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DOT AWARDS \$69 MILLION
FOR NYC TRANSIT UPGRADING

A grant of \$68,845,000 to the New York City Transit Authority for the completion of a three-year modernization project was announced today by Transportation Secretary Brock Adams.

These funds from DOT's Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA) represent the third installment of a \$323,821,672 federal contribution to upgrade the system's security, safety and accessibility.

Adams praised the NYCTA modernization as "an example of what a large urban system must do to maintain a high level of efficiency and services for riders and operators."

The improvements, affecting facilities and stations in all boroughs but Staten Island, modernize through rehabilitation or construction: subway stations; communications and signal systems; power equipment and substations; maintenance and storage facilities; line structures; and track and line equipment. In addition, NYCTA will purchase service vehicles and communications equipment for buses and trains.

According to UMTA Administrator Richard S. Page, completion of the modernization project will produce a transit system with a spontaneous communications network, safer vehicles and facilities, and badly needed energy and emergency power resources.

A local source for additional information is Mr. John M. Kaiser, NYCTA, 370 Jay Street, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11201. (212) 262-8505. (NY-03-0095-11)

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