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The U. S. Department of Transportation's Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA) today announced two grants totalling \$31.2 million for the improvement of mass transit facilities in the Philadelphia-Camden metropolitan area.

The first of these grants, for \$23,269,400 to the Delaware River Port Authority (DRPA) to assist in the purchase of 45 new rapid transit cars, construction of the Woodcrest, New Jersey station and additional parking facilities for New Jersey stations on the Lindenwold-Philadelphia Line. Also included is the purchase and installation of crossovers and signal controls, the remanufacture of 316 traction motors and track improvements and expansion of the Lindenwold yard. Additionally, station and concourse improvements will be made to the Locust Street Subway in Philadelphia.

In announcing this grant, UMTA Administrator Frank C. Herringer noted that the Philadelphia-Lindenwold Line is the first working example in the United States of a thoroughly modern, well planned and skillfully marketed mass transportation system. Herringer added that the improvements to be made with these funds are expected to divert some 6,000 to 8,000 daily private auto commuters from the Camden-Philadelphia corridor, and will increase the safety, reliability and efficiency of the entire operation. The local one-third share for this grant will be provided by the State of New Jersey, City of Philadelphia, DRPA and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

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The second grant of \$7,887,390 to the Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority (SEPTA) to aid in the purchase of 140 new buses and 110 new air-conditioned trolley-coaches is the third amendment to a previous grant and brings the total Federal share in this SEPTA project to \$24,326,723. Both the City Transit and the Red Arrow Divisions of SEPTA will use the 127 51-passenger vehicles and the 13 42-45 passenger vehicles, to replace buses that are more than 15 years old. The trolley coaches, using rebuilt electric motors and controls from the existing fleet will replace vehicles between 18 and 26 years old, and will be used in high-density urban areas to reduce air and noise pollution.

The local one-third share for this grant will be provided by SEPTA.

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