

**METROPOLITAN TRANSIT AUTHORITY**

Chairman: Philip Heller Sachs, 1964

Vice Chairman: John Purley Cooper, Jr., 1965

Member, Anne Arundel County, 1965; Howard C. Bregel, 1966; W. Arthur Grotz, 1967; John A. Seamon, 1968;  
Member, Anne Arundel County, 1968.

Wilson C. Driggs, Executive Director

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The Metropolitan Transit Authority was created by Chapter 670, Acts of 1961, as an instrumentality of the State of Maryland to improve the mass transportation facilities in the Baltimore metropolitan area. The Authority may license and regulate all mass transit and facilities which operate within its jurisdiction comprising Baltimore City and the metropolitan areas in Baltimore and Anne Arundel counties adjoining the city. Chapter 886, Acts of 1963, added the third and fifth election districts of Anne Arundel County and that portion of the fourth election district lying north and east of State Highway #175. The Authority is also charged with the responsibility of establishing an efficient, rapid and coordinated mass transportation system for the Baltimore metropolitan area. It will develop an overall plan to accomplish that objective. It is further required to use its efforts to improve the service offered by privately-owned mass transportation facilities within its jurisdiction and, if necessary, it may establish an integrated publicly-owned transit system.

The Authority consists of seven members, appointed for five-year terms, one by the Governor, two by the Mayor of Baltimore City subject to the approval of the City Council, two by the County Council of Baltimore County, and two members from Anne Arundel County by a committee consisting of the State Senator, Chairman of the members of the House of Delegates and the members of the Board of County Commissioners from the election districts referred to in the Act. Initially, the Governor's appointee will serve for three years. One of the Mayor's appointees will serve for one year and the other for five years. One of the County Council's appointees will serve for two years, while the other will serve for four years. The members from Anne Arundel County will serve one for five years and one for two years. The Authority elects its own Chairman and Vice Chairman and appoints the Secretary-Treasurer and Executive Director.

The Authority derives its operating revenue from a seat tax of \$4.00 per seat from mass transportation companies operating under its jurisdiction plus an annual fee or charge in amount equal to 1/20 of one percent of the gross receipts derived from the mass transportation operations within the area. It is estimated that the total revenue from these sources will approximate \$185,000 per annum.

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