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Riders and neighbors of the Chicago Transit Authority will benefit substantially from a \$13,100,000 Department of Transportation grant, Secretary of Transportation John A. Volpe announced today.

The grant, made to the City of Chicago, will help cover increased costs for rapid transit line extensions totaling about 15 miles along the John F. Kennedy and Dan Ryan Expressways.

Volpe said, "A major contribution to the increased costs results from emphasizing architectural and urban design considerations. Original project costs, prepared by Transit Authority engineers, were based on traditional engineering design concepts of austerity and economy."

"But in developing and detailing these new extensions," Volpe continued, "the Transit Authority gave high priority to urban aesthetics and architectural details. Every effort was made to give stations a pleasing appearance and to create structures that will contribute something positive to their neighborhoods. The comfort and amenity of transit riders was emphasized."

Other factors involved in the increase included additional stations and higher labor and material costs. Project changes since 1967 have resulted in additional costs amounting to \$11,400,000 for the Kennedy extension and \$8,250,000 for the Ryan extension.

The additional Federal funds were provided by grants from the Transportation Department's Urban Mass Transportation Administration and represent two-thirds of the total additional cost. The supplemental funds raise Federal participation in the Chicago projects to \$59,042,999.

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