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\$18 MILLION DOT GRANT TO AID MIAMI AREA PUBLIC TRANSIT

A grant of \$18,235,848 to the Miami Dade County Transit Agency to assist in the purchase of 150 new air-conditioned buses was announced today by Secretary of Transportation Brock Adams.

The grant was made by DOT's Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA) to upgrade and expand the county's fleet of 634 buses.

In addition to the new 47-passenger buses, the grant also will provide funds for the purchase of 16 new service vehicles and for the rehabilitation of 100 buses in the existing fleet.

These funds also will assist in the purchase of a bus garage located in north Miami, purchase and installation of shop and maintenance equipment, and purchase of real estate for the centrally located Metropolitan Transit Authority facility.

UMTA Administrator Richard S. Page said, "The Miami Dade County Transit Agency is presently engaged in an ambitious program to improve and expand the MTA's bus system. These funds will improve inadequate facilities while upgrading the bus fleet."

A local source for additional information is Dr. John Dyer, Transportation Coordinator, Office of the County Manager, Metropolitan Dade County, 911 Courthouse, Miami, Florida 33130, (305) 579-5311. (FL-03-0043-01).

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