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The Commission consists of six members, three from each county who are appointed by the governing body of each county (Code 1957, Art. 29).

WASHINGTON SUBURBAN TRANSIT COMMISSION

Chairperson: Carlton R. Sickles, *Montgomery County*

Vice-Chairperson: Richard J. Castaldi, *Prince George's County*

Cleatus E. Barnett, *Montgomery County*; Robert B. Ostrom, John Wesley White, *Prince George's County*.

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The Washington Suburban Transit Commission was created by Chapter 870, Acts of 1965. The Commission administers activities and functions of the Washington Suburban Transit District, and has powers to develop, on a bi-county basis, a transportation system including mass transit facilities for the needs and growth of Montgomery and Prince George's counties.

The Commission consists of seven members. Three are appointed by the Montgomery County Executive, and three by the Prince George's County Executive. The Secretary of Transportation or his designee serves *ex officio*. Commissioners who are appointed from among the members of the elected governing bodies serve at the pleasure of the County Executive, while others serve three-year terms. The position of chairperson alternates annually between Montgomery and Prince George's counties.

The Commission appoints two of its members and two alternates to the Board of Directors of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA), the interstate agency charged with the overall responsibility of planning, financing, and operating the regional rapid rail and bus transit

systems for the Washington metropolitan area. The Commission works in conjunction with the Authority in the development of the regional rapid rail transit system.

The Commission acts as the financial conduit through which funding of mass transportation projects within the counties take place. It acts as the coordinating body for mass transit matters within the bi-county area, and as such coordinates mass transit activities of the two county governments with each other, with the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, and with the Maryland Department of Transportation.

WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION COMMISSION

Chairperson: Charles J. Krysiak, 1992

Robert S. Redding, 1989; G. Joseph Sills, Jr., 1989; Edward A. Palamara, 1990; Clement R. Mercaldo, 1991; Sidney W. Albert, 1993; Carmel Snow, 1993; L. Douglas Jefferson, 1994; J. Max Millstone, 1994; Stephen Rosenbaum, 1994.

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The Workmen's Compensation Commission originally was created in 1914 as the State Industrial Accident Commission (Chapter 800, Acts of 1914). It received its present name in 1957 (Chapter 584, Acts of 1957). The Commission consists of ten members, appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate for terms of twelve years (Chapter 521, Acts of 1982). The Governor designates the chairperson.

The Commission administers the Workmen's Compensation Law. It hears contested cases and holds hearings throughout the State; receives reports of accidents and adjudicates claims for compensation arising under the law (Code 1957, Art. 101, secs. 1, 2, 5, 16, 38-40).