

money which has been provided to the Authority under the provisions of this ~~article~~ SUBTITLE or any other law and money which the Authority is legally entitled to receive under any legal instrument or from any other source.

(e) The County, ~~City~~ and all public agencies and commissions of the State, may sell, lease, rent, lend, grant, or convey to the Authority at its request, upon such terms and conditions as the proper authorities of the County, ~~City~~, agencies, or commissions of the State may deem reasonable and fair, any real or personal property which may be necessary or convenient to the effectuation of the authorized purposes of the Authority, including property already devoted to public use.

474-I.

(a) There is hereby imposed upon every local public bus transportation system operating in the county a surcharge in the amount of 2¢ per gallon of gasoline or other fuel used by that system and in addition an annual rental fee in the amount of \$300 per motor coach owned by the Authority and leased to a private operator. The surcharge shall be payable monthly on or before the last day of each month and the annual rental fee shall be payable on or before December 1 of each year. The amount of the surcharge and rental fee may be changed by the Authority from time to time.

(b) The Authority may borrow from the State, the City or the County, jointly or severally, or from any other source; and the State and any of the aforementioned political subdivisions thereof THE COUNTY, jointly or severally, or any other legal entity, may lend to the Authority out of or from funds which they or any of them may have available for such purpose, a sum of money not exceeding fifty thousand dollars, upon such terms and conditions and upon the execution of such legal instruments as may be mutually agreed upon by the parties to any such transaction. The Authority shall repay the principal amount of any such loan and all interest due in connection therewith out of any funds which it may have available not later than one year after the date of the said loan.

474J.

(a) The Authority has the power and authority to acquire, own and operate any public bus transportation system now or hereafter being operated or maintained within the County under the following conditions and after the prescribed course of action has been first carried out.

(b) The Authority shall use its powers to create the most favorable conditions for the continued operation of private mass transportation companies within the County. The Authority, however, shall consider the public requirements and convenience in all of its decisions and directives.

(c) Upon the vote of a majority of the members of the Authority, it shall be lawful for the Authority to acquire, own, and operate any mass transportation bus company or companies now or hereafter being operated within the County and over which the Authority has jurisdiction. Said acquisition may be effected through purchase or such other means, except condemnation, as the Authority may determine.