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Secretary of Transportation Claude S. Brinegar today announced a \$1 million grant to the Municipality of Metropolitan Seattle to assist in the acquisition of the privately owned transit company.

The \$1,025,266 grant made by the Department of Transportation's Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA) represents the Federal share of purchasing the assets of the Metropolitan Transit Corporation.

"The grant was made possible under President Nixon's multi-billion dollar, five-year program to improve transit service throughout the nation and follows a mandate from Seattle voters to implement the County transit plan," Secretary Brinegar said. On September 19, 1972, King County voters approved a 3/10 percent addition to the sales tax in the County to fund and implement the Metro transit plan of unification and improvement of service.

Today's grant includes funds to acquire the 91 bus fleet and other assets, and the Dearborn Street maintenance and storage facility. Also, 200 buses will be refurbished and painted in the new metro color scheme, according to UMTA Administrator Frank C. Herringer.

In addition to the \$1,025,266 Federal share, local one-third funding totaling \$512,633 will come from the Municipality of Metropolitan Seattle.

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