

The Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Commission was established in 1961 for the purpose of regulating transportation facilities in the District of Columbia metropolitan area. The Commission was created by the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Regulation Compact, which was drawn up between Maryland, the District of Columbia, and Virginia. Maryland ratified the Compact with the adoption of 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 and Arlington and Fairfax Counties in Virginia, and Montgomery and Prince George's Counties in Maryland.

The Commission is composed of three members. One member is appointed by the Governor of Maryland, one by the Governor of Virginia, and one by the Commissioner of the District of Columbia. Each Commissioner serves a term coincident with his term of office on the agency from which he is selected. Maryland is at present represented by the Chairman of the Public Service Commission. The Commission selects its own officers annually.

The Commission regulates and plans for mass transit in the District of Columbia metropolitan area. It has the power to prescribe fares, regulations and practices of transportation companies and taxicabs in the area.

Expenses of the Commission are allocated annually in proportion to the population of each signatory in the metropolitan area. Maryland's share is forty percent (Code 1957, 1971 Repl. Vol., Art. 41, secs. 257-307).

Appropriations	1971	1972
General Funds	\$149,217	\$164,763

Miscellaneous Commissions

GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION ON ABANDONED AUTOMOBILES

Chairman: George E. Snyder

Charles Brewer, Ejner J. Johnson, Sidney S. Metzner, Charles E. Pfaff, I. D. Shapiro, Sam Shpak.

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The Governor appointed this Commission in 1970 to study and review all matters relating to the storage and disposal of junk and abandoned automobiles. The Commission is composed of members of the General Assembly, the Department of Motor Vehicles, auto wreckers and scrap processors. The Commission is to make its report at a later date.

AGRICULTURE TASK FORCE

Chairman: Edward H. Covell, Jr.

Representing the House of Delegates: John R. Hargreaves, George A. Price.

Representing the State Senate: Frederick C. Malkus, Jr., James Clark, Jr.

Appointed members: Young D. Hance, J. Keith Meyers, T. Allan Stradley, N. Thomas Whittington.

Ex officio members: Frank L. Bentz, Mrs. Ernie A. Honig, George E. Burnett, Jr.

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