

~~subtitle and subheading,~~ ADDED TO THE SAID ARTICLE, SUBTITLE AND SUBHEADING OF THE CODE, to follow immediately after Section 11 thereof; and all to read as follows:

4.

(a) The Department is hereby authorized and empowered to issue from time to time on behalf of the State of Maryland its bonds for the purpose of financing the cost of any one or more or combination of one or more transportation facilities. The bonds shall be known as "Consolidated Transportation Bonds" and may be issued in any amount as long as the aggregate outstanding and unpaid principal balance of such bonds does not exceed at any one time the sum of ~~[\$500,000,000,]~~ \$950,000,000, which sum shall include the outstanding and unpaid aggregate principal balance due on the bonds of prior issues.

11A.

In accordance with, and subject to, the principle that if there is substantial State financial support for the planned rapid rail mass transit system in one metropolitan area of the State, there should be substantial State financial support for the planned rapid rail mass transit system in the other metropolitan area of the State, and subject to the appropriation requirements and budgetary provisions of Section 11(d) of this Article, the Department of Transportation, beginning with the fiscal year 1973, shall provide for grants to the Washington Suburban Transit District in an amount equal to the current actual expenditures required of the District under Article 41, Section 317-18(b) of the Annotated Code of Maryland as the contribution of the District toward the cost of the Regional Rapid Rail Transit Program as adopted on March 1, 1968, and as revised on February 7, 1969 and June 11, 1970, by the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, according to the following schedule:

<i>Fiscal Year 1973</i>	<i>— \$ 30,907,300</i>
<i>Fiscal Year 1974</i>	<i>— 23,258,200</i>
<i>Fiscal Year 1975</i>	<i>— 35,792,100</i>
<i>Fiscal Year 1976</i>	<i>— 40,941,000</i>
<i>Fiscal Year 1977</i>	<i>— 25,177,800</i>
<i>Fiscal Year 1978</i>	<i>— 4,845,600</i>
<i>TOTAL</i>	<i>— \$160,922,000</i>

Any grants by the Department of Transportation to the Washington Suburban Transit District in excess of the above schedule may be made only after approval by the Secretary of Transportation.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That Sections 208(g) and 208(k) of Article 41 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume), title "Governor—Executive and Administrative Departments," subtitle "The Department of Transportation," be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, all to read as follows:

208.

(g) The Secretary may, to the extent authorized by the State Budget, make grants in aid to any governmental transportation agency within the State of Maryland, whether the agency be a county