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DOT AWARDS \$68 MILLION
FOR CHICAGO TRANSIT

CHICAGO -- Ten grants totaling \$68,380,244 for Chicago area transit improvements were announced today by the U.S. Department of Transportation.

The grants were made to the Regional Transportation Authority, Chicago Transit Authority and City of Chicago by the department's Urban Mass Transportation Administration.

Lillian C. Liburdi, Deputy Administrator of DOT's Urban Mass Transportation Administration, said the funds will improve commuter and rapid rail service, bus service and also will implement areawide air quality improvements.

Grants to the Regional Transportation Authority include:

- \$15,737,476 for track, signal and other improvements along the Chicago and North Western and other commuter railroads operating in the Chicago area. Today's grant supplements previous awards totaling \$38.6 million to continue the area's commuter rail transit improvement program.
(IL-03-0073-02)
- \$4,602,496 for commuter rail station improvements. This grant supplements a previous award of \$192,000 for engineering and allows the start of construction on several stations.
(IL-03-0076-01)

Grants to the Chicago Transit Authority include:

- \$21,660,118 to assist in the purchase of up to 125 new articulated buses. These buses bend in the middle and carry up to 95 passengers, including standees. Chicago's current fleet of 20 articulated buses purchased with the aid of a previous DOT award are operating well and have been warmly received by both operators and passengers. Seventeen routes with routinely heavy passenger loads have been identified which could benefit through the use of the high capacity articulated buses. (IL-23-9001-01).
- \$6,140,400 assists in the design and engineering for the reconstruction of the rapid transit facilities and the rehabilitation of right-of-way along the Loop Elevated, Lake Street and Ravenswood rapid transit lines. (IL-23-9007).
- \$5,897,422 assists in rehabilitating rapid transit facilities and track and helps in the modification of 2000 and 2200 series rapid transit cars. (IL-03-0062-05).
- \$4,919,488 also assists in rehabilitation of the 2000-2200 series rapid transit cars, helps remanufacture communications equipment on the 6000 series cars and aids in the purchase of tools and related equipment. (IL-03-0066-03).
- \$3,987,544 assists in the purchase of bus passenger shelters, renovation of facilities and rapid transit cars and related improvements. (IL-03-0084).
- \$1,702,400 assists in engineering and rehabilitation of 11 bridges on five rapid transit lines and related work aimed to ensure passenger safety. (IL-03-0040-06).

Grants to the City of Chicago include:

- \$2,082,500 to assist in engineering of a south side connection of the Dan Ryan and Howard rapid transit lines and the Englewood Jackson Park and Lake Street rapid transit lines. (IL-23-9006).

- \$1,650,400 aids the city in implementing air quality planning activities for the Chicago area in order to meet Clean Air Act requirements. (IL-19-0005).

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