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The U. S. Department of Transportation today made a grant of nearly \$1 million to the Dallas (Texas) Public Transit Board to help the city buy 50 new air-conditioned buses.

The grant for \$991,666, made by the Department's Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA), will pay for two-thirds of the \$1.5 million project. The remaining one-third cost of \$495,834 will be paid for by the city of Dallas.

The 50 new diesel transit coaches will replace an equal number of used buses which the Dallas Transit System (DTS) sold to the city of Honolulu last February.

"Today's grant will allow Dallas to replace those 50 buses with \$2.4 million worth of new 51-passenger coaches," according to Secretary of Transportation John A. Volpe. Some \$875,000 from the sale of the old buses will reduce the actual replacement cost to about \$1.5 million, the Secretary added.

Administrator Carlos C. Villarreal of UMTA said the replacement "is part of our overall program of upgrading and improving all American transit systems." The Dallas Transit System currently operates about 400 modern air-conditioned buses over 75 routes in the Dallas metropolitan area.

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