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The Department of Transportation's Urban Mass Transportation Administration today announced a \$43,168 planning grant to the City of Portland, Oregon, to help the city analyze the means of acquiring and operating its local transit system.

Rose City Transit Company, a private carrier, will terminate its franchise operations on June 12, when the city will assume transit operations.

The study will also include preliminary explorations toward creating an integrated area-wide transit system.

The UMTA grant represents two-thirds of the \$64,753 cost of the five-month study. The balance will be provided by the city.

The Columbia Region Association of Governments (CRAG), the regional planning body, received an urban planning grant last January from the Department of Housing and Urban Development. This grant will finance preparation of a mass transit planning outline to serve as the basis for further study of transit potential in the Portland metropolitan area.

Using the results of both studies, CRAG will formulate a study design for an integrated area-wide mass transit system.

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