



DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

NEWS

URBAN MASS TRANSPORTATION ADMINISTRATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20590

FOR RELEASE SATURDAY P.M.
July 31, 1971

DOT -- 17171
Phone: (202) 426-4043

The U.S. Department of Transportation today made a \$369,272 grant to the Wichita Metropolitan Transit Authority (MTA) to assist the Kansas community to buy 14 air-conditioned, 45-passenger buses, a bus service truck, and vitally-needed shop equipment.

The grant, made by the Department's Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA), will pay for two-thirds of the \$553,909 project costs. Local contributions will cover the remaining one-third costs.

Secretary of Transportation John A. Volpe said that acquisition of the new buses will allow the Transit Authority to replace many of its older coaches which date back to 1953. The new service truck will take care of minor repairs and breakdowns on the road and the additional shop equipment will be used to improve maintenance of the bus fleet, the Secretary said.

This is the second capital grant that the Wichita MTA has received from UMTA, according to Administrator Carlos C. Villarreal. In 1967, Federal funds assisted the MTA in purchasing 32 buses, a bus garage site and shop equipment. Federal financial assistance from UMTA also was given for the construction of a new transit office and garage complex.

For further information, contact the UMTA Public Affairs Office at (202) 426-4043 or, Mr. Patrick McGinnis, Executive Director, Wichita Metropolitan Transit Authority, Wichita, Kansas.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
URBAN MASS TRANSPORTATION ADMINISTRATION
Washington, D.C. 20591

Official Business

POSTAGE AND FEES PAID
URBAN MASS TRANSPORTATION ADMINISTRATION

FIRST CLASS MAIL

