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## UMTA ANNOUNCES PARTICIPANTS IN PROGRAMS ENCOURAGING TRANSIT INNOVATION

The Urban Mass Transportation Administration today announced the selection of 33 cities, counties, states and local agencies to share in a \$7 million plan to introduce new technology and innovative techniques in mass transit.

The New Technology Introduction program is designed to assist in financing the introduction of new, proven equipment into revenue producing service.

The Innovative Techniques and Methods program furthers methods to reduce the cost of transportation, increase transit system revenues and enhance opportunities for private sector involvement.

Administrator Arthur E. Teele, Jr., said the two new programs will help introduce new technology and innovative techniques and methods of operation throughout the transit industry.

UMTA is providing \$7 million to fund a total of 34 separate projects, which will provide 80 percent of each project's cost. Local sources will provide the additional 20 percent.

Some examples of grants for innovative methods and techniques include:

- \* \$84,160 to the Central Ohio Transit Authority of Columbus, Ohio, to install a battery of computer programs to improve the efficiency of scheduling vehicles and drivers.
- \* \$50,000 to the Capital District Transit Authority of Albany, N.Y., to convert a maintenance record keeping system now done manually to a computer assisted system.
- \* \$50,000 to Culver City, Calif., for a promotional pricing program designed to increase off-peak ridership through private sector involvement.

The Metropolitan Area Transit Authority of Washington, D.C., will participate under The New Technology Introduction program to procure, install and evaluate and advanced design brake system for rail cars. The new system is expected to reduce maintenance, eliminate brake squeal and improve rail car reliability.

UMTA is accepting applications at its regional offices through July 12 for those wanting to participate in these programs in Fiscal Year 1983.

Attached is a list of the participants, their projects and the amounts.

SUMMARY OF SELECTED FY 1982 3(a)(1)(C)\* AND 4(i) PROJECTS

Req.	State	Recipient	Project Description	Amount
1	CT	Midstate Regional Planning Agency .....	Ridesharing/Shared Ride Taxi	\$ 150,000
	MA	Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority ...	Transit Pass Security System	100,000
2	CT	Norwalk Transit District .....	Bus Signal Priority System	139,360
	NY	Capitol District Transit Authority (Albany) ...	Maintenance MIS	50,000
	NY	Central New York Regional Transit Authority (Syracuse) .....	Maintenance MIS	40,800
	NY	New York City Department of Transportation ....	Reserved Lane Public Education Program	80,000
	NY	Nassau County .....	Service Integration via Fare Prepayment	60,000
	NJ	Union County .....	Vanpooling Brokerage Coordination	40,000
	NJ	New Jersey Transit Corporation .....	Improved Rail Bus Transfer System	100,000
3	NJ	Gloucester County .....	Park and Ride	32,000
	PA	Philadelphia .....	Exclusive Transit Lanes	225,000
	PA	Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority .....	Improved Monthly Pass System	50,000
	*DC	Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority	Brake Improvement	1,835,866
4	TN	Nashville Metropolitan Area Transit Authority .	Engine Performance Data	46,000
	TN	Chattanooga Area Regional Transportation Authority .....	Monthly Pass Program	14,966
	TN	Knoxville .....	World's Fair Transit Information Program	200,000
5	MI	Michigan Department of Transportation .....	Statewide Transit Marketing	335,000
	MN	Metropolitan Transit Commission .....	Vehicle Consumables Data Collect Program	165,000
	IN	Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission .....	Transportation Brokerage	100,000
	OH	Central Ohio Transit Authority .....	Installation of RUCUS	84,000
6	TX	Houston Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County .....	HOV Priority Treatment on Katy Freeway	439,400
7	MO	Bi-State Development Agency (Missouri-Illinois Metropolitan District) .....	Installation of RUCUS	341,440
	IA	Iowa Department of Transportation .....	Uniform Data Mgmt. System	160,000
	IA	Iowa Department of Transportation .....	Public/Private Carrier Radio	100,000
	KS	Wichita Metropolitan Transit Authority .....	Off Peak Productivity Improvement	40,000
8	UT	Utah Transit Authority .....	Private Operator Brokerage	355,000
	SD	Sioux Falls .....	Ridesharing Commuter Bus	45,900
	*CO	Denver Regional Transportation District .....	Double Decker Bus	391,600
9	CA	Orange County Transit District .....	Preventative Maintenance System (W. Consortium)	200,000
	CA	Santa Clara County Transportation Agency .....	Expand Ridesharing Program	150,000
	CA	Culver City Municipal Bus Lines .....	Off Peak Productivity Program	50,000
	AZ	Tucson, SunTran .....	Automated Passenger Data Collection	58,250
	CA	San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District .	Improved ATO System	150,000
10	WA	Seattle Metro .....	Preventive Maintenance System (W. Consortium)	330,000

\* 3(a)(1)(C) Projects

The New Technology Introduction program is authorized by Section 4(i) of the Urban Mass Transportation Act of 1964 provides for assistance in financing the introduction into public transportation service of new innovative technology.

The Innovative Techniques and Methods program is authorized by Section 3(a)(1)(C) of the Urban Mass Transportation Act of 1964 to further the adoption of innovative techniques to reduce the cost, increase revenues and opportunities for private sector involvement.

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