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DOT AWARDS \$210 MILLION  
TO WASHINGTON, D. C., METRO

WASHINGTON--Deputy Secretary of Transportation William J. Beckham Jr. today announced six grants totaling \$210,149,060 to the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority for rapid transit engineering, design, construction and 16 new buses.

"Mass transit is changing the way we travel in the Washington area, and it will continue to get more of us out of cars and into trains and buses as Metrorail operations expand," Beckman said.

The Deputy Secretary announced the grants at the Washington National Airport rapid transit station.

The grants were made by DOT's Urban Mass Transportation Administration.

They provided:

- \* \$126,334,990 to assist in the construction of the West Falls Church, Va., service and inspection shop, the south entrance to the Friendship Heights, Md., Metrorail station and other facilities. (IT-23-9007-02)

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- \* \$36,380,000 to assist in Metrorail right-of-way acquisition, engineering, vehicle control equipment, and related items. (IT-23-9003-05)
- \* \$21,080,000 for continuing Metrorail construction throughout the system. (IT-23-9001-04)
- \* \$15,980,000 for management, design and vehicle activities related to the Metrorail construction. (IT-23-9006-01)
- \* \$6,454,132 to assist in the purchase of bus stop signs, passenger shelters, communications equipment, renovation of facilities and related bus transit improvements. (DC-03-0006)
- \* \$3,919,938 for the purchase of 16 new articulated (bend-in-the-middle) buses. (DC-05-0003)

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