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DOT AWARDS \$16 MILLION  
GRANT FOR NJ COMMUTER RAIL

Two grants totaling \$16,198,488 to the New Jersey Department of Transportation to modernize commuter rail facilities were announced today by Secretary of Transportation Brock Adams.

A grant of \$14,053,352 will be used for bridge rehabilitation, modernizing 10 diesel locomotives and related activities on the North Jersey Coast Line, formerly the New York and Long Branch Railroad.

A second grant of \$2,145,136 provides assistance in meeting a higher than anticipated cost of 180 new rail cars for the Erie-Lackawanna Railway. It also provides for the acquisition of real estate needed for rehabilitation of the Morris and Essex division of the former Erie-Lackawanna Railway.

Today's announced grants, made by the department's Urban Mass Transportation Administration, bring to a total of \$50 million awarded this year to the New Jersey Department of Transportation for commuter rail rehabilitation projects.

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A local source for additional information is Mr. Louis Gambaccini, Commissioner, New Jersey Department of Transportation, 1035 Parkway Avenue, Trenton, New Jersey 08625, (609) 292-9707, (NJ-03-0006-01 NJ-03-0014-05).

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