

(2) It is the policy of this title that:

(i) Consistent with the alleviation of traffic congestion in the District and the attainment of a balanced transportation system using each mode of transportation to its best advantage, all costs incurred to construct, acquire, operate, and maintain transit facilities for the regional transit system shall be covered, as far as practicable, by fares charged for the services performed by the transit facilities owned or controlled by the Administration;

(ii) For light rail projects, at least 10 percent of the net project costs shall be paid by grants contributed by the federal government; and

(iii) At least two-thirds of the net project costs for all other transit facilities shall be paid by grants contributed by the federal government.

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(a) (1) Subject to the authority of the Secretary and, where applicable, the Maryland Transportation Authority, the Administration has jurisdiction:

(i) Consistent with the provisions of Division II of the State Finance and Procurement Article, for planning, developing, constructing, acquiring, financing, and operating the transit facilities authorized by this title; and

(ii) Over the services performed by and the rentals, rates, fees, fares, and other charges imposed for the services performed by transit facilities owned or controlled by the Administration.

(2) (i) For fiscal years 1988 through 1992 and each fiscal year thereafter, the Administration shall recover from fares and other operating revenues at least 50 percent of the total operating costs for the mass transit bus and rail services under its jurisdiction. It is the intent of the General Assembly that the provisions of this paragraph shall apply on a system-wide basis and not on an individual transit line basis. However, given the anticipated efficiency of light rail technology, the Department is encouraged, after 2 years of light rail operation, to recover from fares and other operating revenues at least 60 percent of the total operating costs for light rail services.

(ii) The Administration shall obtain the fare recovery ratio through the establishment of reasonable fares in the Baltimore region and the implementation of cost containment measures as deemed necessary to meet the standard required under this paragraph.