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Federal support for the City of Niagara Falls' effort to improve public transportation facilities was secured today when Secretary of Transportation John A. Volpe announced a fund reservation of \$289,829 for that city.

The funds will pay up to two-thirds of the cost of 15 new 45-passenger, diesel buses which were acquired by the City's Municipal Transportation Commission in November 1968.

Federal participation in the project is limited to one-half of the net project cost, \$217,372, until planning requirements for the area are met, at which time the city will be eligible for an additional grant of \$72,475.

"This financial assistance to Niagara Falls," Secretary Volpe said, "is typical of the support being given to urban centers across the nation by the Department of Transportation to improve the quality of public transportation.

"The nation has arrived at the point where we must think of urban transit as a basic tool for guiding the developments of urban regions and not as an alternate mode of travel to the passenger car," Volpe stated.

The new buses replaced 18-year old vehicles and allowed for expansion of service to meet the demand of increased student passengers.

The mass transportation carrier in Niagara Falls has been municipally owned since December 1968, and is operated under contract by Cataract Transit Management Corporation.

The bus system carries 7,000 riders on an average weekday,
3,000 of which are students.

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