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\$12 MILLION AWARDED
TO LOS ANGELES FOR
RAPID RAIL STUDY

Los Angeles -- Urban Mass Transportation Administrator Theodore C. Lutz today announced a \$12 million grant for preliminary engineering studies of a proposed rail rapid transit system in the Wilshire corridor of Los Angeles.

The Administrator said, "This is an important step toward a decision on rapid transit's role in Los Angeles. These studies will provide us with design information and cost estimates -- then we'll know where we go from there."

The U.S. Department of Transportation grant was made to the Southern California Rapid Transit District.

A rail transit system for Los Angeles has been under consideration for some time. Over the years, the Wilshire Corridor has been continually identified as the priority corridor for rapid transit development.

Under the Transit District's proposal, an 18.6 mile subway line would run from downtown Los Angeles to North Hollywood via Union Station, Broadway, Seventh Street, Wilshire Boulevard, Fairfax Avenue, Hollywood Boulevard, Cahuenga Pass, Vineland Avenue, Chandler Street and Lankershim Boulevard."

"Approval of this grant," Lutz said, "does not commit UMTA to participate in future final engineering or construction of the proposed regional core rapid transit system."

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The rapid transit proposal is one of four elements of an overall Los Angeles regional transit development program. The other three are: transportation system planning and management, freeway transit buses and carpool programs, and a proposed automated downtown people mover.

A local source for additional information is Mr. Alan Nishimura, Southern California Rapid Transit District, 425 S. Main Street, Los Angeles, California 90013. (213) 972-6628. (CA-03-0130).

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