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DOT AWARDS \$2.5 MILLION FOR DADE COUNTY BUS FACILITY

Miami--A \$2.5 million grant to Metropolitan Dade County to assist in the purchase of land for a new bus maintenance facility was announced today by Arthur E. Teele, Jr., Administrator of the Urban Mass Transportation Administration.

Representing Secretary of Transportation Drew Lewis, Teele was in Miami to discuss transit projects with Dade County officials.

The land being purchased is owned by the Seaboard Coast Lines and will be the site of a 250-bus garage.

A previous DOT award of \$408,000 assisted in engineering and design work for the new building.

Teele said the project will assist state and local efforts to expand transit facilities and service in the Miami area. "It is the policy of the Reagan Administration," he said, "to continue, and ultimately increase, federal support for mass transit capital equipment and facilities, and for their maintenance. The grant made today is an example of the proper federal role in the improvement of the nation's transit systems."

A local source for additional information is Allen Wulkan, Grants Liaison Director, Metropolitan Dade County, 44 West Flagler Street, Miami, Florida 33160, telephone (305) 579-5674. (Project No. FL-03-0057-01).

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