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Secretary of Transportation Claude S. Brinegar today announced an Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA) grant amendment of \$50,000,000 to the New York City Transit Authority for subway construction on Manhattan Island's Second Avenue Line. The grant will assist in the excavation and construction of five segments of a two-track subway structure and will include the architectural design for eight stations and engineering design for lighting, ventilation and pumping systems.

Secretary Brinegar, in expressing satisfaction with construction progress on the project said, "In view of the worsening energy crisis, every effort is being made to expedite Federal assistance in the expansion and improvement of mass transit facilities nationwide."

The New York City Transit Authority originally requested \$254 million in capital grant assistance to construct and equip the new subway line from East 34th Street to East 126th Street. UMTA Administrator Frank C. Herringer noted that the grant award announced today, and two previous amendments bring the total Federal participation in the project to \$117,144,609.

The project includes the excavation and construction of a two-track subway structure, relocation of existing utilities, protection of

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abutting property, preservation of traffic movement on Second Avenue, and will result in a complete structure ready for installation of rails, signals and electronic equipment. Architectural and engineering design is included for the entire approved alignment from approximately East 34th Street to East 126th Street.

The need to construct the entire line as proposed in the New York City Transit Authority application was recognized with the initial grant approval. This amendment increases the amount of UMTA assistance available to advance the construction of specific sections of the project.

One-fifth of the cost of this project amendment is being provided by the State of New York and New York City as provided by the Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1973. One-third of the project costs were provided by local sources for the initial grant and two previous amendments.

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