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Secretary of Transportation Claude S. Brinegar today announced an Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA) grant of \$2,872,800 to Detroit's Southeastern Michigan Transportation Authority (SEMTA) to assist in the purchase of the assets of the Great Lakes Corporation, Martin Lines, and Metropolitan Transit. In addition to the purchase of the three private suburban transit carriers, ten new bus stop shelters will be acquired.

"The acquisition of the major suburban carriers in the area will bring Detroit a step closer to having a unified public transportation system serving citizens throughout the metropolitan area. Improved mobility for all Americans, in cities and suburbs alike, is the primary goal of the Department's mass transit program," Secretary Brinegar said.

Frank C. Herringer, UMTA Administrator noted that this is the seventh Capital grant awarded by UMTA to the Detroit Area. These grants total \$17,075,066. The grants were awarded to assist SEMTA and the City of Detroit's Department of Street Railways in their efforts to improve public transportation.

This entire project consists of high priority items in SEMTA's short-range transit development program. Plans are underway to institute further improvements in the region. As a result of the project, unification of operations, more efficient coordination of suburban service, and substantial tax savings and depreciation costs will be realized.

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The one-fifth local share of the project cost is being provided by the State of Michigan.

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