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Secretary of Transportation John A. Volpe today announced a federal grant of \$123,735 to the Dallas Transit System for operational tests of an automated information program for bus transit systems.

The 18-month pilot project will test the cost economics and efficiency of a data-processing device to collect information on the day-to-day maintenance and service operations of a bus transit system.

Kent State University, developers of the semi-automatic system, will design and install the equipment.

"Obsolete manual techniques for collecting information on service and maintenance prevent management from making accurate budget projections or developing standards of performance," Secretary Volpe said.

"A major objective of this project is to stimulate the private sector to adopt management systems and advanced technology to the needs of the transit industry."

Two-thirds of the total project cost of \$189,582 will be met by the grant. The local share of \$65,847 will be donated in services by the Dallas Transit System.

The grant was made by the Department of Transportation's Urban Mass Transportation Administration, headed by Carlos C. Villarreal.

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