

(b) *Any one, or two or more, of the mass transportation systems operating in the Area to establish reasonable through-routes.*

(c) *Any two or more of the mass transportation systems operating in the Area to establish and observe reasonable and just joint fares, and in connection therewith to establish just, reasonable, and equitable divisions thereof between the said transportation systems participating therein which shall not unduly prefer or prejudice any of such transportation systems so participating.*

(d) *Any two or more of the mass transportation systems operating in the Area to establish and observe reasonable and just transfer privileges from any one of the mass transportation systems participating therein to any one or more of the other such transportation systems participating in any such plan; and any such transfer plan shall not unduly prefer or prejudice any of the participating transportation systems.*

(e) *Any mass transportation system operating in the Area to provide service for which there is an immediate and urgent need to a point or points within a prescribed territory within the Area having no mass transportation services capable of meeting such need. NO SUCH ORDER SHALL BE GIVEN WHEN THE EFFECT OF SUCH ORDER WOULD BE TO PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION TO AN AREA NOT BEING SERVICED BECAUSE OF A LABOR DISPUTE.*

(f) *Any mass transportation system operating in the Area, if the public convenience and necessity so require, to extend any existing service or provide any additional service over additional routes within the Area; provided, however, that no permit shall be issued to operate over the routes of any holder of any permit until it shall be proved to the satisfaction of the Authority after public hearing, upon reasonable notice, that the service rendered by such permit holder, over such route, is inadequate for the requirements of the public necessity and convenience; and provided, further, if the Authority is of the opinion that the service rendered by such permit holder over such route is in any respect inadequate for the requirements of the public necessity and convenience, such permit holder shall be given reasonable time and opportunity to remedy such inadequacy before any permit shall be granted to any other legal entity to operate over such route.*

(g) *Provided, however, that any mass transportation system operating in the Area shall not be required to do any of the things or provide the service or extend any existing service or provide any additional service as mentioned in sub-sections (b), (c), (d), (e), or (f) of this section unless the mass transportation system affected or involved earns a reasonable return on its operation as a whole in performing mass transportation which is subject to the provisions of this Article. In determining whether or not a mass transportation system is earning a reasonable return on its operation as a whole, the prudent operating ratio formula, where applicable, may be used as a standard.*

(H) **NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS ARTICLE TO THE CONTRARY, ANY PROPOSAL FOR EXTENSION OR CHANGE OF ROUTES IN OR INTO BALTIMORE COUNTY BY ANY TRANSIT SYSTEM OWNED AND**