\$25 Million To Operate 6-County Bus

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unknown sum is spent to acquire eight existing bus company properties. SEMTA has learned.

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Schiller, who agrees with the.
basic idea of SEMTA consolidation and operation of the
regional service, said he has
some questions at this point. "HOW ARE THEY going to go about acquiring the compa-nies?" he asked. "According to the Legislature, they have to acquire the lines. This report mentions no provision for this money.

"I should think that would be the first step. If they don't have the rights, how can they proceed?"

Schiller agrees with the con-sultants' conclusion that even SEMTA would have to plan on operating at a loss.

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minded." said Schiller, explaining that both here with common carriers and in Flint, with a federally subsidized glanor service, less than 10 passengers a trip use 45 passenger buses.

AIR CONDITIONED buses, 50 more bus top shelters, two-way radios, headway recorders to monitor pace, and a \$\frac{2}{2}\$ million suburban garage are part of the proposed cost items.

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"We were instructed by the Legislature to study and plan for development of a coordinated regional bus transportation system, to provide better public transit in the region. "This tells us that public transit will have to run harder each year to keep up — not only because our whole national economy floats a bit higher each year, but because

public transit must achieve to some degree of better service to keep the riders it has."

He said, "A major metropolitan region without public transit is inconceivable, but hardly impossible."

The report is the last of a 1860,000 engineering valuation. It was financed by grants from the Federal Urban Mass Transportation Administration.





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