- (o) Petition for, and receive and accept from, the United States of America, ANY UNCONDITIONAL LOAN OR GRANT, AND FROM the State of Maryland, or any political subdivision thereof, or instrumentality, agency, or department of any of them, or any other source, any loan, grant, contribution, assistance, or aid of any kind or character or in any form for or in aid of or in connection with any matter or thing which is contemplated to come under or within the jurisdiction, power, or authority of the Authority, and make and execute any contract, agreement, or other legal instrument with any of said legal entities.
- (p) The Authority shall develop, or cause to be developed, from time to time, an overall plan or plans, including any and all necessary or convenient surveys and studies, directed to securing and establishing for the Area an efficient, coordinated and rapid mass transportation system, together with any and all proposed legislation and methods of financing that may be necessary or convenient to place any such plan in operation.
- (q) Take title to any real or personal property, or any right, title, interest, franchise, easement, or privilege therein, in the name of the Authority.
- (r) Notwithstanding any provision or provisions contained in this Article to the contrary:
- (1) In Baltimore City or in any of the counties where planning construction and development regulations have legal status, the Authority shall comply with and be subject to such rules and regulations pertaining to planning, construction, and development to the same extent as private, commercial, or industrial enterprise;
- (2) No property owned by the State of Maryland or by any board, department, agency, or commission of the State shall be acquired by the Authority by purchase or by condemnation without the prior consent of the Board of Public Works of the State;
- (3) The power of the Authority to acquire by purchase or judgment of condemnation of any right, title, interest, franchise, or privilege in real or leasehold property, or in any new or used personal property or corporate stocks of a public mass transportation company, located in any county of this State, or within the boundaries of a municipal corporation within any such county, or within Baltimore City, shall be subject to and require the prior approval of said county, municipal corporation or Baltimore City, as in this paragraph provided. If the property is located in one of the counties of the State and not within any municipal corporation therein, the prior approval of the board of county commissioners or the county council of the county involved shall be required; if the property is located within the boundaries of a municipal corporation within any such county, the prior approval of the mayor and council, by whatever name known, and of the board of county commissioners or county council of the county shall be required; and if the property is located within the City of Baltimore, the prior approval of the Board of Estimates of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore shall be required. Provided, however, that such approval shall be conclusively presumed unless the Authority shall be notified in writing to the contrary within ninety (90) days after making written request of the board of county commissioners or county council, the mayor and