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\$16 MILLION DOT GRANT
GOES TO LOS ANGELES
FOR DOWNTOWN PEOPLE MOVER

Los Angeles--A \$16.1 million U.S. Department of Transportation grant for the final design of the Los Angeles downtown people mover was announced today.

Theodore C. Lutz, DOT's Urban Mass Transportation Administrator said, "This grant covers the first year of a four-year final design and construction phase that includes the design of guideways and stations."

The grant was made to the City of Los Angeles.

The people mover will have driverless electrically-powered vehicles operating on a three-mile elevated exclusive guideway between Union Station and the Los Angeles Convention Center.

Design of the 13 stations will be consistent with the requirements of passenger flow, safety codes, aesthetics and landscaping, and integrated with existing and planned development with direct access to streets and buildings.

The DPM is expected to begin service in the spring of 1984. By 1990, daily ridership is projected to reach 72,400. Total cost of the system is estimated to be \$175 million. The figure includes the cost of constructing 1,750 parking spaces at the Convention Center and 2,000 parking spaces at Union Station. The Convention Center station and Union Station will accommodate buses, taxis and intercity buses. Union Station is a commuter train and Amtrak facility.

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A local source for additional information is Mr. Daniel Townsend,
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