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DOLE ANNOUNCES TRANSIT ASSISTANCE GRANTS

Secretary of Transportation Elizabeth Hanford Dole has announced the approval of Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA) transit assistance grants totaling approximately \$674 million.

The grants will provide capital, planning and operating funds for public transit activities nationwide and in three territories. They will also provide funds for public transportation projects in non-urbanized areas and for transportation assistance for elderly and handicapped persons.

In making the announcement Secretary Dole said, "Transportation plays a major role in our economy and in our businesses. Six million people ride to and from work each day on mass transit. The Reagan Administration is continuing its commitment to sound, cost effective transportation services to meet transportation needs."

UMTA Administrator Ralph L. Stanley added these grants are released through a quarterly review process established by UMTA this year. Applicants who submit complete applications which meet minimum statutory requirements receive their funds within 90 days. Also announced are grants to states and planning agencies which are released every 60 days.

Stanley said the reception to the process has been excellent. "Grants that used to take three to four months to process are now completed within a few weeks. We have eliminated a lot of bureaucratic red tape and dramatically cut the amount of time it takes to process a grant."

Formula grants totaling approximately \$598 million will go to transit authorities throughout the country to fund capital, planning and operating projects. These grants are a primary source of Federal funding for most transit authorities.

In addition, 24 states will receive over \$50 million for public transportation projects in rural and small urban areas. The funds can be used for capital, administrative, planning and operating assistance and are matched by state and local funds.

A total of approximately \$15 million will be distributed to 26 states to assist private nonprofit organizations which provide transportation services to elderly and handicapped persons.

States and metropolitan area planning organizations will receive about \$10 million under UMTA's technical assistance programs.

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<u>STATE</u>	<u>CAPITAL OPERATING</u>	<u>NON-URBAN</u>	<u>ELDERLY/ HANDICAPPED</u>	<u>PLANNING</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Alabama	\$ 2,180,522	\$ 4,667,430	\$	\$ 456,200	\$ 7,304,152
Alaska	987,897			41,800	1,029,697
Arizona	16,861,491	779,917	397,003	531,350	18,569,761
Arkansas	1,334,149	1,700,403		36,000	3,070,552
California	134,560,555			1,643,500	136,204,055
Colorado	2,691,713	1,200,918	341,977	226,164	4,460,772
Connecticut	7,173,440			88,140	7,261,580
Delaware	21,066	269,741		20,000	310,807
Washington, DC	1,008,277		192,474	135,000	1,335,751
Florida	24,817,430	2,902,325	1,450,251	935,200	30,105,206
Georgia	4,769,715	4,501,102	603,866		9,874,683
Hawaii	24,426,707	341,458			24,768,165
Idaho	199,047				199,047
Illinois	133,954,292	5,022,520	1,305,036		140,281,848
Indiana	11,522,517				11,522,517
Iowa	1,775,252			50,000	1,825,252
Kansas	1,423,251				1,423,251
Kentucky	9,550,104	2,157,452		77,400	11,784,956
Louisiana	4,869,307			190,000	5,059,307
Maine	305,862				305,862
Massachusetts	6,761,283		762,525	1,097,900	8,621,708
Michigan	7,354,480	781,052		675,400	8,810,932
Minnesota	11,857,997		531,604		12,389,601
Mississippi	1,719,089			130,000	1,849,089
Missouri	2,694,740	374,000	101,632		3,170,372
Montana	662,414		197,027	120,000	979,441
Nebraska	3,156,666	715,053	299,281	23,600	4,194,600
Nevada	1,945,147	138,230	183,184	20,000	2,286,561
New Hampshire	588,661			21,000	609,661

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New Jersey	\$ 6,439,175	\$ 722,497	\$	\$ 138,464	\$ 7,300,136
New Mexico	736,749	634,730	229,082	68,000	1,668,561
New York	39,162,023	3,860,731	2,042,794	100,000	45,165,548
North Carolina	10,174,438	930,210	676,776	37,200	11,818,624
North Dakota	518,515				518,515
No. Mariana Isl.		11,410	50,397		61,807
Ohio	15,581,837	7,136,189	1,164,256	407,222	24,289,504
Oklahoma	1,495,692	1,381,143	455,639		3,332,474
Oregon	2,731,992		385,072	55,700	3,172,764
Pennsylvania	51,693,253		1,457,169	110,000	53,260,422
Puerto Rico	4,828,340				4,828,340
Rhode Island	12,058,643		236,396	219,000	12,514,039
South Carolina	2,767,160		391,400	29,000	3,187,560
South Dakota	1,159,721		201,582		1,361,303
Tennessee	485,628		601,786	530,600	1,618,014
Texas	16,287,465	9,433,892		1,706,000	27,427,357
Utah	873,920			45,000	918,920
Vermont		111,866			111,866
Virginia	2,775,120			23,600	2,798,720
Virgin Islands			122,411		122,411
Washington	5,915,487				5,915,487
West Virginia	603,000			10,000	613,000
Wisconsin	955,238				955,238
Wyoming	272,065	811,818	156,434		1,240,317
	\$598,668,532	\$ 50,586,087	14,537,054	9,998,440	\$673,810,113