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The U.S. Department of Transportation today made a grant of nearly \$4.3 million to the City and County of Denver, Colorado, to help purchase the assets of the city's privately-owned transit company and buy 37 new buses.

The \$4,263,850 grant, made by the Department's Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA), will cover half of the city's cost of buying the Denver Tramway Corporation, which recently operated 214 buses in the Denver metropolitan area. The grant also will provide half the funds necessary for Denver to purchase 31 new 53-passenger and six new 20-passenger air-conditioned buses and other related transit equipment.

Denver will be eligible for an additional UMTA grant of \$1,421,283 after the city completes its urban transit planning requirements, bringing the total Federal grant up to \$5,685,133, or two-thirds of the total \$8.5 million project cost. Local contributions will cover the remaining one-third.

According to Secretary of Transportation John A. Volpe, the acquisition grant "will allow Denver to provide new equipment for modernization and expansion, provide service improvements and continue full transit service to the community."

Administrator Carlos C. Villarreal of UMTA said that the new buses "will be more reliable, cost less to maintain and provide a better ride for mass transit users."

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