

and the counties of Montgomery and Prince Georges, in the State of Maryland and political subdivisions of the State of Maryland located within said counties.

ARTICLE II

260. The signatories hereby create the "Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Commission", hereinafter called the Commission, which shall be an instrumentality of the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Virginia and the State of Maryland, and shall have the powers and duties set forth in this compact and such additional powers and duties as may be conferred upon it by subsequent action of the signatories. The Commission shall have jurisdiction coextensive with the Metropolitan District for the regulation and improvement of transit and the alleviation of traffic congestion within the Metropolitan District on a coordinated basis, without regard to political boundaries within the Metropolitan District, as set forth herein.

ARTICLE III

261. The Commission shall be composed of three members, one ~~Area Transit Commission~~, hereinafter called the Commission, which MEMBER EACH TO BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNORS OF VIRGINIA AND MARYLAND and by the Board of Commissioners of the District of Columbia, from that agency of each signatory having jurisdiction over the regulation of mass transit within each such jurisdiction. The member so appointed shall serve for a term coincident with the term of that member on such agency of the signatory and any Commissioner may be removed or suspended from office as provided by the law of the signatory from which he shall be appointed. Vacancies shall be filled for an unexpired term in the same manner as an original appointment.

262. No person in the employment of or holding any official relation to any person or company subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission or having any interest of any nature in any such person or company or affiliate or associate thereof, shall be eligible to hold the office of Commissioner or to serve as an employee of the Commission or to have any power or duty or to receive any compensation in relation thereto.

263. The Commission shall select a chairman from its membership annually. Such chairman is vested with the responsibility for the discharge of the Commission's work and to that end he is empowered with all usual powers to discharge his duties.

264. Each signatory hereto may pay the Commissioner therefrom such salary or expenses, if any, as it deems appropriate.

265. The Commission may employ such engineering, technical, legal, clerical, and other personnel on a regular, part-time, or consulting basis as in its judgment may be necessary for the discharge of its functions. The Commission shall not be bound by any statute or regulation of any signatory in the employment or discharge of any officer or employee of the Commission, except as such may be contained in this compact.