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The U. S. Department of Transportation's Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA) today announced a grant of \$571,466 to Vermont's Chittenden County Transportation Authority to assist in the purchase of 14 new 31-35 passenger buses, the purchase of land, and the construction of garage, office and maintenance facilities.

In announcing the award, Secretary of Transportation Claude S. Brinegar explained that in addition to the purchase of a complete new bus fleet, and the facilities this grant also includes funds for fourteen fare boxes, fourteen two-way radios and a base station, service vehicles, shop and office equipment, fueling, cleaning and washing equipment, along with bus stop shelters and miscellaneous equipment needed for a transit operation.

In commenting on today's grant, UMTA Administrator Frank C. Herringer noted that an unusual aspect of this award is the fact that there is no transit system in the area available for purchase. The Burlington Rapid Transit Company (BRT), which has provided mass transit services to the communities of Burlington, South Burlington, Essex and Winooski since 1929 ceased metropolitan service on June 30, 1973. However, Herringer continued, BRT intends to continue inter-city operations in conjunction with its affiliate, Vermont Lines, Inc., and will retain all of its transit assets. As a result, it is necessary for the Chittenden County Transportation Authority to establish an entirely new system.

The local one-third share will be provided by the four communities involved on a proportionate-share basis.

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