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DOT GRANT TO PHILADELPHIA FOR COMMUTER RAIL ACQUISITION

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A grant of \$4,782,216 to the Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority, Pennsylvania, for the acquisition of 125.4 miles of rail right-of-way and 18 commuter stations was announced today by Secretary of Transportation Brock Adams.

The Secretary said that the grant was made to enable SEPTA to acquire properties and stations from ConRail under the 1973 Regional Rail Reorganization Act, a provision of which permits transit authorities to acquire properties for commuter service.

SEPTA operates 13 commuter rail lines in the Philadelphia area. Commuter trains carry 120,000 passengers daily over the 550-mile, 200 station system.

The grant was made by the Department's Urban Mass Transportation Administration.

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