

The Board of Airport Zoning Appeals, originally created by Chapter 450, Acts of 1968 had its membership altered and reconstituted by Chapter 443, Acts of 1976. The Board now consists of eight members appointed by the Governor, with the advice of the Secretary of Transportation and the advice and consent of the Senate.

Three members of the Board must be residents of Anne Arundel County. Three members represent Baltimore County and two, including the Chairman represent areas in which a State-owned airport is not located. The Chairman of the Board shall be designated by the Governor. Members serve four year terms.

The Board is authorized and empowered to hear, decide and grant specific variances from airport zoning regulations in cases of practical difficulty or unnecessary hardship (Code 1957, 1968 Repl. Vol., 1976 Supp., Art. 1A, secs. 7-703 (h) (2) and 8-802 (e)).

MASS TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION

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The Mass Transit Administration was created by Chapter 526, Acts of 1970 as

amended by Chapter 253, Acts of 1971, as part of the Maryland Department of Transportation. As the public transit arm of the Department, the Mass Transit Administration operates and maintains the public bus system and proceeds with the development and implementation of Phase I of the Baltimore Region Rapid Transit System. These operational and developmental activities are conducted within the Mass Transit Administration's metropolitan service area which encompasses Anne Arundel County, Baltimore City and Baltimore County. In addition, the Mass Transit Administration administers a program to provide technical and financial assistance for the development or improvement of public transportation facilities in small urban areas throughout the State of Maryland.

Prior to its incorporation into the Department of Transportation in July of 1971, the Mass Transit Administration functioned as the Metropolitan Transit Authority which was originally established by Chapter 160, Acts of 1969, succeeding a former Authority created by Chapter 670, Acts of 1961.

The Mass Transit Administration is organized into three divisions: the Metropolitan Transit System Division, the Rapid Transit Development Division and the Public Transportation Development Division. Overall responsibility for all Mass Transit Administration activities is vested in the Administrator who reports directly to the Secretary of Transportation.

The Mass Transit Administration fleet which numbers over 1,000 buses travels in excess of 26 million miles a year throughout the metropolitan service area.

The Section A rapid transit system, which is moving into the final design stage of its development, is the first segment of the Baltimore Region Rapid Transit System to be implemented. Section A extends from Reisterstown Road Plaza to Charles Center.

Substantial construction of Section A should take place in 1977. Completion is