

COMMISSION;

(5) THE WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS;

(6) THE NATIONAL CAPITAL PLANNING COMMISSION;

(7) THE NATIONAL CAPITAL REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL;

(8) THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION;

(9) THE NORTHERN VIRGINIA REGIONAL PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION;

(10) THE MARYLAND STATE PLANNING DEPARTMENT; AND

(11) THE PRIVATE TRANSIT COMPANIES OPERATING IN THE ZONE AND THE LABOR UNIONS REPRESENTING THE EMPLOYEES OF SUCH COMPANIES AND EMPLOYEES OF CONTRACTORS PROVIDING SERVICE UNDER OPERATING CONTRACTS.

(B) INFORMATION WITH RESPECT THERETO SHALL BE RELEASED TO THE PUBLIC. A COPY OF THE PROPOSED MASS TRANSIT PLAN, AMENDMENT OR REVISION, SHALL BE KEPT AT THE OFFICE OF THE BOARD AND SHALL BE AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION. AFTER THIRTY DAYS' NOTICE PUBLISHED ONCE A WEEK FOR TWO SUCCESSIVE WEEKS IN ONE OR MORE NEWSPAPERS OF GENERAL CIRCULATION WITHIN THE ZONE, A PUBLIC HEARING SHALL BE HELD WITH RESPECT TO THE PROPOSED PLAN, ALTERATION, REVISION OR AMENDMENT. THE THIRTY DAYS' NOTICE SHALL BEGIN TO RUN ON THE FIRST DAY THE NOTICE APPEARS IN ANY SUCH NEWSPAPER. THE BOARD SHALL CONSIDER THE EVIDENCE SUBMITTED AND STATEMENTS AND COMMENTS MADE AT SUCH HEARING AND MAY MAKE ANY CHANGES IN THE PROPOSED PLAN, AMENDMENT OR REVISION WHICH IT DEEMS APPROPRIATE AND SUCH CHANGES MAY BE MADE WITHOUT FURTHER HEARING.

ARTICLE VII

FINANCING

16. POLICY.

WITH DUE REGARD FOR THE POLICY OF CONGRESS FOR FINANCING A MASS TRANSIT PLAN FOR THE ZONE SET FORTH IN § 204 (G) OF THE NATIONAL CAPITAL TRANSPORTATION ACT OF 1960 (74 STAT. 537), IT IS HEREBY DECLARED TO BE THE POLICY OF THIS TITLE THAT, AS FAR AS POSSIBLE, THE PAYMENT OF ALL COSTS SHALL BE BORNE BY THE PERSONS USING OR BENEFITING FROM THE AUTHORITY'S FACILITIES AND SERVICES AND ANY REMAINING COSTS SHALL BE EQUITABLY SHARED AMONG THE FEDERAL, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA AND PARTICIPATING LOCAL GOVERNMENTS IN THE ZONE. THE ALLOCATION AMONG SUCH GOVERNMENTS OF SUCH REMAINING COSTS SHALL BE DETERMINED BY AGREEMENT AMONG THEM AND SHALL BE PROVIDED IN THE MANNER HEREINAFTER SPECIFIED.