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Today, Secretary of Transportation Claude S. Brinegar announced that the Department's Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA) had awarded the City of San Diego California \$2,031,420 to assist in the purchase of 58 new buses and related equipment.

The grant will make possible the purchase of 33 new 25-30 passenger buses, twenty-five 49-53 passenger buses, 38 two-way radios and 280 registering fare boxes. Also included are 1000 benches and bus stop signs, and miscellaneous office and service equipment. In addition, 1080 LSN injectors will be purchased and installed on older buses to reduce pollution.

In commenting on the award, UMTA Administrator Frank C. Herringer noted that the necessity for today's grant is the result of one of Transportation's success stories. He pointed out that between August and October 1972, following a drastic fare reduction, patronage of the City owned San Diego Transit Corporation had increased more than 30%, severely straining the present fleet of 250 buses. Herringer went on to say that the 33 smaller buses would be used for downtown shuttle service and for feeder service to several express routes. The twenty-five larger buses will be used to replace twenty old units and to relieve present overcrowding on the systems express routes.

The local one-third share will be provided from California's Senate Bill 325 funds, and operating deficits will be met by revenues from a special transit property tax.

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