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The U. S. Department of Transportation today made a supplemental grant of \$1.8 million to the Port Authority of Allegheny County (PAT) to help the Authority purchase 108 new vehicles, 630 two-way radios and construct 65 bus stop shelters in the Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania area.

The \$1,823,638 grant, made by the Department's Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA), is in addition to a \$3.4 million grant announced June 30th to help PAT purchase 158 new transit buses. (See DOT press release 14471) The supplemental grant brings the Federal share of helping Pittsburgh to \$5,224,574, according to Secretary of Transportation John A. Volpe.

PAT will be eligible for an additional UMTA grant of \$1,741,526 after the area completes its urban planning requirements, the Secretary said. This will bring the total Federal share of the project to \$6,966,100, or two-thirds of the total \$10,449,150 project cost. Local contributions from Allegheny County will cover the remaining one-third.

Today's supplemental grant will pay for half of PAT's purchase of 42 new urban buses, 32 transit service trucks, 34 supervisor cars, 630 two-way mobile radios and 65 transit bus stop shelters for passengers. Last month's grant covered half the purchase price of 158 new air-conditioned buses, of which 15 will be suburban-type transit coaches and the rest will be replacement vehicles. All 42 of the buses covered by today's grant will be replacements.

Administrator Carlos C. Villarreal of UMTA said that the supplemental grant represents "still another step in our overall program to make Pittsburgh a good example of efficient transportation."

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