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DOT AWARDS \$18.6 MILLION TO CHICAGO COMMUTER RAIL

An \$18.6 million grant to Chicago's Regional Transportation Authority for commuter rail improvements was announced today by the U.S. Department of Transportation.

The department's Urban Mass Transportation Administration said the grant will help finance improvements on the Burlington Northern, the Milwaukee Road, Illinois Central Gulf, the Rock Island and the Chicago and North Western commuter rail lines. The improvements include new locomotives, commuter car renovations, service and maintenance equipment, signal improvements and related tasks.

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