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The U. S. Department of Transportation's Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA) today announced a grant of \$1,310,000 to the City and County of Honolulu, Hawaii to support the transit-related elements of a Unified Work Program for Honolulu and for the second phase of a preliminary rapid transit evaluation program.

The technical studies to be carried out under this grant will implement Phase II of an earlier UMTA funded rapid transit feasibility study the results of which were published in December 1972. This Phase I report recommended a 22 mile fixed guideway system supported by feeder buses as being essential to lessening the critical traffic congestion and to promoting orderly development in the City.

The Phase II study will consist of further refinement and engineering of the rapid transit system, including additional environmental and social impact analysis, the development of a complete financial program, and final vehicle selection. It is anticipated that when this study is completed, the City will be in a position to apply for capital grant funding for construction of the fixed guideway system.

A portion of the grant funds will also be used to continue the regional transportation planning under the Unified Work Program currently being undertaken in conjunction with the City and County of Honolulu, the Federal Highway Administration, the Federal Aviation Administration and the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

In announcing the grant, UMTA Administrator Frank C. Herringer observed that the selected area in Honolulu was particularly adapted to fixed guideway transit because a large portion of the population density is confined in a narrow strip between the mountain and the sea. Herringer added that such a system could reduce both the demand and need for additional highways.

The local one-third share will be provided by the City and County of Honolulu and the State of Hawaii.

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