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## DOT AWARDS \$55 MILLION TO PHILADELPHIA TRANSIT

Two federal grants totaling nearly \$55 million for transit improvements in Philadelphia were announced today by Secretary of Transportation Brock Adams.

One grant, for \$47 million, to the city of Philadelphia will allow construction to continue on the 1.8 mile, four-track commuter rail tunnel connecting Suburban Station and a new underground Reading station.

The second grant, for \$7,991,040, will assist in the purchase and installation of a closed circuit television surveillance system in all rapid transit stations. Both grants are made available by the department's Urban Mass Transportation Administration.

Gary D. Gayton, Deputy Administrator of UMTA noted that including today's grant a total of \$157 million has been made available for the tunnel project. In 1975, the department conditionally agreed to provide up to \$240 million for completion of the Center City Commuter Connection project.

"Installation of the closed circuit television surveillance system will provide an atmosphere of safety and comfort for the 325,000 daily passengers," Gayton said.

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A local source for additional information is George Shaeffer, Tunnel Project Manager, (215) MU 6-4446 (PA-03-0013-02); and John Ficarra, Surveillance System, (215) MU 6-4581 (PA-03-0074).

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