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**UMTA ANNOUNCES \$1 BILLION
IN MASS TRANSIT ASSISTANCE**

The Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA) has awarded over \$1 billion in federal transit assistance grants for 183 projects in 44 states, Administrator Brian Clymer announced today.

"These grants will help pay for a wide range of public transit activities, including specialized transit programs for the elderly and disabled, and for those who live in rural areas," Clymer said. "The funds will be used for expenditures on projects as diverse as planning studies, operating assistance, the purchase of lift-equipped vans and buses, computers for transit agencies, electronic fareboxes and maintenance equipment."

The announcement includes 13 planning grants, as well as three grants for programs serving the elderly and handicapped, nine for rural transportation services, and six involving funds from the Federal Highway Administration Interstate Transfer program.

Clymer said the grants announced today represent 42 percent of the funds available in fiscal year 1991 from the UMTA program which apportions dollars to urbanized areas according to a formula prescribed by law. Only 33 percent of the funds were obligated last year at this time. The obligation rate is an indicator of the pace at which grantees are using the funds available to them.

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NOTE TO EDITORS: You may obtain a brief description of a particular grant, and the amount awarded, by phoning the UMTA public affairs office at (202) 366-4043.

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