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## \$11 MILLION DOT GRANT FOR NEW OAKLAND BUSES

An \$11 million grant for 95 new advance design buses and other transit improvements to serve the Oakland, Calif., metropolitan area was announced today by U.S. Secretary of Transportation Brock Adams.

The grant was made to the Alameda-Contra Costa Transit District by DOT's Urban Mass Transportation Administration.

UMTA Administrator Richard S. Page praised the transit officials on their selection of the 95 advance design coaches which are fully accessible to wheelchair users, other handicapped and elderly persons.

"I am always gratified at the voluntary commitment so many systems like the AC Transit District are making to provide transportation for this special group of transit riders, and the Bay Area has been particularly progressive in that regard," Page said.

In addition to the new buses, the grant provides assistance in the purchase of spare parts for the buses, refurbishing of 280 fareboxes, service vehicles, tools, and related bus transit equipment.

A local source for additional information is Mr. Gregg Ford, Project Coordinator, Alameda-Contra Costa Transit District, 508 16th Street, Oakland, California 94612 (415) 654-7878. (CA-03-0163)

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