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DOT AWARDS \$29 MILLION FOR MIAMI RAIL SYSTEM

Secretary of Transportation Brock Adams today announced a \$29.7 million grant to Metropolitan Dade County, Fla., for construction of the Miami area rail transit system.

Today's grant brings to \$88.9 million DOT's payments to date in support of the new rail transit system.

Secretary Adams said this grant from DOT's Urban Mass Transportation Administration provides the funds necessary to continue the Miami rail project through March 30, 1979. It will be used primarily for engineering and design costs related to construction and for land acquisition.

Urban Mass Transportation Administrator Richard S. Page said the grant will enable the county to purchase the Florida East Coast Railway right-of-way north of the Miami River and land south of the river.

In March 1976, UMTA made a commitment to participate in financing construction of a 16.5-mile operable segment of the transit system.

A later commitment in December 1977 extended the planned system 4 miles into Hialeah. At that time, DOT increased its commitment to \$632 million for a fully operable 20.5 mile-long system.

DOT has provided a total of \$88,915,320 in four installments for the Miami system. Progress to date on the system includes execution of 64 design subcontracts, completion of technical

railcar specifications, local agreement on acquisition of Florida East Coast Railway, the completion of all preliminary geotechnical work, and the beginning of station area design.

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A local source for additional information is Dr. John A. Dyer, Transportation Coordinator, Metropolitan Dade County, 911 Courthouse, Miami, Florida 33130. (305) 579-5311. (FL-03-0036-03).

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