Secretary of Transportation Claude S. Brinegar today announced an Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA) grant of $331,208 to Culver City, California to assist in the purchase of eight new 40-45 passenger air-conditioned diesel buses, fareboxes, bus stop benches, and maintenance equipment for use in improving the City owned bus fleet.

Because of a substantial growth of condominiums and apartments, and the growing use of public transportation in the area, expansion of transit service to these and other areas within the city is planned.

"Improved public transportation in small cities and large is a growing trend in response to President Nixon's call for expediting the use of mass transit and other energy saving measures throughout the country." Secretary Brinegar said   Although many of Culver City's transit riders are school children and retired persons, the city is looking to continue expansion and improvement of transit service by providing new routes, more attractive and serviceable buses and other amenities with greater passenger appeal.

UMTA Administrator Frank C. Herringer noted that four of the buses being replaced by Culver City are twenty years old. The acquisition of the new buses and equipment will reduce maintenance costs, improve riding quality and increase the system's seating

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capacity.

The local one-fifth share of the project cost is being provided by Culver City.

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