary engineering and design of the planned system.

A Federal commitment of \$575 million was made in December 1976 for a 16.5 mile fully operable segment of the system. A proposal to extend the system into Hialeah at a cost of \$57 million was later accepted pending the availability of additional Federal funding.

A local source for additional information is Dr. John A. Dyer, Metropolitan Dade County Transportation Coordinator, 911 Courthouse, 75 West Flagler Street, Miami, Florida 33130. (305) 579-5311. (FL-03-0036-02).

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