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## DOT AWARDS \$10.8 MILLION TO DENVER TRANSIT SYSTEM

Two grants totaling \$10,866,712 to Denver's Regional Transportation District for the purchase of 100 wheelchair lift-equipped buses and related equipment were announced today by Secretary of Transportation Brock Adams.

Sixty of the new buses will be used to replace coaches which are scheduled for retirement in 1979 and 1980. The remaining forty vehicles will allow the RTD to increase the frequency and capacity of service in high density corridors.

"This grant to Denver will allow service to be expanded to include some of the rapidly developing areas of the metropolitan region," Adams said.

In addition to the devices to assist the handicapped, the new buses, funded by the department's Urban Mass Transportation Administration, will be equipped with automatic transmissions, power steering, air conditioning and tinted glass.

Gary Gayton, UMTA Deputy Administrator noted, the grant also will assist in the purchase of six supervisory vehicles to replace four vehicles and to expand the supervisory fleet. Twenty service vehicles, major spare bus parts, and equipment for the renovation of buses in service are included in the grant improvements.

A local source for additional information is Sandi Kohrs, Grants Administrator, Regional Transportation District, 1325 South Colorado Blvd., Denver, Colorado 80222, (303) 759-1000. (CO-03-0017 and CO-05-3017).

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