

ume), title "Metropolitan Transit District," to follow immediately after Article 64A of said Code, title "Merit System," and to read as follows:

*Article 64B*

1. *Declaration of legislative policy.*

*The development of improved and expanded transit facilities, consisting of ~~and~~ rapid transit and bus service operating as a unified and coordinated regional transit system, is essential for the satisfactory movement of people and goods, the alleviation of present and future traffic congestion, the economic welfare and vitality and the development of the metropolitan area of Baltimore, comprising Baltimore City, Baltimore County and Anne Arundel County. Such a regional transit system cannot be achieved by the unilateral action of any one of Baltimore City, Baltimore County and Anne Arundel County but requires action by the State of Maryland, through a State Authority which is politically responsive to local needs and which will assure that the development of the regional transit system fosters general development plans for the State, the region and the local development plans of the participating political subdivisions. Adequate provisions should be made for the protection of transit labor in the development and operation of the regional system. ADEQUATE PROVISION SHOULD BE MADE FOR ASSURING THAT IN THE EVENT ALLOCATION OF STATE FINANCIAL RESOURCES FOR THE BENEFIT OF THIS REGIONAL SYSTEM ARE MADE, IT SHALL BE ACCOMPANIED BY A PARITY ALLOCATION FOR THE BENEFIT OF TAXPAYERS SUPPORTING TRANSIT FACILITIES IN THE POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS OF THE WASHINGTON SUBURBAN TRANSIT DISTRICT.*

2. *Definitions.*

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

(a) "Authority" means the Metropolitan Transit Authority and any successor entity;

(b) "Board" means the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Transit Authority;

(c) "Director" means a member of the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Transit Authority;

(d) "District" means the Metropolitan Transit District;

(e) "Net project costs" means the portion of the costs incurred in constructing and acquiring transit facilities which are eligible for assistance under the provisions of the Urban Mass Transportation Act (49 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.) that cannot be reasonably financed from revenues.

(f) "Private carrier" means any corporation, person, firm or association rendering transit service within the District pursuant to an operating permit or license issued by an agency of the State of Maryland exercising regulatory jurisdiction over transportation