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Secretary of Transportation John A. Volpe today announced a \$112,737 capital grant to assist the City of Abilene, Texas, in upgrading its bus fleet and constructing a terminal building.

The grant, made by DOT's Urban Mass Transportation Administration, replaces an August 1966 grant of \$70,303. Abilene, a city of 100,000, acquired the transit system of the Moore Transit Company when financial difficulties forced it to cease operations.

With only limited transit operation experience, the City underestimated both the needs and the cost of upgrading the system. The higher grant reflects a revised estimate of the cost of maintaining suitable transit service.

The Federal grant represents one-half of the net cost of the upgrading. An additional \$37,579 has been reserved for this project pending completion of statutory planning requirements. If the supplemental grant is made, it will raise Federal participation to two-thirds of the \$225,475 project cost.

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