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Secretary of Transportation Claude S. Brinegar today announced a grant of \$4.9 million to California's Santa Clara County Transit District to aid in the purchase of buses, real estate, and other operating equipment from the City of Palo Alto and from three private transit operators.

The \$4,923,534 grant from the Department's Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA) will be used to purchase the assets of the San Jose City Lines, Peerless Stages, and Peninsula Transit along with the facilities owned by the City of Palo Alto. Additional purchases will include 90 new 31-35 passenger buses, 40 new 40-45 passenger buses and 10 new 17-24 passenger buses. Also provided for is the purchase of 170 two-way radios, 170 registering fare boxes, bus shelters, benches and stop signs. Of the total grant, \$518,000 will be used for the acquisition and improvements to 116,000 square feet of property for bus washing and cleaning facilities, a fueling facility and a radio communication center.

In announcing the grant Secretary Brinegar observed that the Santa Clara County Transit District's program was the result of careful planning that started in 1969 and was updated in a 1972 study. The resulting recommendations called for the acquisition of the existing systems and a significant expansion of service throughout Santa Clara County. The Secretary pointed out that this was a working example of what President Nixon meant when he recently said: "We must deal even more aggressively with community development challenges in transportation by building on the strong foundations we have laid."

UMTA Administrator Frank C. Herringer added that the bus recommendations of the Santa Clara County Transit District study are an integral part of a long range transit plan that will eventually provide a high level of transit service both within and between the major urban areas of the County

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including San Jose, Santa Clara, Campbell, Los Gatos, Milpitas, Sunnyview, Mountainview, Cupertino, Los Altos and Palo Alto. Herringer noted that in the past many of these areas either lacked transit entirely or were served by inadequate facilities. He commended the County Transit District's efforts to correct this situation by providing a significantly expanded and upgraded, county-wide transit system.

The local one-third share for the project will be supplied from a State imposed gasoline tax under the provisions of California Senate Bill 325.

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