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Secretary of Transportation Claude S. Brinegar today announced an Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA) grant of \$206,400 to the Chicago South Suburban Mass Transit District to assist in a series of safety modifications to be made on the Illinois Central Gulf commuter rail car fleet.

As a result of investigations into the causes of the October 30, 1972 collision on the line causing forty-four deaths, this amendment to a \$7.4 million grant made in January 1973 calls for striping the ends of 145 bi-level cars, the purchase and installation of larger marker lights, and the addition of radios and speedometers for the older single-deck commuter cars.

According to UMTA Administrator Frank C. Herringer, these steps represent the implementation of recommendations made by the National Transportation Safety Board, the Illinois Department of Transportation, and the Illinois Commerce Commission and agreed to by UMTA's safety and program staffs.

The local one-third share will be provided by the State of Illinois, the Illinois Central Gulf Railroad, and the Governors State University.

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