

## NEWS

## URBAN MASS TRANSPORTATION ADMINISTRATION

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The Department of Transportation's Urban Mass Transportation

Administration today announced a \$109,375 supplemental capital grant

to the Springfield (Illinois) Mass Transit District.

The grant will help the District pay for 20 new air-conditioned transit buses. Last June UMTA made an initial grant of \$328,125 to the District for the bus purchase. The initial grant represented one-half of the cost of the buses.

A recently-adopted transportation and transit plan and a related transit development program for the Springfield area qualified the District for the maximum two-thirds Federal assistance. The supplemental grant raises the Federal aid to that level.

About 130,000 people live in the area served by the Transit District. The system carries approximately two million revenue passengers and operates about 900,000 revenue service miles annually.

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