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NEW JERSEY TRANSIT GETS \$87.7 MILLION DOT GRANTS

Eight grants to the New Jersey Department of Transportation for transit improvements and operating expenses have been announced by the U.S. Department of Transportation.

The grants totaling \$87,765,246 were made by the department's Urban Mass Transportation Administration for rail and bus improvements and operating assistance.

The grants announced are;

- . A \$45,248,388 grant assists in the purchase of 57 new commuter rail cars, 95 advanced design transit buses and engineering and design of new rail facilities.

Purchase of the new push-pull commuter cars will allow replacement of 75 obsolete cars currently in operation on the Raritan Valley commuter rail line. (NJ-03-0031)

- . A \$10,666,960 grant helps buy 10 diesel locomotives and 22 advanced design buses.

The new locomotives also are for use on the Raritan Valley commuter rail line. (NJ-05-0002)

The above projects are part of a long-term rail and bus modernization program instituted by the New Jersey Department of Transportation earlier this year. The \$600 million program contemplates the availability of \$480 million in federal funds for rail improvements in the Northeast New Jersey Region and will make use of a \$120 million local share commitment by the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey for bus improvements.

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- . A \$21,375,560 grant helps cover eligible operating expenses of the department's bus operations from July 1, 1978, through June 30, 1979. (NJ-05-4019)
- . A \$1,200,000 grant provides assistance in financing engineering and design of the Newark N. J., subway system capital improvement program. (NJ-03-0032)
- . A \$644,562 grant helps cover eligible operating expenses of the Atlantic City Transportation Company from July 1, 1977, through June 30, 1978. (NJ-05-4018).
- . A \$788,544 grant helps cover eligible operating expenses of the Atlantic City Transportation Company from July 1, 1978, to June 30, 1979. (NJ-05-4020).
- . A \$4,362,872 grant helps cover eligible operating expenses of the Transport of New Jersey from July 1, 1977, through June 30, 1978. (NJ-05-4016).
- . A \$3,478,360 grant helps cover eligible operating expenses of the Transport of New Jersey from July 1, 1976, through June 30, 1977. (NJ-05-4013).

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