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DOT AWARDS \$15 MILLION
TO NORTHERN NEW JERSEY

The U.S. Department of Transportation today announced a \$15 million grant to the New Jersey Department of Transportation to assist in upgrading the New York and Long Branch commuter rail line.

Today's grant includes additional funding for 50 new electrically powered multiple unit commuter rail cars, construction of overhead power systems, design and engineering and acquisition of real estate. The grant announced today brings to \$69,818,056 the federal funds made available to assist in rehabilitating the Conrail-operated commuter line.

The New York and Long Branch makes approximately 27 weekday round trips between the Jersey Shore and either Newark or New York City. Trains terminating in Newark provide transfers to New York bound passengers.

A local source for additional information is Louis J. Gambaccini, New Jersey Department of Transportation, 1035 Parkway Avenue, Trenton, New Jersey 08625, (609) 292-3353. (Project No. NJ-03-0006-02).

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