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### **CLYMER ANNOUNCES UMTA GRANT OF \$2.5 MILLION TO TRI-MET**

Portland, Ore. -- Brian W. Clymer, Administrator of the Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA), today informed officials of the Metropolitan Transportation District of Oregon (Tri-Met) of a discretionary grant award in the amount of \$2.5 million.

"These funds will help pay for the construction of a new light rail station at the entrance of the new Oregon Convention Center," Clymer said. "They will also be used to upgrade the existing Coliseum light rail transit station located near the Center and an existing bus transfer facility located next to the Coliseum station."

Clymer informed Tri-Met officials of the grant during a stop in Portland to view the metropolitan area's transit facilities. He also took time to discuss the area's transit plans with local officials and to promote the National Transportation Policy recently announced by the President and Secretary of Transportation Samuel K. Skinner.

"The nation's growing transportation needs cannot be met without increased emphasis on integrated state, local, and regional planning, including efforts to encourage joint public-private initiatives for financing transportation facilities and operations," Clymer said. "Moreover, all transportation modes -- transit, highways, air, rail, and maritime -- must be developed together, or each is likely to fail separately."

The transit improvements funded by the new grant should be completed in time for the opening of the Oregon Convention Center this September.

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