

obligations of any operating contract which the transferor agency may have entered into.

Article XII

Coordination of Private and Public Facilities

317-55. Declaration of Policy—

It is hereby declared that the interest of the public in efficient and economical transit service and in the financial well-being of the Authority and of the private transit companies requires that the public and private segments of the regional transit system be operated, to the fullest extent possible, as a coordinated system without unnecessary duplicating service.

317-56. Implementation of Policy—

In order to carry out the legislative policy set forth in Section 317-55 of this Article XII—

(a) The Authority—

(1) *except as herein provided, shall not, directly or through a Contractor, perform transit service by bus or similar motor vehicles;*

(2) *shall, in cooperation with the private carriers and WMATC, coordinate to the fullest extent practicable, the schedules for service performed by its facilities with the schedules for service performed by private carriers; and*

(3) *shall enter into agreements with the private carriers to establish and maintain, subject to approval by WMATC, through routes and joint fares and provide for the division thereof, or, in the absence of such agreements, establish and maintain through routes and joint fares in accordance with orders issued by WMATC directed to the private carriers when the terms and conditions for such through service and joint fares are acceptable to it.*

(b) *The WMATC, upon application, complaint, or upon its own motion, shall—*

(1) *direct private carriers to coordinate their schedules for service with the schedules for service performed by facilities owned OR CONTROLLED by the Authority;*

(2) *direct private carriers to improve or extend any existing services or provide additional service over additional routes;*

(3) *authorize a private carrier, pursuant to agreement between said carrier and the Authority, to establish and maintain through routes and joint fares for transportation to be rendered with facilities owned OR CONTROLLED by the Authority if, after hearing held upon reasonable notice, WMATC finds that such through routes and joint fares are required by the public interest; and*

(4) *in the absence of such an agreement with the Authority, direct a private carrier to establish and maintain through routes and joint fares with the Authority, if, after hearing held upon reasonable notice, WMATC finds that such through service and joint fares are required by the public interest; provided, however, that no such order, rule or regulation of WMATC shall be construed*