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DOT AWARDS \$2.7 MILLION  
TO TAMPA, FLORIDA, AREA

Three grants totaling nearly \$2.7 million for new buses and other equipment, as well as funds for operation of the Tampa, Fla., public transportation system were announced today by Secretary of Transportation Brock Adams.

The grants are the first to be made available to the Tampa region for public transportation capital improvements and operating expenses.

The first grant of \$1,867,752 will help buy seventeen 50-passenger advanced design buses, 17 fareboxes, communications equipment, service vehicles, and related bus transit equipment.

The new vehicles are being purchased as replacements for a like number of buses built in 1958. The increased reliability of the new coaches and the reduced need for standby equipment will enable the transit authority to increase the frequency of service on existing routes and to add new service where needed within the county.

The other grants, for \$141,023 and \$674,045, help cover operating expenses of Tampa Bus Lines from December 1, 1974, through September 30, 1976, and from October 1, 1976, through September 30, 1978, respectively.

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A local source for additional information is Harry F. Orr, Director of Parking and Transportation, 302 S. Packwood Avenue, Tampa, Florida (813) 251-1078. (UMTA projects FL-05-4051, FL-05-4057).

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