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\$52 MILLION FOR TRANSIT

PHILADELPHIA--Six grants totaling \$52,595,652 for Philadelphia area transit improvements were announced today by Urban Mass Transportation Administrator Theodore C. Lutz.

He said that the funding benefits commuter and rapid rail service, bus service and also assists in the construction of transit-related facilities at the Gallery II shopping Mall.

The grants were made to the Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority and the city of Philadelphia by the department's Urban Mass Transportation Administration.

Grants to the Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority include:

- * \$23,712,296 for Broad Street subway line improvements at Fern Rock, Logan, Wyoming, Hunting Park, Erie, Allegheny and Race-Vine stations; light rail transit vehicle maintenance facilities; and modernization of commuter operating facilities. (PA-23-9001-07)
- * \$5,080,000 for rehabilitation of 125 buses, which are about 12 years old. (PA-03-0111)

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- * \$1,000,000 for the rehabilitation of the 11th Street Station of the Market Frankford subway/elevated line adjacent to the Gallery II shopping mall site. (PA-03-0100)
- * \$9,843,356 for the purchase of 80 new advanced design buses equipped with wheelchair lifts. (PA-03-0116)

Grants to the city of Philadelphia include:

- * \$8,000,000 for transit related construction at the Gallery II shopping mall. (PA-03-0099)
- * \$4,960,000 for engineering and design for the rehabilitation of the six-mile Frankford elevated structure, including reconstruction, stations, signal towers and other facilities. (PA-03-0103)

The grants related to the Gallery II are part of President Carter's Urban Initiative Program. The program uses financial assistance for mass transit projects to stimulate investment for urban improvements by other federal agencies, private industry and local communities.

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Local sources for additional information are:
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