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Secretary of Transportation Claude S. Brinegar today announced the award of a \$1,163,280 technical studies grant to the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC) to support the transit-related elements of the 1974 Unified Work Program for the Philadelphia region. The project, funded by the Department's Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA) will provide funds to continue the Regional Transportation Planning Process in Philadelphia.

In commenting on today's announcement, Secretary Brinegar said "Recognition of the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission as the single recipient agency for transportation planning funds in the Philadelphia region is consistent with the Department's policy to encourage comprehensive long range planning for land use and transportation on a regional basis for all of the nation's metropolitan areas." Agencies and local governments included in the DVRPC planning area are the Southeastern Pennsylvania Transit Authority, (SEPTA), Delaware River Port Authority, (DRPA), Philadelphia '76 Inc., Montgomery County, Bucks County, Radnor Township, Delaware County, and the City of Philadelphia.

Frank C. Herringer, UMTA Administrator noted that the funds will assist SEPTA in its Commuter Rail Program and the DRPA in its Transit Improvement Program. Also,

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the development of a Transit Improvement Program for Bucks county will be accomplished in addition to the design of a regional Bicentennial Transportation Plan; the identification of people movement needs in the Philadelphia Central Business District; and a commuter station impact study for Montgomery county.

The continuing Regional Transportation Planning Process includes short range planning for the maintenance of regional transit coordination and capital improvements programs, provision of ridership and revenue estimates, and other analyses and assignments. The long-range planning effort includes participation in the National Transportation Needs Study, analysis of environmental concerns and updating of transit evaluation methods.

The one-fifth local share of the project cost is being provided by the DVRPC and other participating agencies.

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