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**SECRETARY PEÑA
ANNOUNCES FUNDING FOR
NEW TRANSIT PROJECTS**

Reaffirming the Administration's commitment to mass transit, Secretary of Transportation Federico Peña today announced plans to allocate \$652 million to fund sixteen new transit projects nationwide. The projects range from Portland, Oregon's light rail extension, to Atlanta's rail rapid transit system to Pittsburgh's Busways.

"We are recommending this investment because this administration strongly believes that sound mass transit systems provide economic and environmental benefits to the communities they serve," Secretary Peña said. "The Clinton Administration will be a partner with American cities in providing new transportation infrastructure."

The sixteen projects were chosen because they are ready-to-go in FY 1994. Each of the projects also has a strong commitment for local financing.

The proposed allocation of funding was made in a "3(j)" report submitted to Congress today. The report was made pursuant to section 3(j) of the Federal Transit Act of 1964, as amended, and gives DOT's recommendations to Congress for allocations of funds for new transit systems or major expansion projects of transit systems in FY 1994.

The Clinton Administration's proposed FY 1994 budget for mass transit assistance totals \$4.6 billion, including the \$652 million that is the focus of the "3(j)" report.

Attached is a list of the Department of Transportation's recommendations for new transit projects.

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SIXTEEN RECOMMENDED MASS TRANSIT PROJECTS

Projects That Are Currently Under Active Construction:

Dallas - South Oak Cliff.....\$38.7 million
(9.6-mile portion of new 20-mile, light rail starter system).

Los Angeles Rail Rapid Transit System "MOS-2".....\$69.3
("MOS-2" is the 6.7-mile, heavy rail subway portion of the
20-mile Red Line System).

St. Louis Light Rail System.....\$15.2

Projects That Are In Final Design:

Atlanta Rail Rapid Transit System (north).....\$54.0 million

Los Angeles Rail Rapid Transit System (MOS-3").....\$163.0
("MOS-3" is the 6.3-mile, heavy rail subway segment
in North Hollywood).

New York Subway (63rd Street Tunnel Connection).....\$73.8

Portland Light Rail Extension.....\$104.0

Projects That Are In Preliminary Engineering:

Baltimore Light Rail Extensions.....\$18.2 million

Chicago Central Circulator Project.....\$5.0
(Trolley system operating in designated lanes on downtown
streets connecting with commuter rail).

Houston Regional Bus Program.....\$5.0

Orange County (CA) Transitway.....\$10.0

Pittsburgh Busways.....\$12.0

San Francisco Area Rail Extensions (BART).....\$28.2

Projects That Are In Alternatives Analysis:

Northern New Jersey Urban Core Rail Project.....\$40.0 million
(Secaucus Transfer and Hudson River Waterfront projects)

Boston/Portland (Maine) Commuter Rail Service.....\$5.0

Projects That Are In System Planning Or Other Early Stages:

Maryland Commuter Rail Extensions.....\$10.0 million

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