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Secretary of Transportation Claude S. Brinegar today announced a \$38.8 million grant to the New York City Transit Authority (NYCTA) to aid in the purchase of an additional 198 new rail passenger cars for the New York City subway system.

The \$38,809,493 grant, made by the Department's Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA), is the second amendment to the original grant made in June 1972, and brings the total Federal two-thirds share to \$142,232,000. Along with more than \$71 million local share, these funds will be used to purchase a total of 745 new, modern R-46 rail cars designed to provide comfortable, quiet service on portions of the IND and BMT lines. The new, larger cars will permit NYCTA to retire as many as 1000 of the older cars built between 1932 and 1940. The purchase of these cars represents the largest single order for rail cars in the history of American railroading.

In making the announcement, Secretary Brinegar remarked that it was this kind of quality improvement that would bring ridership back to mass transit systems. The Secretary pointed out that the \$142 million grant to the city of New York was indicative of President Nixon's dedication to urban mass transportation.

UMTA Administrator Frank C. Herringer noted that transportation is a means to promote the welfare and vitality of our cities. "To achieve these ends," Herringer said, "we must continue to preserve and improve existing transit systems."

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