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The U. S. Department of Transportation today made a grant of \$94,712 to San Buenaventura, California, to pay half the costs of purchasing seven new buses and 10 electric fare collection boxes.

The grant, announced by Secretary of Transportation John A. Volpe, will enable San Buenaventura to replace six of its eight buses and all of their bus fare boxes. The grant will be administered by DOT's Urban Mass Transportation Administration.

An additional UMTA grant of \$31,570 will be available to San Buenaventura when the city completes its mass transit planning requirements. This will bring the Federal share of meeting the city's transit needs to \$126,282, or two-thirds of the \$189,424 improvement project costs.

The new equipment will be owned by the city and operated by Citizens Transit Lines (CTL), a city-owned and operated transit line.

"The purchase is part of our overall program to aid small towns and communities as well as major cities," commented Secretary Volpe.

Administrator Carlos C. Villarreal of UMTA said he expected the newer and better 33-passenger buses will increase ridership revenue in San Buenaventura, a small California community located northwest of Los Angeles.

One of the new buses will be used to serve a new low income housing area, which currently is not served by the bus system.

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