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Secretary of Transportation Claude S. Brinegar today announced an Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA) grant of \$134,896 to assist the City of Simi Valley, California in the purchase of three new 40-45 passenger air-conditioned diesel buses, radios, fare boxes and other equipment. The new buses will be used to establish public transportation in the area. Implementation of a new bus system was recommended by an UMTA funded technical study completed earlier this year.

Secretary Brinegar noted that each of the buses will be equipped with the most improved environmental equipment available to reduce the emission of noxious gases.

UMTA Administrator Frank C. Herringer said, "Establishment of the new bus system will provide a much needed alternative to the automobile, the only means of transportation presently available to citizens of the Simi Valley area." The system will operate daily between five separate neighborhood areas, local shopping centers, City Hall, the Community Center and schools. More than 80 per cent of the City's population will be within a short walking distance of a bus stop.

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The local one-fifth share of the project cost is being provided by the City of Simi Valley.

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