

George's County. They are appointed to four-year terms by the governing body of each county (Code 1957, Art. 29).

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**WASHINGTON SUBURBAN  
TRANSIT COMMISSION**

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*Chairperson:* Hilda R. Pemberton, Prince George's County

*Appointed by Montgomery County Executive:* Cleatus E. Barnett; Carlton R. Sickles; one vacancy.

*Appointed by Prince George's County Executive:* John P. Davey; Robert Nash.

*Ex officio:* Alexander J. Eckmann, designee of Secretary of Transportation

Gloria B. Fischer, *Executive Secretary-Treasurer*

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The Washington Suburban Transit Commission was created in 1965 (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 acts as the financial conduit through which funding of mass transportation projects within the counties takes place. Within the bi-county area, it coordinates mass transit programs of the two county governments with each other, with the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, and with the Maryland Department of Transportation.

The Commission and the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA), work together to develop a regional rapid rail transit system. The Commission appoints two of its members and two alternates to the Authority's Board of Directors. The Authority is 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 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 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.