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Secretary of Transportation Claude S. Brinegar announced today an additional Federal grant of \$30 million to continue work on two sections of the new Second Avenue Subway in New York City.

The grant was made by the Transportation Department's Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA) to the New York City Transit Authority. It supplements a grant of \$25 million made last June for the initial construction of two sections of a line that will run approximately under Second Avenue, from East 34th Street to 126th Street on the east side of Manhattan Island, and will cost \$381 million. The long-planned subway, when completed, will run from Whitehall Street in lower Manhattan to 180th Street in the Bronx.

The new subway was designed as a measure to relieve severe congestion on the existing Lexington Avenue line. The Federal grants, totaling \$55 million, cover two-thirds of the cost of the work currently planned. These Federal funds will be used to help defray the additional cost of constructing Section 13 of the line due to a change in design philosophy in the construction of that section.

A new section, Section 8, has been approved for construction under the increased Federal grant. In addition, UMTA funds will cover the architectural design of the eight stations in the project and for the engineering design of the lighting, ventilation, and pumping requirements of the two sections, according to UMTA Administrator Frank C. Herringer.

Construction costs include the total excavation and construction of the two-track subway property, and the preservation of traffic movement on Second Avenue. The new subway is to be operated on an actual

cost basis. Using past experience and projections of future revenue as a guide, no profit from operating revenue is expected.

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