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Secretary of Transportation Claude S. Brinegar today announced a grant of \$1.7 million to the Bay Area Rapid Transit District, (BART), Oakland, California, to assist in the construction of a stone and concrete protective blanket for the Trans-Bay tube which connects the East and West Bay on the BART system.

The Department's Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA) made the two-thirds grant as the result of recently extended marine facilities introduced by the Port of Oakland. This port extension program was developed and implemented after completion of the BART tube design, and a danger of damage to the tube from ships anchors has developed. To eliminate the risk of serious damage, a protective blanket of five-foot thick stones and two-foot-thick prestressed concrete slabs will be placed over the endangered sections of the tube.

The local one-third share for this project is being supplied from ${\tt BART's}$ contingency fund.

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