

form a single metropolitan area. The development of a transportation system adequate for the needs of Montgomery and Prince George's Counties requires cooperative planning and action with such adjoining areas. Such planning and action should be conducted in a manner which preserves, to the extent the necessity for joint action permits, local autonomy over patterns of growth and development. The requisite joint action may best be achieved through the device of a ~~transportation~~ TRANSIT district having the powers, functions and duties hereinafter set forth in this Act. In the provision of improved or expanded transit facilities, it is the policy of this Act to make use of private enterprise to the extent reasonably practicable.

2. Definitions

As used in this subtitle, the following words and terms shall have the following meanings, unless the context clearly requires a different meaning:

(a) "Authority" means an agency created by interstate compact between Maryland, Virginia and the District of Columbia to provide transit facilities and service for the metropolitan area of Washington, D. C.;

(b) "Commission" means the Washington Suburban Transit Commission;

(c) "District" means the Washington Suburban Transit District;

(d) "Governing bodies" means the County Council of Montgomery County and the Board of County Commissioners of Prince George's County;

(e) "Metropolitan area" means the metropolitan area of Washington, D. C., as defined in the pamphlet 'Standard Metropolitan Statistical Areas,' issued by Executive Office of the President, Bureau of the Budget, 1964;

(f) "State" includes the District of Columbia; and

(g) "Transit facilities" means all those matters and things utilized in rendering MASS transit service by means of rail, bus, water or air and any other mode of travel, including without limitation, tracks, rights of way, bridges, tunnels, subways, rolling stock for rail, motor vehicle, marine and air transportation, stations, terminals and ports, areas for parking and all equipment, fixtures, buildings and structures and services incidental to or required in connection with the performance of MASS transit service.

3. Creation of Washington Suburban Transit District

There is hereby created, as a body corporate and politic, the Washington Suburban Transit District which shall embrace the Counties of Montgomery and Prince George's and the municipal corporations located in said Counties.

4. Creation of Washington Suburban Transit Commission

There is hereby created the Washington Suburban Transit Commission, which shall have the powers and duties granted herein and such additional powers as may hereafter lawfully be conferred upon