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Secretary of Transportation John A. Volpe today announced a \$2 million grant to the Tri-State Regional Planning Commission to aid in the preparation of plans for proposed urban mass transportation projects in New York, Connecticut and New Jersey.

The grant, made by the Department's Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA), is in addition to a \$1.3 million grant previously obligated by UMTA to Tri-State. Today's grant broadens the scope of the previous grant, allowing Tri-State to:

- * Prepare preliminary engineering plans on four New York City mass transit projects.
- * Prepare a feasibility and financial study of the Nassau County bus system.
- * Prepare a manual of standards and specifications for future transit projects.
- * Provide coordinated support funding for all transit planning efforts.

The preliminary engineering plans will be for the Jamaica connection subway project, the Queens super express subway project, the Third Avenue line Long Island Rail Road project and the Grand Central Terminal improvement project.

Secretary Volpe said the two UMTA grants will pay for two-thirds of the \$5.1 million project costs. The remaining one-third local share of



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\$1.8 million will be paid for by Tri-State with funds from the State of New York and with staff services of participating agencies.

Administrator Carlos C. Villarreal of UMTA said that, as a result of his Federal agency's original funding, "Tri-State became the first legislatively-created regional planning agency in a major metropolitan area to be designated as a single recipient agency for UMTA, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Housing and Urban Development (HUD) funds."

"Both grants are part of President Richard Nixon's \$3.1 billion, five-year program to save and upgrade transit systems across the nation and to coordinate local programs for the development of balanced new transportation systems," Administrator Villarreal said.

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