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MIAMI TO GET \$100 MILLION DOT GRANT FOR RAIL TRANSIT

MIAMI--The U.S. Department of Transportation today announced a \$100 million grant to Dade County, Fla., to assist in construction of a rail rapid transit system in the Miami area.

Participating in a ground breaking ceremony for the new rail system, Gary D. Gayton, Acting Administrator of DOT's Urban Mass Transportation Administration, commended local officials and community leaders for their dedication and perseverance in bringing the project to fruition and said today's grant of \$100,274,832 is a tangible result of that effort.

Gayton indicated an agreement between local and federal officials for full funding of the 20.5-mile, fully operable, rapid transit system is near.

The first stage system will run from Dadeland to Hialeah.

Today's grant provides:

- o \$32 million for initial construction at the university station site and procurement of standard construction materials.
- o \$41 million for acquisition of right-of-way for the 20.5 mile system.
- o \$28 million for traction power equipment.

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Prior to this grant a total of \$114 million has been made available for design and engineering, acquisition of right-of-way and to assist in the purchase of 136 rail cars.

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The local source for additional information is Alan Wulkan, Federal Liaison Officer, Metropolitan Dade County, 911 Courthouse, Miami, Florida 33130, (305) 579-5674. (FL-03-0036-05).

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