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**SKINNER ANNOUNCES GRANT TO VIRGIN ISLANDS
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

Secretary of Transportation Samuel K. Skinner today announced a \$3 million grant from the Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA) to the Virgin Islands Department of Public Works. Skinner presented the grant to Virgin Islands Gov. Alexander Farrelly.

The grant will pay 75 percent of the cost of 20 transit buses, spare power assemblies, a base station and two-way radios. It will also be used for computer equipment, improvements to the maintenance facility and bus shelters on St. Thomas.

"Since local financial constraints preclude the construction of a new maintenance facility, this grant will allow you to do the next best thing by making improvements to the existing facility," Skinner told Farrelly. "These funds will also aid your efforts to help the transit system recover from the significant damage inflicted by Hurricane Hugo." Skinner visited the Virgin Islands shortly after Hurricane Hugo hit, and surveyed the damage.

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