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MTA AWARDS 15 UNIVERSITY RESEARCH GRANTS

The Urban Mass Transportation Administration (MTA) announced today that a total of \$966,453 in federal research grants has been awarded to 15 universities to study transit issues.

MTA Administrator Ralph L. Stanley said, "Transit service must provide the best service for the least cost. Four of the projects will investigate the role of the private sector in providing mass transportation services. Others cover a broad spectrum of transit concerns, including rural transportation, monopoly, deregulation, population trends and productivity."

<u>RECIPIENT</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Alabama State University, Normal, AL	Developing local support for transportation services in rural areas.	\$ 66,893
California State University, Long Beach, CA	Increasing private sector involvement in urban mass transportation planning service.	\$ 74,434
Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, GA	Overcoming barriers to greater private sector involvement in transpor- tation.	\$ 76,545

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University of Illinois, Chicago, IL	A revision of the handbook, "Moving People."	\$ 36,631
North Dakota State University, Fargo, ND	Training courses for small urban and rural transpor- tation management.	\$ 51,420
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, NY	A study of New York State's Public Transpor- tation Safety Board.	\$ 42,997
Columbia University, New York, NY	The potential and problems of private sector transpor- tation services.	\$ 79,000
Ohio State University Columbus, OH	Evaluation of the benefits of transit deregulation.	\$ 49,876
University of Pennsylvania Philadelphia, PA	Monopoly, deregulation and coordination of public mobility services.	\$ 80,106
Carnegie-Mellon University Pittsburgh, PA	Innovative financial strategies during transit facility construction.	\$ 81,664
University of Puerto Rico Rio Piedras, PR	The use of microcomputers in population trend studies and their impact on transportation needs in rapidly growing areas.	\$ 65,809
Voorhees College Dermark, SC	Role of private operators in rural intercity bus service.	\$ 84,943
East Tennessee State University, Johnson City, TN	Joint funding agreements between universities and transit operators.	\$ 25,131

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University of Tennessee Knoxville, TN	Evaluation of Transit regulation and deregulation.	\$ 71,992
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Virginia Polytechnic Institute, Blacksburg, VA	The impact of merit pay programs on transit employee attitudes and productivity.	\$ 79,012
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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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