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Secretary of Transportation Claude S. Brinegar today announced an Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA) grant of \$699,108 to the City of San Bernardino, California to assist in the purchase of 16 new 40-45 passenger air-conditioned diesel buses, 18 new fare boxes, supervisory vehicles and other equipment needed to maintain the City operated bus fleet.

Ten of the new buses will replace antiquated, unreliable buses purchased in the 1940's and the remaining six buses will be used to improve and expand service in the urban area.

"A high priority is given to projects that will improve public transportation in American cities. The San Bernardino project exemplifies President Nixon's program to conserve energy and reduce congestion nationwide through improved mass transit." Secretary Brinegar said.

UMTA Administrator, Frank C. Herringer commented that San Bernardino's new buses will be equipped with all seats facing the front, improved lighting and other features to accommodate the special needs of the elderly and handicapped who are provided free transportation by the city.

Use of all air-conditioned buses, and improvement of service on key routes are expected to significantly reduce automobile traffic and increase mass transit ridership in the area.

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

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