

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY

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The Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority is a governmental agency created by an Interstate Compact entered into by and between the State of Maryland, the Commonwealth of Virginia, and the District of Columbia with the consent of Congress. Maryland ratified the Compact in 1965 (Chapter 869, Acts of 1965).

The Authority was created to plan, finance, and develop a regional rapid transit system for the national capital area. That metrorail system, known as Metro, opened in 1976 with a single line less than five miles long. Linking Maryland, the District, and Virginia, Metro now is a 70-mile rail system of four lines, serving 64 stations. Upon completion, the system will be 103 miles long.

Congress, the General Assemblies of Maryland and Virginia, and the City Council of the District of Columbia enlarged the Authority's role to include the ownership and operation of all mass transit bus facilities in the Washington region. The Authority also maintains a regular police force for the protection of its patrons, personnel, and property.

The Authority is governed by a six-member Board of Directors (and six alternate directors). Each of the three Compact signatories appoints two members. Maryland members are appointed

by the Washington Suburban Transit Commission from among its own members. Virginia members are appointed by the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission. District of Columbia members are appointed by the District of Columbia City Council. Board members and alternates serve terms coterminous with their service as members of their appointing bodies.

The chief administrative officer is the General Manager, who is responsible for all activities of the Authority subject to policy direction by the Board (Code Transportation Article, secs. 10-202 through 10-204).

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

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The Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Commission was established in 1961 to regulate the transportation for hire of passengers by privately-owned carriers in the Washington, D.C., Metropolitan District. The Commission was created by the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Regulation Compact, an agreement among Maryland, the District of Columbia, and Virginia. Maryland ratified the Compact in 1959 (Chapter 613, Acts of 1959). The Washington Metropolitan Area Transit District, also created by the Compact, embraces the District of Columbia; the cities of Alexandria and Falls Church; Arlington and Fairfax counties in Virginia; and Montgomery and Prince George's counties in Maryland.

The Commission has the power to prescribe fares, regulations, and practices of transportation companies and interstate taxicabs in the area.

Expenses of the Commission are allocated annually in proportion to the population of each signatory in the Metropolitan District. Maryland's share in fiscal year 1987 was 44.87 percent.

The Commission is composed of three members. One member is appointed by the Governor of Maryland, one by the Governor of Virginia,