

PARTY OR WITH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, OR ANY AGENCY THEREOF, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, CONTRACTS OR AGREEMENTS TO FURNISH TRANSIT FACILITIES AND SERVICE;

(G) CREATE AND ABOLISH OFFICES, EMPLOYMENTS AND POSITIONS (OTHER THAN THOSE SPECIFICALLY PROVIDED FOR HEREIN) AS IT DEEMS NECESSARY FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE AUTHORITY, AND FIX AND PROVIDE FOR THE QUALIFICATION, APPOINTMENT, REMOVAL, TERM, TENURE, COMPENSATION, PENSION AND RETIREMENT RIGHTS OF ITS OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES WITHOUT REGARD TO THE LAWS OF ANY OF THE SIGNATORIES;

(H) ESTABLISH, IN ITS DISCRETION, A PERSONNEL SYSTEM BASED ON MERIT AND FITNESS AND, SUBJECT TO ELIGIBILITY, PARTICIPATE IN THE PENSION AND RETIREMENT PLANS OF ANY SIGNATORY, OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OR AGENCY THEREOF, UPON TERMS AND CONDITIONS MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE;

(I) CONTRACT FOR OR EMPLOY ANY PROFESSIONAL SERVICES;

(J) CONTROL AND REGULATE THE USE OF FACILITIES OWNED OR CONTROLLED BY THE AUTHORITY, THE SERVICE TO BE RENDERED AND THE FARES AND CHARGES TO BE MADE THEREFOR;

(K) HOLD PUBLIC HEARINGS AND CONDUCT INVESTIGATIONS RELATING TO ANY MATTER AFFECTING TRANSPORTATION IN THE ZONE WITH WHICH THE AUTHORITY IS CONCERNED AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, SUBPOENA WITNESSES, PAPERS, RECORDS AND DOCUMENTS; OR DELEGATE SUCH AUTHORITY TO ANY OFFICER. EACH DIRECTOR MAY ADMINISTER OATHS OR AFFIRMATIONS IN ANY PROCEEDING OR INVESTIGATION.

(L) MAKE OR PARTICIPATE IN STUDIES OF ALL PHASES AND FORMS OF TRANSPORTATION, INCLUDING TRANSPORTATION VEHICLE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT TECHNIQUES AND METHODS FOR DETERMINING TRAFFIC PROJECTIONS, DEMAND MOTIVATIONS, AND FISCAL RESEARCH AND PUBLICIZE AND MAKE AVAILABLE THE RESULTS OF SUCH STUDIES AND OTHER INFORMATION RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION; AND

(M) EXERCISE, SUBJECT TO THE LIMITATIONS AND RESTRICTIONS HEREIN IMPOSED, ALL POWERS REASONABLY NECESSARY OR ESSENTIAL TO THE DECLARED OBJECTS AND PURPOSES OF THIS TITLE.

## ARTICLE VI

### PLANNING

#### 13. MASS TRANSIT PLAN.

(A) THE BOARD SHALL DEVELOP AND ADOPT, AND MAY FROM TIME TO TIME REVIEW AND REVISE, A MASS TRANSIT PLAN FOR THE IMMEDIATE AND LONG-RANGE NEEDS OF THE ZONE. THE MASS TRANSIT PLAN SHALL INCLUDE ONE OR MORE PLANS DESIGNATING (1) THE TRANSIT FACILITIES TO BE PROVIDED BY