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The Department of Transportation has approved a technical study grant of \$34,000 to the Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission, Secretary John A. Volpe announced today.

The funds, provided through the Department's Urban Mass Transportation Administration, cover two-thirds of the cost of the study. The Planning Commission will examine present transit service in the Greater Manchester area, recommend a five-year development program, and estimate the costs of system improvements.

"In March, I offered UMTA's assistance, and I am delighted that the officials in Manchester have made the local commitment that is necessary to assure good transportation services," Secretary Volpe said.

"With this grant, the Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission (SNHPC) should be able to plan a course of action to avoid the threatened discontinuance of transit service next December 31," the Secretary noted.

The UMTA capital and technical study grants programs are a part of the Urban Mass Transportation Assistance Act of 1970. Secretary Volpe pointed out, "President Nixon has called upon us to write a mass transportation success story for the 1970's, and with local commitments such as the Manchester community is making, I am sure we shall meet that challenge."

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