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CLEVELAND GETS \$43 MILLION FOR TRANSIT IMPROVEMENTS

Secretary of Transportation Neil Goldschmidt today announced the award of two grants to the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority for rail and bus transit improvements.

The grants totaling \$43 million were made by the department's Urban Mass Transportation Administration. They provide additional funds to continue the area's transportation improvement program.

Federal assistance totaling more than \$107 million has been made since 1977 for construction, engineering, purchase and installation of signal equipment and control facilities, new buses, a new maintenance facility, rehabilitation of light rail and other improvements.

The grants approved today include:

- \$11.8 million to help in the purchase of 40 new rapid transit cars as replacements for 40 cars in various stages of deterioration. In addition the grant assists in the purchase and installation of additional signal equipment, purchase of tools and the construction of a passageway to connect the Cleveland Union Terminal with the State Office Building. (OH-03-0062-01).
- \$31.2 million to assist in the construction of a central rail maintenance facility, reconstruction of rapid transit and light rail station parking facilities, renovation and replacement of light rail track and power conversion and distribution systems. (OH-03-0054-03).

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