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\$21 MILLION DOT GRANT TO DETROIT FOR 167 BUSES

A grant of \$21,302,984 to the Southeastern Michigan Transportation Authority, Detroit, Mich., for the purchase of 167 wheelchair lift equipped buses was announced today by Secretary of Transportation Brock Adams.

The grant was made by DOT's Urban Mass Transportation Administration to replace 12 to 16 year old buses on routes in Detroit and the metropolitan area.

Most of the 35 and 40 foot buses will be equipped with two-way radios. The grant also includes funds for the purchase of 160 fareboxes, 76 bus shelters and passenger information signs. The Detroit Department of Transportation's Shoemaker garage will be reconstructed with \$2,158,080 of the grant.

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A local source for additional information is Larry Salci, General Manager, Southeastern Michigan Transportation Authority, 211 Fort Street West, P.O. Box 333, Detroit, Michigan 48231 (313) 962-9800. (MI-03-0061).

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