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DOT AWARDS \$11 MILLION FOR ST. LOUIS TRANSIT

Two grants totaling \$11.1 million for new buses and other transit improvements in St. Louis, Mo., were announced today by Secretary of Transportation Neil Goldschmidt.

A grant of \$6,579,296 from the department's Urban Mass Transportation Administration to the Bi-State Development Agency will help buy 41 new 45-passenger buses, a computer central processing system and related transit equipment.

The new buses are replacements for a like number of buses which have seen heavy use over the past 15 years. The computer system will significantly improve the system's management capacity.

A second grant of \$4,568,616 to the Bi-State Agency from UMTA provides for the acquisition of land, engineering and design of a new central maintenance shop and two garages. This grant initiates the first phase of reconstruction of all garage facilities in the St. Louis Region.

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A local source for additional information is Mr. Gerald Rimmel, Bi-State Development Agency, 3869 Park Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63110. (314) 771-1414. (MO-03-0013 and MO-03-0014).