

ACTUALITY

May 24, 1973

I HAVE TODAY BEEN IN CONTACT WITH THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE URBAN MASS TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION TO DETERMINE THE CURRENT STATUS OF TOPEKA'S GRANT APPLICATION.

I WAS INFORMED THE GRANT WAS PROGRESSING VERY WELL. THE ADMINISTRATOR HAS ASKED FOR SOME ADDITIONAL TECHNICAL INFORMATION FROM TOPEKA OFFICIALS BEFORE FINAL APPROVAL CAN BE GIVEN.

BASED ON CURRENT INFORMATION, I CAN PREDICT THAT A GRANT WILL BE APPROVED IN AN AMOUNT SUFFICIENT TO FUND THE PURCHASE OF THE EXISTING BUS LINE AND ABOUT 15 NEW AND MODERN BUSES FOR TOPEKA. IN ANY EVENT, I EXPECT A FINAL ANNOUNCEMENT ON THE GRANT BEFORE JUNE 15.