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During the month of June 1973 the Department of Transportation's Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA) announced 59 grants totalling \$204.6 million. Following is a digest of these grants, their dollar amount, UMTA project number and date of release. For further information, contact the UMTA Office of Public Affairs at (202) 426-4043 or the grantee.

The grants were made to:

\* Denver, Colorado, Regional Council of Governments -- \$157,333-- a supplemental grant to assist in a continuing technical transit study in conjunction with the Regional Transportation District, Denver Metro Transit, and the Colorado Division of Highways. (CO-09-0008-1, 6/1/73)

\* City of Frankfort, Kentucky --\$32,550-- to assist in the purchase of two new 19-passenger buses, four bus-stop shelters and 100 bus stop and directional signs. (KY-03-0004, 6/1/73)

\* University of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania --\$59,981-- to assist in modifying an existing computer simulation model to accept data obtained from UMTA's "Dial-A-Ride" demonstration, currently being conducted in Haddonfield, New Jersey. The result of this 14-month grant is the expected development of better tools for analyzing and predicting performance of Dial-A-Ride systems throughout the country. (PA-06-0030, 6/7/73)

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\* Cincinnati, Southwest Ohio Regional Transit Authority -- \$182,000-- to assist in a technical study designed to refine a five-year transit development program for the City of Cincinnati and Hamilton County. The study is being undertaken in cooperation with the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Planning Authority (OKI) who is responsible for area-wide transportation planning in the interstate Cincinnati region. (OH-09-0013, 6/7/73)

\* Springfield, Illinois, Mass Transit District --\$562,800-- to aid in the purchase of 17 new 45-passenger buses and related equipment, 17 fare boxes and the purchase of 3440 square feet of land for an access driveway to a garage facility. (IL-03-0032, 6/7/73)

\* Greenville, South Carolina, County Planning Commission --\$34,386-- to assist in financing a technical study to define possible transit improvements and to determine present mass transportation needs. The final result of the study will be a five-year transit development program. (SC-09-0004, 6/7/73)

\* Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Department of Transportation and Public Works --\$109,200-- to aid in the extension of an exclusive express bus lane from its current terminus at Hato Rey to Rio Piedras, site of the University of Puerto Rico. Also included is the construction of 50 bus shelters along the entire express lane system. (PR-03-0012, 6/7/73)

\* Bakersfield, California, Metropolitan Transit District -- \$403,241-- to assist in the purchase of 14 new 40-45 passenger buses, 14 registering fare boxes and related equipment. Nine of the buses will replace an equal number of the oldest buses in the fleet and five will be use to expand the level of service. (CA-03-0027, 6/7/73)

\* City of Kenner, Louisiana --\$57,573-- to assist in the purchase of two new 40-45 passenger buses and fare boxes for use on the intracity route known as the "Kenner Loop." (LA-03-0009, 6/7/73)

\* Monroe, Louisiana, Ouachita Council of Governments --\$29,466-- to assist in a technical study to examine the transit needs of the Monroe-West Monroe Metropolitan Area and to determine actions needed for future capital and operational improvements on the existing bus system, owned by the City since early 1900. (LA-09-0006, 6/11,73)

\* City of Charlottesville, Virginia --\$30,190-- to assist in technical studies to develop a transit program for the area, outlining the types and levels of service needed, operational costs, revenue projections, equipment needs and management requirements. A unique aspect of this grant is that no transit crises currently exists, and the purpose of the study is to prepare now in order to avoid a transportation crisis in the future. (VA-09-0008, 6/11/73)

\* Gainesville, Georgia, Mountains Planning and Development Commission -- \$24,874-- to aid in a technical study to determine the feasibility of public transit in the Gainesville area. The city, with a population of 40,000 has no public transit and is dependant upon quasi-public and private non-profit agencies. The result will provide a basis for a five-year transit development program. (GA-09-0013, 6/11/73)

\* Olympia, Washington, Inter-City Transit Commission -- \$340,306-- to assist in the purchase of 6 new 31-35 passengers buses, 12 mobile radios, the construction and equipping of storage and maintenance facilities, 5 bus-stop shelters, 30 benches and 225 bus stop signs. (WA-03-0015, 6/11/73)

\* City of New Orleans, Louisiana -- \$3,389,332-- to assist in the purchase of 108 new 51-passenger buses to implement the initial stages of the region's transit improvement program developed in conjunction with the Regional Planning Commission of Jefferson, Orleans, St. Bernard and St. Tammany parishes. The new buses will be leased to the privately-owned New Orleans Public Service, Inc. (LA-03-0011, 6/12/73)

\* Portland, Oregon Tri-County Metropolitan Transportation District -- \$2,697,666-- to assist in the purchase of 80 new 49-53 passenger buses to be used in Tri-Met's fleet expansion program. This is an amendment to a previous grant of \$2.4 million in June 1972, and is the result of an unexpectedly high increase in ridership during the past year. (OR-03-0006-1, 6/13/73)

\* Portland, Oregon, Columbia Region Association of Governments -- \$440,000-- to aid in a technical study for meeting the shortened time table for preparing a regional transportation plan in conjunction with Tri-Met. Included in the plan are service improvements, construction of park-and-ride stations and the use of two downtown Portland streets for buses and taxis exclusively. (IT-09-0030, 6/13/73)

\* Chicago, Illinois, South Suburban Mass Transit District -- \$206,400-- to aid in financing a series of safety modifications on the Illinois Central Gulf Commuter rail car fleet. This amendment to a \$7.4 million grant made in January 1973 calls for striping the ends of 145 bi-level cars, the purchase and installation of larger marker lights, and the addition of radios and speedometers for the older single-deck commuter cars. (IL-03-0023-1, 6/13/73)

\* Savannah, Georgia, Transit Authority -- \$685,925-- to aid in the purchase of 30 new 33-passenger buses to replace an equal number of currently operated 10 year old buses. The Savannah Transit Authority will also purchase three smaller buses for shuttle service in the CBD "Plan for Broughton Street," which is designed to provide greater pedestrian-shopper movement, while reducing congestion and pollution within the CBD. (GA-03-0006, 6/14/73)

\* City of Jackson, Mississippi -- \$291,528-- to aid in the purchase of seven new 45-passenger buses, five new 16-passenger buses, eight registering fare boxes and five two-way radios and a base station. The smaller buses will be used for the exclusive, free use of the elderly as an adjunct to the regular line-haul service. (MS-03-0004, 6/14/73)

\* Boston, Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority -- \$18,410,600-- to aid in the purchase of 80 new rapid transit rail cars. 36 of the cars will be used to replace Blue Line cars all 49 years old, and the oldest rapid transit cars currently in revenue service. An additional 44 new 65-foot cars will be used on the Orange Line for service expansion. (MA-03-0024, 6/18/73)

\* Boston, Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority -- \$10,601,640-- to help in MBTA's program to upgrade the system, and for safety related improvements and emergency facilities. Included is the installation of an A.C. lighting system, new ventilation equipment, fire fighting equipment and portable radio communications with four new base stations. Also a "Hot-Line" telephone system will be installed along all rights-of-way. (MA-03-0025, 6/18/73)

\* Boston, Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority -- \$7,933,092-- to assist in the improvement of operating conditions on MBTA's subway system. Included are funds to reconstruct the Watertown Streetcar facility, purchase of maintenance vehicles, shop and track maintenance equipment and plant improvements. Also included are 700 two-way radios and a base station. (MA-03-0026, 6/18/73)

\* Boston, Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority -- \$1,781,500-- to aid in the purchase of 50 new 44-51 passenger trackless trolleys and 50 two-way radios. This grant will aid MBTA's desire to maintain and improve electric, pollution-free service in the Watertown, Belmont and Cambridge communities. (MA-03-0028, 6/18/73)



\* Rockford, Illinois, Mass Transit District -- \$19,700-- to aid in a technical study to analyze the operating, capital and management requirements of their relatively new public transportation system, and to develop a five-year transit program. (IL-09-0015, 6/18/73)

\* Iowa City, Iowa, Johnson County Regional Planning Commission -- \$30,093-- to support the transit portion of the Commission's 1974 Annual Unified Work Program to provide a schedule of systems improvements over a five-year period. It will also include an employment study and the potential for staggered work hours. (IA-09-0006, 6/18/73)

\* Spokane, Washington, Regional Planning Conference -- \$65,590-- to assist in maintaining, updating and further developing the region's long and short-range transportation planning programs by coordinating the plans and goals throughout the City and County area. (WA-09-0009, 6/18/73)

\* Little Rock, Arkansas, Metroplan, a Council of Governments for the Metropolitan area -- \$56,000-- to assist in a technical study program for long-range transit alternatives and to update a short-range transit development program. The study is part of a Unified Work Program for transit, highway and aviation planning in conjunction with the Arkansas Department of Highways. (AR-09-0002, 6/18/73)

\* Daytona Beach, Florida, Volusia County Council of Governments -- \$19,264-- to assist in developing a series of recommendations aimed at continued and improved bus transportation in West Volusia County. The end product of the study will be a five-year, countywide Transit Development Program. (FL-09-0013, 6/18/73)

\* City of Cincinnati, Ohio -- \$9,480,600-- to assist in the acquisition of the privately-owned Cincinnati Transit, Inc., and the purchase of 170 new 47-50 passenger buses and related equipment. Also included is the purchase and installation of 171 low-pollution injectors and the renovation of 82 buses. (OH-03-0019, 6/19/73)

\* Camden, New Jersey, Delaware River Port Authority -- \$23,269,400-- to assist in the purchase of 45 new rapid rail cars, construction of the Woodcrest, N. J. station and additional parking facilities for the New Jersey stations on the Lindenwold-Philadelphia Line. Also included is the purchase and installation of crossovers and signal controls, the remanufacture of 316 traction motors and expansion and track improvements at the Lindenwold yard. In addition, station and concourse improvements will be made to the Locust Street Subway in Philadelphia. (IT-03-0010, 6/21/73)

\* Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority, Philadelphia -- \$7,887,390-- to aid in the purchase of 127 new 51-passenger and 13 new 42-45 passenger buses to replace buses that are more than 15 years old. In addition, SEPTA will purchase 110 new air-conditioned trolley coaches to replace vehicles between 18 and 20 years old. Rebuilt motors and controls from the existing fleet will be used, and the coaches will be used in high density areas to reduce noise and air pollution. This is the third amendment to a previous grant and brings the Federal share in this SEPTA project to \$24,326,723. (PA-03-0032-3, 6/21/73)

\* Topeka, Kansas, Metropolitan Transit Authority -- \$555,182-- to aid in the acquisition of the privately-owned Topeka Transportation Company and to purchase 15 new 45-passenger buses and related equipment. The new buses will permit modernization of the fleet, and the expansion of routes and service. (KS-03-0004, 6/23/73)

\* Nassau County, New York, Department of Public Transportation -- \$6,212,328-- to assist in the acquisition of 10 privately-owned bus companies and the purchase of 50 new 49-53 passenger buses and related equipment including miscellaneous shop and service equipment. The current fleet of 243 buses will be repainted and 150 will be retrofitted with low-polluting injection systems. (NY-03-0050, 6/25/73)

\* City and County of Honolulu, Hawaii -- \$1,310,000-- to support the transit related elements of a Unified Work Program. The technical studies under this grant will consist of a Phase II study of a rapid transit system along with continued planning in conjunction with the City, the FHWA, the FAA and HUD. (HI-09-0005, 6/26/73)

\* City of Madison, Wisconsin -- \$803,266-- to aid in the purchase of ten new 45-passenger buses and 12 new 53-passenger buses and related equipment. Also included is the purchase of the assets of the Middleton Bus Company, 42 registering fare boxes, 13 bus stop shelters, construction of a new warm storage building and the renovation of the systems garage facilities. (WI-03-0009, 6/26/73)

\* Los Angeles, Southern California Association of Governments -- \$2,000,000-- to aid in a technical study program for the development of an immediate short-range program to deal with EPA pressure to enforce the Clean Air Act, and to create transit incentives along with auto disincentives. SCAG will also evaluate and analyze controversial highway and rapid transit issues. (CA-09-0022-1, 6/25/73)

\* Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, Tennessee -- \$4,459,300-- to assist in acquiring the assets of the privately owned Nashville Transit Company and the purchase of 100 new 45-passenger and 12 new 33-passenger buses and related equipment. In addition, a fare collection system, 150 two-way radios, a radio base station, 12 service vehicles, bus stop signs and shelters will be purchased. (TN-03-0006, 6/26/73)

\* San Francisco, California, Public Utilities Commission -- \$300,000-- for the design and testing of a Kinetic Energy Wheel as a supplemental energy supply system to power trolley-coaches. The technical development will be conducted by the Lockheed Missiles and Space Company under a Public Utilities Commission contract. (CA-06-0014, 6/27/73)

\* Santa Cruz-Monterey Counties, California, Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments -- \$80,000-- to assist in planning efforts being made in conjunction with the California Division of Highways and the State Department of Aeronautics. UMTA funds will be used for the transit-related elements of the program. (CA-09-0028, 6/27/73)

\* Stockton, California, San Joaquin County Council of Governments -- \$60,000-- to support the transit related aspects of the Council's multi-modal transportation planning efforts for both long and short-range regional transportation plans. (CA-09-0027, 6/27/73)

\* Salem, Oregon, Mid-Willamette Valley Council of Governments -- \$28,400-- to assist in financing a technical study for the preparation of a short-range Transit Development Program and a general consideration of long-range transit alternatives. (OR-09-0006, 6/27/73)

\* Wichita, Sedgwick County, Kansas, Metropolitan Planning Commission -- \$90,000-- to aid in supporting the transit-related portions of FY 74 Unified Work Program, with particular emphasis on non-capital improvements over a five-year period. (KS-09-0002, 6/27/73)

\* Phoenix, Arizona, Maricopa Association of Governments -- \$84,723-- to assist in a technical study to insure a continued effort in the Phoenix area towards the development of a five-year bus improvement program as part of a Unified Work Program in conjunction with FHWA, HUD, LEAA and HEW. (AZ-09-0006-1, 6/28/73)

\* Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission, Wooster -- \$86,666-- to assist in the preparation of a short-range Transit Development Program for the City of Wooster to determine ways to improve service through non-capital modifications. (MA-09-0015, 6/28/73)

\* Rhode Island Public Transit Authority -- \$386,540-- to assist in the purchase of support equipment and for the rehabilitation of maintenance and garage facilities. Included is office equipment, 173 new registering fare boxes, eight two-way radios, a base station and an automatic bus washer. (RI-03-0004, 6/28/73)

The following two grants are companion grants and represent a bi-state effort in spite of the lack of a Bi-State Transit Authority:

\* Davenport, Iowa, City Transit Authority -- \$631,980-- to assist in the acquisition of the privately-owned Davenport Transit Lines, Inc., the purchase of nine new 31-33 passenger buses, 25 two-way radios and a base station. Also included is the reconditioning of eleven older buses, alterations to the Davenport garage facility and the purchase of service vehicles. (IA-03-0010, 6/28/73)

\* Rock Island, Illinois, County Metropolitan Mass Transit District -- \$441,386-- to help acquire the assets of the Rock Island-Moline City Lines, Inc., and to purchase 18 new 31-33 passenger buses and related equipment, including 20 two-way radios, bus shelters and miscellaneous equipment. (IL-03-0029, 6/28/73)

\* San Francisco, California, Bay Area Rapid Transit District -- \$21,681,333-- to assist in the purchase and installation of a series of safety, reliability and operating improvements that will enable the BART system to reach its full operating potential. Included are improvements to the automatic train control system, construction of a 2 1/2 mile test track, increasing electrical substation output from 60% to 100% of designed capacity, a Trackway Protective System and a Seismic Alarm System to monitor critical earthquake fault locations along the right-of-way. (CA-03-0096, 6/28/73)

\* Huntington, West Virginia, Tri-State Transit Authority -- \$1,103,933-- to assist in the acquisition of the privately-owned Ohio Valley Bus Company, the purchase of 28 new 31-35 passenger buses, land and construction for a new maintenance and administration facility and the purchase of new garage and shop equipment. (WV-03-0001, 6/29/73)

\* Central Oklahoma Transportation and Parking Authority -- \$1,703,803-- to assist in the purchase of 20 new 40-45 passenger buses, 25 two-way radios and a base station, three maintenance vehicles, 22 fare boxes with data process modules along with office and maintenance equipment, in order to expand service in the Oklahoma City area. (OK-03-0003, 6/29/73)



\* Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority, Georgia -- \$69,533,333-- to assist in the first phase of construction for Atlanta's \$1.375 billion rail-busway rapid transit system. When completed the system will consist of 50.1 miles of rail rapid transit and 14.4 miles of exclusive busways forming a single coordinated rapid transit system serving the transportation needs of Atlanta and DeKalb and Fulton Counties. This is the second largest grant ever made by UMTA. (GA-03-0008, 6/29/73)

\* Birmingham-Jefferson County, Alabama, Transit Authority -- \$1,500,000-- for the acquisition of the privately-owned Birmingham Transit Corporation, and the purchase of ten new 45-passenger buses and related equipment. The object is to continue to provide transit service to the five-city area of Birmingham, Bessemer, Homewood, Mountain Brook and Irondale. This is Alabama's first capital grant. (AL-03-0002, 6/30/73)

\* City of San Diego, California -- \$2,031,420-- to assist in the purchase of 33 new 25-30 passenger buses, 25 new 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. Additionally, 1080 LSN injectors will be purchased and installed on older buses to reduce pollution. (CA-03-0071, 6/30/73)

Other grants in June announced locally:

\* Sacramento, California, Regional Area Planning Commission -- \$70,000-- to support transit-related portions of the IGA Program and announced by the lead agency, HUD. (CA-09-0024)

\* Eugene, Oregon, Lane Council of Governments -- \$70,000-- to aid in preparing major transportation plan update as part of IGA Program, announced by HUD as the lead agency. (OR-09-0007)

\* Sioux City, Iowa -- \$29,866-- as an amendment to reflect increase in UMTA's share as a result of higher costs since the original contract for buses was let in May 1971. (IA-03-0003-1)

\* Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority -- \$16,431-- for UMTA's share of three Managerial Training Grants to better equip MBTA personnel through additional training at three universities. (MA-10-0017, MA-10-0018, MA-10-0019)

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