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UMTA ANNOUNCES \$488 MILLION IN MASS TRANSIT ASSISTANCE

The Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA) has awarded more than \$488 million in federal transit grants for 265 projects in 49 states, Administrator Brian W. Clymer announced today.

"This brings to 411 the total number of projects funded by UMTA's formula programs, and represents more than \$1.5 billion so far this fiscal year," Clymer said.

With today's announcement, UMTA has obligated more than 70 percent of the funding available in FY 90 from the program which apportions funds according to a formula prescribed by law.

The announcement includes 94 planning grants, 12 grants for programs serving elderly and handicapped transit users, 14 for rural transportation services, and 5 involving funds from the Federal Highway Administration Interstate transfer program.

The grants awarded will fund a wide variety of projects, including the purchase of lift-equipped buses and vans, technical assistance and training for rural transit providers, maintenance parts and equipment, technical studies for regional planning efforts, bus stop shelters, and improvements in communications and computer equipment.

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NOTE TO EDITORS: A brief description of a particular grant and the amount awarded may be obtained by calling UMTA's public affairs office, (202) 366-4043.

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