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Secretary of Transportation John A. Volpe today announced a \$17,000 grant to Northeastern University to help finance a two-week seminar for transit middle managers.

"There has been little new blood in the transit industry for the past two decades," Volpe said, "and qualified transit managers are in short supply. The transit industry," Volpe continued, "has traditionally relied on promotion through the ranks, but these men have seldom been trained in the complexities of their new positions."

The Department of Transportation's Urban Mass Transportation Administration has sponsored several seminars for transit managers. The seminars provide a practical basis for relating the transit industry's training needs to broader university research and training programs.

The seminar will emphasize communications and supervisory practices while covering several major topics including the role of the transit industry in urban development; the influence of labor and government on urban transit; economic and financial aspects; human relations; and law enforcement and loss prevention.

The UMTA grant will cover costs for 22 participants. The seminar will be held from May 26 through June 6.

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