

14. TO ACCEPT LOANS AND GRANTS OF MONEY, OR MATERIALS OR PROPERTY AT ANY TIME FROM THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA, THE STATE OF MARYLAND, THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, OR ANY AGENCY OR INSTRUMENTALITY THEREOF;

15. TO ADOPT AN OFFICIAL SEAL AND ALTER THE SEAL AT ITS PLEASURE;

16. SUBJECT TO CHAPTER I, ARTICLE IX, TO SUE AND BE SUED, PLEAD AND BE IMPEADED, ALL IN THE NAME OF THE AUTHORITY;

17. TO EXERCISE ANY POWER USUALLY POSSESSED BY PRIVATE CORPORATIONS PERFORMING SIMILAR FUNCTIONS, INCLUDING THE RIGHT TO EXPEND, SOLELY FROM FUNDS PROVIDED UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THIS ACT, SUCH FUNDS AS MAY BE CONSIDERED BY THE AUTHORITY TO BE ADVISABLE OR NECESSARY IN ADVERTISING ITS FACILITIES AND SERVICES TO THE TRAVELING PUBLIC; AND

18. TO DO ALL ACTS AND THINGS NECESSARY OR INCIDENTAL TO THE PERFORMANCE OF ITS DUTIES AND THE EXECUTION OF ITS POWERS UNDER THIS ACT.

ARTICLE IV

A. ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY

THE AUTHORITY IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED AND EMPOWERED TO ACQUIRE BY PURCHASE, WHENEVER IT SHALL DEEM SUCH PURCHASE EXPEDIENT, SOLELY FROM FUNDS PROVIDED UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THIS ACT, SUCH LANDS, STRUCTURES, RIGHTS-OF-WAY, PROPERTY, RIGHTS, FRANCHISES, EASEMENTS, AND OTHER INTERESTS IN LANDS, INCLUDING LANDS LYING UNDER WATER AND RIPARIAN RIGHTS, WHICH ARE LOCATED WITHIN THE ~~METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON, D.C.~~ WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA, AS IT MAY DEEM NECESSARY OR CONVENIENT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF THE PROJECT, UPON SUCH TERMS AND AT SUCH PRICES AS MAY BE CONSIDERED BY IT TO BE REASONABLE AND CAN BE AGREED UPON BETWEEN IT AND THE OWNER THEREOF; AND TO TAKE TITLE THERETO IN THE NAME OF THE AUTHORITY.

ALL COUNTIES, CITIES, TOWNS AND OTHER POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS AND ALL PUBLIC AGENCIES AND AUTHORITIES OF THE SIGNATORIES, NOTWITHSTANDING ANY CONTRARY PROVISION OF LAW, ARE HEREBY AUTHORIZED AND EMPOWERED TO LEASE, LEND, GRANT, OR CONVEY TO THE AUTHORITY AT THE AUTHORITY'S REQUEST, UPON SUCH TERMS AND CONDITIONS AS THE PROPER AUTHORITIES OF SUCH COUNTIES, CITIES, TOWNS, POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS, AGENCIES, OR AUTHORITIES MAY DEEM REASONABLE AND FAIR AND WITHOUT THE NECESSITY FOR ANY ADVERTISEMENT, ORDER OF COURT, OR OTHER ACTION OR FORMALITY, OTHER THAN THE REGULAR AND FORMAL ACTION OF THE AUTHORITIES CONCERNED, ANY REAL PROPERTY WHICH MAY BE NECESSARY OR CONVENIENT TO THE EFFECTUATION OF THE AUTHORIZED PURPOSES OF THE AUTHORITY, INCLUDING PUBLIC ROADS AND OTHER REAL PROPERTY ALREADY DEVOTED TO PUBLIC USE.