

(d) To make and enter into all contracts or agreements, as the Commission may determine, which are necessary or incidental to the performance of its duties and to the execution of the powers granted under this subtitle.

(D) SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 12 (A) HEREOF AND SUBJECT TO THE REVIEW AND APPROVAL IN WHOLE OR IN PART BY THE RESPECTIVE GOVERNING BODIES OF THE COUNTIES, TO MAKE AND ENTER INTO ALL CONTRACTS OR AGREEMENTS AS THE COMMISSION MAY DETERMINE WHICH ARE NECESSARY OR INCIDENTAL TO THE PERFORMANCE OF ITS DUTIES AND TO THE EXECUTION OF THE POWERS GRANTED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.

(e) To accept loans and grants of money or materials or property at any time from the United States of America or the State of Maryland or any agency or instrumentality thereof;

(f) In the name of the ~~Commission~~ DISTRICT, and on its behalf, to acquire, hold and dispose of its contract or other revenues:

(g) To exercise any power usually possessed by private corporations, including the right to expend, solely from funds provided under the authority of this subtitle, such funds as may be considered by the Commission to be advisable or necessary in the performance of its duties and functions;

(h) To employ engineers, attorneys, such other professional experts and consultants and such general and clerical employees as may be deemed necessary, and to prescribe their powers and duties and fix their compensation. The Commission shall not establish any merit, retirement or pension systems and the County Council of Montgomery County and the Board of County Commissioners of Prince George's County are hereby authorized, subject to appropriate agreements with the Commission, to include employees of the District in the retirement or pension system of either County, as may be agreed upon;

(i) To do and perform any acts and things authorized by this subtitle under, through, or by means of its own officers, agents and employees, or by contracts with any persons; and

(j) To execute any and all instruments and do and perform any and all acts or things necessary, convenient or desirable for the purposes of the ~~Commission~~ DISTRICT or to carry out the powers expressly given in this subtitle.

18. Planning Process and Procedure

(a) In performing the duties imposed upon it by Section 11 (a) of this subtitle, the Commission shall use its best efforts to assure that the mass transit plan adopted by the Authority shall be coordinated with

(1) other plans and programs affecting transportation in the District, in order to achieve a balanced system of transportation utilizing each mode to its best advantage; and

(2) the general development plans for Montgomery and Prince George's Counties and for all cities and towns located in such Counties exercising planning powers.