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A \$542,416 grant which increases to \$4,526,066 the Federal participation in the Chicago Transportation Authority's extension of the Englewood branch of the North-South Rapid Transit Route was announced today by Secretary of Transportation John A. Volpe.

The Englewood extension was opened for service on May 5 of this year at a cost of \$6,632,125, an overrun of \$780,825 of the original estimate. The additional Federal grant was deemed necessary because of additions and alterations to the project since May 1966, when the initial grant was made.

Major factors in the increased cost of the project were the redesigning of the Terminal and Transportation Building at South Hermitage Avenue, as well as increased costs of labor and materials.

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