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DOT AWARDS \$14 MILLION
GRANTS FOR PHILADELPHIA
MASS TRANSIT PROJECTS

PHILADELPHIA--Secretary of Transportation Drew Lewis announced today two grants totalling \$14,457,820 for Philadelphia mass transit projects.

"This community runs on transit. These grants will help SEPTA and the City make a good system better," the Secretary said.

The grants were made by the department's Urban Mass Transportation Administration to the City of Philadelphia for \$1,200,000, and the Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority for \$13,257,820.

"The grant to the city has the added advantage of benefiting the downtown business district, particularly the further development of the Gallery II commercial development," Secretary Lewis said.

The SEPTA grant will assist in the completion of construction of the new Woodland maintenance facility and provide contingency funds for the purchase of new light rail vehicles.

The grant to the city provides funds for transit related construction to the Gallery II commercial development. The Center City Tunnel, underneath the development, is being constructed so that it will support the commercial structures.

"Transit is a public service. More correctly, it is a community service. I am pleased that these grants serve community goals," Secretary Lewis concluded.

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