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The U. S. Department of Transportation's Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA) last week announced a supplemental grant of \$10.5 million to New York City's Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) to assist in continuing the rehabilitation and extension of the Long Island Rail Road electrification system.

This award is an amendment to a \$30.3 million grant made in May 1967 and reflects needed design and engineering changes and six years of continuing inflation in the labor and supply market. The major portion of these increased costs is for the construction and equipping of substations, power cable installation and the modification of power supplies. In applying for the supplemental funds, MTA noted that in spite of rising costs in most areas of the project, there was a decrease of more than \$1.8 million as a result of significant new progress in the development of solid-state audio-frequency track signal circuits. This new signal system will appreciably reduce the cost of purchase and installation as well as future maintenance.

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