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The U. S. Department of Transportation today made three grants totaling \$546,549 for continued mass transit planning in the Twin Cities area of Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minnesota.

The combined grants, made by the Department's Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA), will pay for two-thirds of three transit planning studies. Local contributions from city and local agencies will cover the remaining one-third costs.

The largest grant, \$334,466, was made to the Twin Cities area Metropolitan Transit Commission (MTC) to continue its Fixed Guideway Vehicle Systems Planning Program. The study will produce performance specifications for technology and recommendations for the location of the proposed system.

A second grant to the Transit Commission for \$26,483 will help finance MTC's contribution to the Transportation Planning Program (TPP) for a six-month period beginning July 1st. The TPP, which is under the leadership of the Metropolitan Council, will develop a transportation concept plan for the Twin Cities region by mid-1972.

The City of Minneapolis received the third grant of \$185,600 for studies relating to a personalized automatic passenger distribution system, commonly known as a "people mover." The study will determine the feasibility of a personal rapid transit system for downtown Minneapolis and will develop performance specifications for the proposed system.

All three studies will be coordinated locally through a Project Management Board, with representation by the Metropolitan Council, MTC, and the Cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul. The studies will be completed within a year. For further information, contact the UMTA Office of Public Affairs at (202) 426-4043.

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