

*equipment, except taxis, whether located underground, overhead, in the air, or at a grade, for the local transportation of passengers for compensation within the Metropolitan Area or such additional areas as the Authority shall have power to serve, together with any franchises, rights, property, equipment, and appurtenances necessary or useful in connection with such public transit or transportation system or systems.*

*(f) To apply for and obtain from any appropriate public agency, permission to operate any public transit or transportation facilities owned or operated by the Authority in any area or areas in the State of Maryland not situated within the Metropolitan Area, but contiguous thereto, or to any area the Authority has the power to serve.*

*(g) To use at will any public road, street, or other public way, thruway, expressway, beltway, or super highway within the Metropolitan Area for the transportation of passengers by any public transit or transportation facilities owned or operated by the Authority, provided, that such use shall not be inconsistent with the provisions of the Constitution of the State of Maryland nor the applicable laws and regulations of the sub-division in which said use is being carried on.*

*(h) To acquire, purchase, lease, construct, improve, maintain, control, and operate, and to sell, lease, mortgage, pledge, or otherwise dispose of such off-street facilities for parking of motor vehicles as will contribute to the relief of traffic congestion on public streets, roads, or other public ways situated within the Metropolitan Area, and for use only by persons who park for the purpose of using any mass public transit or transportation facility owned or operated by the Authority, and to fix, charge, and collect fees for the use of such parking facilities.*

*(i) To provide by resolution for meeting the cost of acquiring, constructing, establishing, extending, or making capital improvements to the public transit or transportation facilities or off-street parking facilities owned or operated by the Authority:*

*(1) Through the expenditure of any funds available for that purpose;*

*(2) Through the issuance of bonds, notes, or other evidences of indebtedness for that purpose, payable solely from revenue derived from any public transit or transportation facilities owned or operated by the Authority;*

*(3) Through the issuance of bonds, notes, or other evidences of indebtedness secured solely by the credit of specific property owned by the Authority;*

*(4) From any other UNCONDITIONAL funds which may be obtained for that purpose under any law of the United States or any state; or*

*(5) From any combination of any or all such methods of providing funds for that purpose.*

*(j) The Authority may acquire for cash or by exchange of its bonds at the option of the seller any publicly owned or privately owned bus line, within or without the Metropolitan Area, which may be integrated as feeder services with the system of the Authority.*