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The Department of Transportation today broadened its Center City Transportation project to provide for participation by 20 additional cities.

The Center City Project, announced March 10, will design and implement improved center city transportation systems specifically for five cities -- Atlanta, Dallas, Denver, Pittsburgh, and Seattle. The basic concepts developed by the project would be adaptable for use in other cities.

To carry out the program announced today, DOT's Urban Mass Transportation Administration awarded a \$270,000 Grant to Urban America, Inc., of Washington, D.C. Urban America will contribute \$15,000 toward the program.

Urban America will select the 20 cities from a group of about 50 cities with metropolitan area populations of more than 500,000. The selected cities will be periodically informed of interim results of the Center City Study. Their reactions, based on their particular needs, will be incorporated into the main study to develop final concepts.

A series of eight conferences to be held in Washington, D.C. and throughout the United States will be coordinated for UMTA as the means for the selected cities to participate and exchange information. Additionally, there will be seminars, workshops and symposia for the participating cities. Conference findings will be published for wide distribution to city officials and others interested and involved in the problems of America's urban society.

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