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UMTA PROPOSES FUNDING 19 TRANSIT PROJECTS

Mass transit projects in 14 cities will benefit from the reprogramming of \$223.6 million in Federal funds, Urban Mass Transportation Administrator Ralph L. Stanley announced today. If Congress approves the reprogramming plan, nineteen rail and bus projects can be undertaken this year.

In addition, the Urban Mass Transportation Administration has approved funding projects in seven cities recommended by Congress. They are: Atlanta, \$95 million; Buffalo, \$2.7 million; Detroit, \$5 million; Houston, \$35 million; Portland, \$19 million; Santa Clara, \$64.8 million; and Seattle, \$20 million.

The funds have become available because proposed projects in five cities simply cannot be completed within available funds. While Congress recommended \$223.6 million be spent to begin these projects this fiscal year, the estimated cost to complete the five rail projects is over \$4 billion. Administrator Stanley said, "In view of the deficit, the Administration does not believe it should start projects it so clearly cannot afford to finish, or leave holes in the ground. This would also be unfair to the cities which would be forced to pay to complete these projects." The rail systems that will not be funded, as recommended by Congress, include projects in Los Angeles, Miami, St. Louis, San Diego, and Jacksonville.

Stanley asked Congress to approve the reprogramming plan containing \$42.6 million in Fiscal Year 1984 carryover funds and \$181 million in Fiscal Year 1985 funds for a total of \$223.6 million. In an effort to cut the \$200 billion deficit, no further funding in Fiscal Year 1986 is recommended to initiate new rail systems.

"If Congress agrees with the reprogramming, we can proceed with nineteen important rail modernization and bus-related projects to be federally funded this year," said Stanley. "These cities have a critical need for the projects and the Reagan Administration wants to improve transit infrastructure without creating new deficits."

The nineteen projects to be funded by the reprogramming follow on the reverse side.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION URBAN MASS TRANSPORTATION ADMINISTRATION PROJECTS TO BE FUNDED UNDER NEW STARTS REPROGRAMMING (in millions of dollars)

RAIL MODERNIZATION	AREA	FUNDS	BUS AND BUS RELATED	AREA	FUNDS
Station lengthening on Red Line to allow six car trains (MBTA)	Boston, MA	\$ 14.9	Construct new bus garage	Twin Cities, MN (Minnearolis)	\$10.9
To complete electrifica- tion from Hicksville to Ronkonkoma eliminating change from diesel to electric service (LIRR)	Long Island,	\$ 52.7	Rehabilitate 3 bus garages (PAT)	Pittsburgh, PA	\$11.5
			Construction of Virginia Division bus garage (WMATA)	Springfield, VA	\$ 9.5
Construct rail equipment maintenance facility (NJT)	Kearny, NJ	\$ 24.5	Construct bus maintenance and operating base	Salem, OR	\$ 2.3
Modernization of Wayne Junction Substation facility on commuter rail network (SEPTA)	Philadelphia, PA	\$ 11.3	70 Articulated buses	Dallas, TX	\$12.0
			Hialeah Parking Garage	Miami, FL	\$ 6.2
Center City Communter Tunnel (SEPTA)	Philadelphia, PA	\$ 2.7	Construct bus maintenance facility	Fitchburg- Leonminster, MA	\$ 1.9
Improvements to two stations on Broad St. Subway (SEPTA)	Philadelphia, PA	\$ 6.6	Gretna Park and Ride	New Orleans, IA	\$ 1.5
Modernize signal system on Norristown High Speed Commuter Rail Line (SEPTA)	Philadelphia, PA	\$ 5.6			
Continue purchase of Milwaukee Road Commuter service assets (RTA/CRB)	Chicago, IL	\$ 9.0			
Rehabilitate Western Avenue Yard (RTA/CRB)	Chicago, IL	\$ 11.3			
MUNI Metro J-Line extension 'MUNI)	San Francisco, CA	\$ 6.1			
Embarcadero Turnaround - Preliminary engineering (MUNI)	San Francisco, CA	\$ 0.5			
Rail Mod-Subtotal		\$145.2	Bus - Subtotal		\$55.8

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