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The U. S. Department of Transportation today made a \$382,300 grant to the Denver, Colorado Regional Transportation District to produce a comprehensive mass transit plan for the greater Denver region.

The grant, made by the Department's Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA), will help finance the transit portion of the Denver area's joint program for comprehensive and transportation planning. Other portions of the planning program are being undertaken by the Denver Regional Council of Governments and the State of Colorado Division of Highways, with Federal participation by the Federal Highway Administration and HUD. Total cost of the program is \$963,600, with \$573,500 earmarked for the mass transit study.

The Regional Transportation District is required to submit a comprehensive plan for the development, maintenance and operation of a public transportation system for Denver area residents, who are expected to vote on the plan by July 1, 1974. The study, two-thirds of which is being financed with today's UMTA grant, will produce a recommended transit plan and will provide a basis for an informed public discussion before Denver residents vote on the issue.

The study also will provide recommendations for improvements in the city's existing bus system to meet mass transit needs for the 1976 Winter Olympics, which will be held in Denver.

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