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## UMTA AWARDS 18 UNIVERSITY RESEARCH GRANTS

Secretary of Transportation Elizabeth Hanford Dole, today announced the award of \$1.3 million in Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA) federal research grants to 18 Universities to study transit issues.

Secretary Dole said, "This Administration is committed to providing the best transportation services at the least cost to the taxpayers and the consumers. The focus of these studies include safety, drug and alcohol related issues, the role of the private sector in providing mass transportation services, rural transportation services, performance, new technology in bus maintenance and automation."

Ralph L. Stanley, UMTA Administrator said, "This program is particularly valuable because it encourages new ideas and moves them from the drawing boards and planning departments into revenue service. These studies will assure that transportation will enjoy a safe and healthy future."

A list of the recipients, description of the study and amount of the grant follows:

<u>RECIPIENT</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
University of California Berkeley, CA	Private Sector Contracting	\$75,242
University of Southern California Los Angeles, CA	Transportation in Non-CBD Activity Centers: An Assessment of Potential Roles for Mass Transit	\$79,494
University of Miami Coral Gables, FL	Study of the Impact of Automation on Productivity of Bus Maintenance Facilities	\$72,845

<u>RECIPIENT</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Georgia State University Atlanta, GA	Problems and Prospects for Transit Capital Assistance by Formula Grant: The UMTA Program	\$48,286
University of Kansas Lawrence, KS	Development of a Self- Instructional Equipment Maintenance Management Training Package for Rural Transit Systems	\$81,444
Morgan State University Baltimore, MD	A Guide to Strategic Planning for Transit Agencies	\$75,113
Northeastern University Boston, MA	Potential for Supplemental Freight Services in Ferry Planning and Operations	\$71,348
Massachusetts Institute of Technology Cambridge, MA	Ridership Attraction of Rail Compared with Bus	\$84,401
Jackson State University Jackson, MS	Analysis of 4 Selected State Transportation Efforts in Social Services and Rural Public Transportation	\$72,653
North Carolina A&T State University Greensboro, NC	Coordination of Rural Public Transportation Services in 3 Southeastern States	\$54,101
Oregon State University Corvallis, OR	Study of Human Factors in Public Transportation Safety	\$83,631
Lincoln University Lincoln, PA	Drugs and Alcohol in Transit	\$78,973
University of Tennessee Knoxville, TN	Evaluating the Impact of Organizational Structures and Procurement Procedures on the Cost and Delivery Effectiveness of Privatized Services	\$84,023
University of Houston Houston, TX	Analysis of the Impact of Automation on Productivity	\$74,728
University of Utah Salt Lake City, UT	Incorporating Exogenous Effects on Transit Performance into Section 15 Data Base	\$72,587

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George Mason University Fairfax, VA	Use Video Technology in Bus Maintenance	\$55,612
West Virginia, University Morgantown, WV	Evaluation of the Spare Part Ratio in the Management of Transit Rolling Stock	\$76,205
University of Wisconsin Milwaukee, WI	Evaluation of Techniques to Enhance Private Sector Investment in Public Transit Facilities	\$69,961

The Urban Mass Transportation Administration provides financial and research assistance to the nation's public transit systems, which operate buses, subways, trolleys and ferry boats.

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