

ment and the cost of enlarging, extending, reconstruction or improving any project or projects. [The] *Except for the authority of the Secretary of Transportation and the Maryland Transportation Authority the rentals and other rates, fees, and charges shall not be subject to supervision or regulation by any department, division, commission, board, bureau, or agency of the State or any political subdivision thereof*

23.

(b) Payments.—All monies required to be paid by the [Authority] *Administration* under the provisions of such agreements, leases and equipment trust certificates shall be payable [solely] from [the revenue to be derived from the operation of the transit system or from such grants, loans, appropriations or other] revenues[,] as may be available [to the Authority] under the provisions of this article or *Article 94A of this Code*. Payment for such transit facilities or equipment, or rental thereof, may be made in installments, and the deferred installments may be evidenced by equipment trust certificates as aforesaid, and title to such transit facilities or equipment may not vest in the [Authority] *Administration* until the equipment trust certificates are paid.

29.

From and after June 1, 1969, the [Authority] *Department of Transportation* shall have sole and exclusive jurisdiction for planning, developing, constructing, acquiring, financing and operating the transit facilities authorized hereafter. The service performed by such transit facilities owned or controlled by the [Authority] *Department of Transportation* and the rates and fares to be charged for such services shall be subject to the sole and exclusive jurisdiction of the [Authority] *Department of Transportation*. The determinations of the [Authority] *Administration, or Secretary of Transportation, or Maryland Transportation Authority*, with respect to the type of service to be performed or the rates and fares to be charged shall not be subject to judicial review nor to the processes of any court. Notwithstanding any other provision in this article or in Article 78 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1964 Replacement Volume, as amended), the Public Service Commission shall have no authority with respect thereto, nor with respect to any contractor in connection with the operation by it of transit facilities owned or controlled by the [Authority] *Department of Transportation*. Except as provided herein, the [Authority] *Administration* shall have no jurisdiction over transportation by private carriers within the District and the persons engaged therein.

45.

(a) Competitive bidding generally.—Contracts for the construction, reconstruction or improvement of any transit facility when the expenditure required exceeds ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) and contracts for the purchase of supplies, equipment and materials when the expenditure required exceeds five thousand dollars (\$5,000) shall be advertised and let upon sealed bids to the lowest responsible bidder. Notice requesting such bids shall be published in a manner reasonably likely to attract prospective bidders, which publication shall be made at least ten days before bids are received and in at least two newspapers of general circulation in the District.