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DOT EARMARKS \$34.2 MILLION FOR URBAN INITIATIVES PROJECTS

The U.S. Department of Transportation has reserved \$34,260,000 to fund ten more urban initiatives projects throughout the country.

The funding reservation was made by the department's Urban Mass Transportation Administration as part of President Carter's Urban Initiatives Program. The program uses financial assistance for mass transit projects to stimulate investment in urban improvements by other federal agencies, private industry and local communities.

This is the second year of the Urban Initiatives Program. Seventeen cities participated in the program in fiscal year 1979 and received a total of approximately \$50 million.

In addition to the \$34.2 million reserved to date, approximately \$45.8 million more remains available in fiscal year 1980 for transit-related projects that contribute to the revitalization of the nation's cities.

The projects announced today include:

- o \$760,000 to help fund a transit-pedestrian mall in downtown San Jose, Calif., which will serve as a central transfer point for over 100 buses an hour, operating on more than 20 bus routes. The funds will cover engineering expenses. The six to eight block transit mall will convert the main San Jose north-south retail and commercial street into a landscaped

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