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UMTA AWARDS \$670 MILLION IN MASS TRANSIT GRANTS

Secretary of Transportation Elizabeth Dole announced today that the Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA) intends to award about \$670 million in mass transit grants to 184 transit properties across the United States.

Dole said the awards are part of an innovative grants management system, put in place within the past two years, which makes delivery of federal dollars easier and more predictable. Under the program, grant applications submitted by the beginning of a quarter are acted on by the end of that quarter.

"Our grants management system has brought order to what had been a chaotic procedure for releasing funds," Dole said. "By streamlining the system and making it more dependable, we are helping to ensure that transit agencies know in advance what to expect and when to expect it. This encourages effective planning and efficient use of resources."

UMTA Deputy Administrator Alfred A. DelliBovi said the new system has been a great success. "The obligations of FY-87 funds are spread almost evenly over the entire year," he explained. "They are not jammed into the final few days of the year as has happened in the past."

DelliBovi said the grants management system has had other beneficial results as well. "Grant applications have been better written and more responsive to federal guidelines than ever before," he said. "For a system which awards about \$3 billion annually to about 1,000 grantees, this is a major accomplishment."

* A list of grant recipients by state follows:

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STATE BY STATE SUMMARY OF UMTA GRANTS:

STATES	TOTAL
ALASKA	\$ 1,368,587
ALABAMA	\$ 3,630,438
ARKANSAS	\$ 444,600
CALIFORNIA	\$ 43,854,439
COLORADO	\$ 435,045
CONNECTICUT	\$ 2,583,311
FLORIDA	\$ 13,719,989
GEORGIA	\$ 5,711,559
HAWAII	\$ 19,562,735
IDAHO	\$ 446,455
ILLINOIS	\$188,626,374
INDIANA	\$ 3,192,413
IOWA	\$ 979,741
KANSAS	\$ 1,217,120
KENTUCKY	\$ 2,187,824
LOUISIANA	\$ 8,041,714
MAINE	\$ 528,062
MASSACHUSETTS	\$ 2,906,906
MARYLAND	\$ 625,249
MICHIGAN	\$ 415,000
MINNESOTA	\$ 5,000,000
MISSOURI	\$ 1,282,512
MISSISSIPPI	\$ 1,065,369
MONTANA	\$ 669,650
NORTH CAROLINA	\$ 5,447,954
NEW HAMPSHIRE	\$ 907,901
NEW JERSEY	\$ 7,534,240
NEW MEXICO	\$ 8,364,482
NEVADA	\$ 4,200,660
NEW YORK	\$254,797,275
OHIO	\$ 11,939,340
OKLAHOMA	\$ 203,731
OREGON	\$ 3,921,832
PENNSYLVANIA	\$ 11,418,207
PUERTO RICO	\$ 3,654,412
RHODE ISLAND	\$ 2,842,590
SOUTH CAROLINA	\$ 3,485,711
SOUTH DAKOTA	\$ 522,000
TENNESSEE	\$ 5,250,874
TEXAS	\$ 13,637,415
VIRGINIA	\$ 9,935,541
WASHINGTON	\$ 5,198,198
WEST VIRGINIA	\$ 1,183,600
WISCONSIN	\$ 6,774,636
TOTAL	\$669,715,691