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DOT AWARDS \$75 MILLION FOR WASHINGTON SUBWAY

A Federal grant of \$75.2 million for the continued construction of the Washington, D.C., Metrorail system was announced today by Urban Mass Transportation Deputy Administrator, Lillian C. Liburdi.

Announcement of the Department of Transportation grant was made at the site of the proposed Service and Inspection Yard in suburban West Falls Church, Va.

Liburdi noted that today's grant provides funds for construction in both Maryland and Virginia and commended officials of all local jurisdictions for their "efforts and continued cooperation toward completing the Metro system."

The grant provides for construction of a one-mile segment of the subway and an underground station at Forest Glen in suburban Maryland and construction in suburban Virginia of the West Falls Church Service and Inspection Yard. The grant also helps buy additional construction tools and service vehicles.

Liburdi pointed out that with today's grant, federal assistance in the capital cost of the Metrorail system now totals approximately \$3.246 billion. These funds include \$1.147 billion in direct appropriations, \$764 million in bond proceeds, \$1,276 billion from transfer of Interstate highway funds and \$59.4 million from other federal sources. Local contributions of \$947.3 million bring to \$4.193 billion the funds committed thus far to the Metrorail system.

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A local source for additional information is Mr. Cody Pfanstiehl, Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, 600 Fifth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20001. Phone: (202) 637-1047. (IT-23-9007-01).

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