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During a luncheon meeting of the Institute for Rapid Transit (IRT) Legislative Conference today in Washington, D. C. the Department of Transportation's Urban Mass Transportation Administrator Frank C. Herringer announced a \$200,000 grant contract to the Transit Development Corporation, (TDC) to provide technical support to UMTA in its Research and Development programs for urban rapid rail vehicles, systems, and system safety.

Herringer noted that TDC is a non-profit organization established by the major transit operators to undertake or support R&D for the improvement of urban mass transit. TDC will give analytical assistance to UMTA in its review and evaluation of advanced vehicle and system improvements. Also included is a program to identify and seek solutions for safety problems in rail transit. TDC assistance will help UMTA in responding to the challenge of improving mass transportation service while meeting total urban transportation needs at minimum cost.

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