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Secretary of Transportation Claude S. Brinegar today announced a grant of \$686,000 to the Savannah, Georgia Transit Authority for the purchase of 30 new 33-passenger buses and three smaller buses.

This \$685,925 Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA) grant will aid in replacing 30 ten year old buses currently operated by the Savannah Transit Authority. In addition, three small buses will be purchased to provide a shuttle service included in the "Plan for Broughton Street" developed by the Chatham County-Savannah Metropolitan Planning Commission. This plan calls for larger sidewalks, and the elimination of all parking on Broughton Street.

In making the grant, Secretary Brinegar pointed out that the people at Savannah Transit Authority were in complete accord with President Nixon's convictions regarding community development. "To thrive," the President said, "a community must provide for the efficient movement of its people and its products." The Secretary added that the shopping mall concept of the Broughton Street Plan will carry out that conviction by providing greater pedestrian-shopper movement along with reducing congestion and pollution in the Central Business District of Savannah.

UMTA Administrator Frank C. Herringer recently noted that the STA began operations in 1960 and has maintained a sound, well-managed operation ever since. Herringer added that STA's policy of always having clean, attractive equipment coupled with innovative promotional programs has been a key element in maintaining high ridership.

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The local one-third share for this project will be provided by the City of Savannah from General Funds.

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