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Secretary of Transportation Claude S. Brinegar today announced an Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA) grant of \$3,188,816 to the Transit Authority of Northern Kentucky (TANK) to assist in the purchase of 74 new 45-passenger and 4 new 30-35 passenger air-conditioned, radio equipped buses, 82 fareboxes, 34 bus stop shelters, and related support equipment. The buses and equipment will implement TANK's Capital Improvement Program, expand and improve service and reduce operating costs.

"Many of the nation's transit systems are operating with antiquated equipment. The purpose of President Nixon's Urban Mass Transportation Assistance Act is to rejuvenate and update these systems, providing suitable energy conserving alternatives to the private automobile," Secretary Brinegar said.

Forty-nine of the new buses will be used as replacements and the remaining buses will be used to expand service and as fleet reserve. UMTA Administrator Frank C. Herringer noted that TANK, the principal urban public transportation carrier in the Northern Kentucky portion of the greater Cincinnati metropolitan area, has been operating with equipment leased from the former

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private carrier which ceased operations in November 1972. In addition to expanding service on existing routes and instituting new routes, the fares have been lowered to conform to Cincinnati's Queen City Metro fare structure. The four 30-35 passenger buses will serve areas presently inaccessible to the larger buses because of the street design.

The local one-fifth share of the project cost is being provided by the Transit Authority of Northern Kentucky.

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