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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 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 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 is the first segment of the Baltimore Region Rapid Transit System to be implemented. Section A extends

from Reisterstown Road Plaza to Charles Center (Code Transportation Article, secs. 7-101 through 7-706).

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The Railroad Administration was formed in 1978 (Executive Order 01.01.1978.11). Its duties are to preserve and improve present railroad transportation facilities and services in Maryland and to plan for and provide new facilities and services, wherever possible.

The Department's present involvement in the State's railroad transportation system includes: Funding of rehabilitation work on freight lines in Western Maryland and on the Eastern Shore; administering operating subsidies for four passenger services, including commuter service to Washington from Brunswick and from Harford and Cecil counties to Baltimore and Washington; responsibility for a \$14.3 million capital improvement program on the Brunswick-Washington and Baltimore-Washington B&O commuter lines, including purchase of additional equipment and renovation work in state areas; in cooperation with the federal Northeast Rail Corridor program, coordinating plans for improvements to railroad lines and services in the Baltimore region; working closely with other state agencies, local governments, and railroad transportation providers and users to enhance the role of railroads in economic and industrial development throughout the State; and monitoring and reviewing proposals for railroad freight service changes or abandonments that would affect local communities and shippers.

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