

District," being also a new subsection 72-18A, Montgomery County Code (1965 Edition), and a new subsection 83A-18A, Code of Public Local Laws of Prince George's County (1963 Edition and 1967 Supplement), title "Six-year Programs," to establish procedures for the submission by the Washington Suburban Transit Commission to respective county governing bodies for their review and approval of six-year capital improvement programs.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That there is hereby added a new subsection 18A to Chapter 870, Laws of Maryland, 1965, as amended, title "Washington Suburban Transit District," and to read as follows:

*18A. Six-year Programs.*

*Prior to October 1st of each calendar year, the commission shall prepare and submit to each county governing body a six-year capital improvements program. The capital improvements program shall include a statement of the objectives of the capital programs and relationship of these programs to the county's adopted long range development plans; shall recommend capital projects and a construction schedule; and shall provide an estimate of cost and a statement of all funding sources. The capital improvements program shall include all programmed land and major equipment acquisition, construction, and development.*

*Each county governing body shall, on or before adoption of its annual budget and appropriations resolution, adopt the six-year capital improvements program. Such adoption shall occur only after public hearings thereon which may be conducted in conjunction with public hearings on their own and other agencies' six-year programs or capital budgets. In its adoption, the county governing body may make such amendments, revisions or modifications as it may determine. Any such amendment, revision or modification shall not become final until submission to the commission for written comment on at least thirty days' notice.*

*The capital budget of the commission for the succeeding fiscal year shall include such projects so as to be in full conformity with that part of the capital program adopted for the first of the six-year program. No such capital project shall be undertaken, in whole or in part, which is not in conformity with that part of the program applicable to that year unless the same shall be amended by the county governing body on its own initiative or at the request of the commission and after public hearing upon reasonable notice to the public.*

*Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, no action taken by any county governing body, and no failure of any county governing body to take any action, with respect to any capital improvements program or capital budget of the commission shall affect or impair any obligation for a commitment of the commission or any county arising out of any present or future contract or agreement between the commission, either of such counties and the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority for financing the construction or operation of any transit facilities.*

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That this Act shall take effect on July 1, 1970.

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