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Secretary of Transportation Claude S. Brinegar today announced an Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA) grant of \$566,190 to the Mid-America Regional Council (MARC), Kansas City, Missouri to support the transit-related elements of the region's 1974 Unified Work Program.

"Cooperation by local, State and regional agencies in the two state region is bringing the first long-range regional transit plan for the Kansas City area close to fruition," Secretary Brinegar said. "The Urban Mass Transportation Program is geared to work in close harmony with other Federal agencies to achieve improved transportation and better living for all Americans."

The MARC is recognized as the region's single recipient for area UMTA transit planning funds. The MARC staff, assisted by consultants, will continue the evaluation of alternative transit systems for the year 2000. This work will lead to the selection and adoption of the first long-range transit plan for the Kansas City area. In addition the Kansas City Area Transit Authority (KCATA), operator of the public bus system, will work closely with MARC to continue short-range improvements and adoption of a Transit Development Program for the region this year.

UMTA Administrator Frank C. Herringer noted that capital intensive and non-capital intensive programs will be investigated. Transit route modifications and extensions will be analyzed. The fare structure and subsidy requirement, passenger information systems and measures to improve passenger patronage will be investigated. In addition, the study will examine equipment requirements, cost/revenue and funding

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sources along with other improvement measures.

The local one-fifth share of the project cost is being provided by the MARC, the State of Missouri, The Kansas City Area Transit Authority, Johnson County, Kansas, and the cities of Overland Park and Kansas City, Kansas.

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