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Secretary of Transportation Claude S. Brinegar today announced a supplementary Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA) grant of \$235,116 to the City of Tucson, Arizona to assist in the purchase of nine new 31-35 passenger air-conditioned diesel transit buses and fare boxes.

"Although grants for improvement of public transportation are made only to governmental agencies and other public bodies, private transit operators in American cities also may benefit from Federal mass transit funding." Secretary Brinegar said. The buses which will be acquired by Tucson through funding announced today are for lease to the Old Pueblo Transit Corporation (OPTC), a private operator. OPTC will expand service and provide public transportation to new developments within their service area.

Frank C. Herringer, UMTA Administrator noted that the south and west sections of the city are serviced by the private operator while the city owned and operated Tucson Transit Corporation provides service to the north and east sections of the city. The city and OPTC are coordinating their efforts to improve the level of transit service for all citizens of Tucson. A previous UMTA grant for \$1,427,423 provided for the purchase of new buses, construction of facilities and other improvements for the Tucson Transit Corporation.

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The one-fifth local share of the increased project cost will be provided by the city of Tucson.

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