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During the month of July 1973 the Department of Transportation's Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA) announced 23 grants totalling \$107 million. Following is a digest of these grants, their dollar amount, UMTA Project number and date of release. For further information, contact the UMTA Office of Public Affairs at (202) 426-4043 or the grantee.

The grants were made to:

* New York City Transit Authority -- \$62,733,333 to aid construction on the \$189 million 63rd Street Line from Manhattan to Northern Boulevard in Queens. Included will be a connection with the 2nd Avenue Subway currently being constructed, and a station on Welfare Island to assist New York State's Urban Development Corporation's plan to create a major in-town residential community on the Island. (NY-03-0045, 7/2/73)

* North Central Texas COG, Dallas, Ft. Worth -- \$550,000 for funding the next 14 months transit planning program for the region and the development of increased local capability for transit planning. (TX-09-0012-2, 7/3/73)

* St. Louis, Missouri East-West Gateway Coordinating Council -- \$400,000 -- to support the transit-related elements of the Council's 1973-74 Unified Work Program. The technical study features the procurement of information needed for a preliminary design for the areas rapid transit program. (IT-09-0028-1, 7/3/73)

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* Erie, Pennsylvania Metropolitan Transit Authority -- \$16,666 -- for a six month technical study to determine the need and feasibility for extended transit routes through a combination of regular passenger and student service on school routes not currently served by public transit. (PA-09-0016, 7/3/73)

* Valley Transit District, Derby, Connecticut -- \$123,950 -- as an amendment to a previous grant for an Urban Mass Transportation Demonstration in the Lower Naugatuck Valley, including the towns of Ansonia, Derby, Seymour and Shelton for the implementation of a credit card fare collection system, maintenance and storage facilities and increased scope of work by technical consultants. (CT-06-0003-2, 7/3/73)

* New York City Metropolitan Transportation Authority -- \$10.5 million -- to assist in the continuing rehabilitation and extension of the Long Island Railroad electrification system. This is an amendment to a \$30.3 million grant made in May 1967 and brings the total Federal commitment to \$40.8 million. (NY-03-0003-2, 7/10/73)

* Vermont's Chittenden County Transportation Authority -- \$571,466 -- to assist in the purchase of 14 new 31-35 passenger buses, 14 fare boxes and two-way radios, a base station, service vehicles, shop and office equipment, fueling, cleaning and washing equipment along with bus shelters, purchase of land, the construction of a garage, and miscellaneous equipment needed for the creation of a transit operation. (VT-03-0001, 7/10/73)

* Tri-State Regional Planning Commission of New York -- \$1,714,585 -- to assist in their continuing planning program and to initiate a subregional planning program to permit the New York City Planning Department to develop a number of local area transit plans. (IT-09-0031, 7/11/73)

* Denver Regional COG -- \$330,000 -- for a study to redefine transportation and land use plans and produce a short-range improvement program for public transit. Also included is a proposed rapid transit system, and a circulation system in the Denver area. (CO-09-0008-2, 7/11/73)

* Maryland Department of Transportation -- \$47,000 -- to assist the areas of Salisbury, Cumberland and Hagerstown in the development of a five-year capital-improvements program and an evaluation of existing transit conditions. (MD-09-0008, 7/11/73)

* Salt Lake City Utah's Wasatch Front Regional Council -- \$78,833 -- to support an ongoing transportation study in Salt Lake City as well as the surrounding Counties of Davis, Weber, Tooele and Morgan to develop future transportation plans for the area. (UT-09-0003-2, 7/11/73)

* City of Chicago's Regional Transportation Planning Board -- \$1 million -- to assist in providing a Coordinated Support Program to aid local agencies in subregional transit development studies as well as short-range transportation and special studies. (IT-09-0026-1, 7/11/73)

* Puget Sound Governmental Conference, Seattle, Washington -- \$239,100 -- for UMTA's participation in the Conference's Integrated Grant Administration Program for continuing areawide transportation planning in the four-county Puget Sound Area. This grant was announced by HUD as the lead agency. (WA-09-0008, 7/11/73)

* Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority -- \$13,126,410 -- to assist in the purchase of the Reading Line right-of-way from the Boston and Maine Railroad consisting of 16.9 miles extending from the north bank of the Charles River to its termination at Wilmington Junction. Also included are funds for the acquisition of 15 parcels of land for the construction of Malden Center Station, the relocation of 39 households and 45 business and the demolition of a wooden drawbridge over the Mystic River. (MA-03-0005-1, 7/12/73)

* Metropolitan Transportation Commission, Berkeley, California -- \$2.5 million -- to support MTC's continuing regional transportation planning program. This technical studies grant will be supplemented with funds from the Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Aviation Administration to insure coordinated intermodal transportation planning. Local transit operators and agencies will participate in projects such as the BART Impact Program, the Golden Gate Pricing Policy Study, Intermodal Integration, the Transbay Terminal Study and a BART Safety Study. (CA-09-0025-1, 7/16/73)

* City of Cleveland, Ohio -- \$450,000 -- for UMTA's share in a demonstration project for the design and implementation of a flexible neighborhood transportation system to serve the transit needs of the elderly. The concept involves three small radio-equipped buses in the demonstration neighborhoods of Buckeye, Model Cities and Fremont. An additional \$250,000 will be provided by HEW for the project. (OH-06-0018, 7/20/73)

* Borough of State College, Pennsylvania -- \$12,340 -- for a technical study grant to develop an Immediate Action Transit Plan to insure the continuation of mass transportation services in the Center Region of Pennsylvania. (PA-09-0019, 7/20/73)

* Central New York Regional Transportation Authority -- \$133,000 -- for the purchase of four new specially equipped buses for service to the elderly and handicapped residents of Syracuse and Onondaga County. Two of the buses will be equipped with lifts and tie-downs for wheelchairs. The purchase of four fare boxes and two-way radios are also included in the grant. (NY-03-0055, 7/26/73)

* New York City Transit Authority -- \$12,144,609 -- for continuing work on the City's Second Avenue Subway. This second amendment brings the total two-thirds Federal share to \$67.1 million for financing the construction of four sections between 34th Street and 126th Street on the 4.7 mile, \$381 million subway line. (NY-03-0044-2, 7/26/73)

Other grants in July announced locally:

* City of Fond du Lac, Wisconsin -- \$17,500 -- as an amendment to a grant made in May 1972 for the purchase of four new buses. (WI-03-0004-1)

* Rhode Island Department of Administration -- \$56,980 -- for the continuation of a Statewide Integrated Grant Administration Program to support the preparation of a Transit Development Program. Other participants include HUD, FHWA and EPA. (RI-09-0003)

* Stanford University, California -- \$120,000 -- for a feasibility study to assess present methods and develop improved methods to integrate delivery of public services. This is a joint project with HUD. (CA-06-0002)

* West Virginia University -- \$150,000 -- to provide continued staff support for the Morgantown PRT demonstration from July 1973 through June 1974. (WV--6-0006)