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It is the policy of this article that, consistent with the alleviation of traffic congestion within the District and the attainment of a balanced transportation system utilizing each mode of transportation to its best advantage, all costs incurred in constructing, acquiring, operating and maintaining the regional transit facilities shall be borne, as far as practicable, by fares charged for the service performed by the transit facilities owned or controlled by the Authority and that at least two thirds of the net project costs shall be paid by grants contributed by the federal government. It is also the policy of this article to create a transportation system within the original district which will provide compatibility with other contiguous or neighboring systems.

13.

(b) Subject to constitutional limitations, the State and the component [government] *governments* are authorized to make grants to the Authority, to guarantee any obligations of the Authority, to make contributions to meet any operating expenses and to enter into contracts with the Authority, any lender, or any trustee under an indenture or loan agreement entered into by the Authority with respect thereto, but the Authority shall have no power to impose any commitments or obligations upon any such government and may not levy any tax unless authorized by law to do so.

15.

(a) The Authority may provide by resolution for the issuance at one time, or in series from time to time, of revenue bonds of the Authority for any purposes of this article, as set forth herein, and shall have the power to pledge all or any part of the net operating revenues of the Authority to the payment of principal of, and premium if any, and interest on such bonds. The bonds [any] *and* any interest coupons to be attached thereto shall be executed in such manner as determined by the Authority.

18.

(a) The Authority may fix, revise, charge and collect rentals, rates, fees or other charges for the use of its transit facilities, and contract with any person, partnership, association, or corporation desiring the use of any part of a [project] *facility* and its appurtenances for any proper purpose, and fix the terms, conditions, rentals and rates of charges for such use. Rentals and other rates, fees and charges shall be fixed and adjusted in respect of the aggregate thereof from the projects under the control of the Authority to provide funds sufficient with other revenues, if any, (i) to pay the Authority's current expenses if and to the extent that the monies available under the provisions of Section 14 of this article are insufficient for this purpose, (ii) to pay the principal of and the interest on all revenue bonds issued under this article as they become due and payable, (iii) to create reserves for these purposes, and (iv) to provide funds for paying the cost of renewals or replacements, the cost of acquiring or installing equipment and the cost of enlarging, extending, reconstruction or improving any [project or projects] *facility*. The rentals and other rates, fees, and charges shall not be subject to super-