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Secretary of Transportation Claude S. Brinegar today announced an Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA) grant of \$975,548 to the City of Green Bay, Wisconsin, to assist in the purchase of the privately owned Wisconsin Public Service Corporation bus system; six new 45-passenger buses; one acre of land; related bus support equipment, and the construction of a new maintenance facility.

"Public acquisition of the Green Bay bus system is the 113th occasion in which Federal funds have been needed to preserve existing transit service in one of our nation's cities." Secretary Brinegar said.

The Public Service Corporation was granted the right to discontinue service because of financial losses in early 1973. By an overwhelming majority Green Bay voters approved public acquisition of the company. The State of Wisconsin assured assistance in meeting operating deficits, and this grant represents Federal participation in maintaining transit service for citizens of Green Bay.

UMTA Administrator Frank C. Herringer commented that Green Bay's present 12-bus fleet is relatively new and in excellent condition. The six new buses will operate in recently developed and older residential neighborhoods consisting of a high percentage of elderly persons.

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Special arrangements have been made to extend service to area hospitals, nursing homes and government service centers to help meet the needs of the elderly and handicapped. The new buses will be equipped with stanchions, non-slip flooring and extensive lighting to improve movement within the bus.

The new maintenance facility will replace the present facility retained by the Public Service Corporation.

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

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