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### **US DOT Secretary LaHood Announces \$280 million for Livability Initiative**

On December 1st, U.S. Transportation Secretary LaHood announced \$280 million in funding for the Livability Initiative, of which, \$150 million will be allocated for buses and bus facilities for urban and rural areas under this discretionary funding mechanism.

The Announcement says:

*“A second pot of money totaling \$150 million in unallocated discretionary Bus and Bus Facility funds will be available for projects that will foster the preservation and enhancement of urban and rural communities by providing new mobility options which provide access to jobs, healthcare, and education, and/or contribute to the redevelopment of neighborhoods into pedestrian-friendly vibrant environments.*

*The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) plans to announce grants early in 2010. Key lawmakers on Capitol Hill greeted the news with enthusiasm.”*

This Announcement can be read in its entirety at:

<http://www.dot.gov/affairs/2009/dot18509.htm>

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