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DOT AWARDS \$19 MILLION  
FOR MILWAUKEE TRANSIT

A \$19 million grant to the Milwaukee County Transit Board for 180 new buses and other transit improvements was announced today by Secretary of Transportation Brock Adams.

The new buses, part of an ambitious effort to improve transit service, will increase by seven percent the size of Milwaukee's bus fleet.

The \$18,978,832 grant was made by the Department's Urban Mass Transportation Administration to help upgrade and expand service in Milwaukee County.

Today's announced grant helps buy 150 advanced design 50-passenger buses specially equipped with wheelchair lifts to accommodate elderly and handicapped passengers. These buses are replacements for a like number of buses 17 years old and older.

The grant also assists in the purchase of 30 new buses which vary in size from 15-passenger to 30-passenger capacity. Like the larger coaches, these new buses also will be specially equipped to accommodate and improve the mobility of persons using wheelchairs. The smaller buses will replace 10 obsolete 50-passenger buses currently used in downtown shuttle service. The additional vehicles will allow for increased service on the downtown routes.

Other improvements include the purchase of 80 bus passenger shelters, radios, service vehicles, office equipment, tools and other maintenance equipment.

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A local source for additional information is Mr. Joseph M. Hutsteiner, Chairman, Milwaukee County Transit Board, 901 N. Ninth Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53233, (414) 278-4881 (WI-03-0030).

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