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**\$21 MILLION DOT GRANT
AIDS NEW YORK SUBWAY
RENOVATION PROJECT**

The Lenox Avenue subway line in New York City will soon undergo renovation with the help of a \$21.4 million federal grant announced today by U.S. Secretary of Transportation Neil Goldschmidt.

The badly deteriorated track bed between 117th and 124th Streets in Manhattan will be totally reconstructed as a result of a \$21,440,000 grant awarded by the department's Urban Mass Transportation Administration.

Secretary Goldschmidt noted the track bed is part of the original structure of the line which opened in 1904. "It is currently one of the oldest and most heavily traveled sections of the New York City subway system," he said.

During the reconstruction period, the line will provide intermittent service to up to 750,000 riders who depend on the Lenox Avenue subway for low-cost public transportation in the area between the East Bronx and Manhattan West Side.

Temporary bus and train shuttle services will be provided when needed during the 29-months reconstruction period.

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A local source for additional information is Mr. George Ziegler, New York City Transit Authority, 370 Jay Street, Brooklyn, New York 11201, (212) 330-3123. (NY-03-0132)

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