

[16.]15. Subject to Chapter I, Article IX, to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, all in the name of the Authority;

[17.]16. 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]

17. TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTS WITH EXISTING GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES IN THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA, THE STATE OF MARYLAND, OR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, OR WITH PRIVATE BUSINESS ENTITIES FOR THE PURPOSE OF ALLOWING THOSE ENTITIES TO UNDERTAKE ALL OR PORTIONS OF THE PROJECT, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, DESIGN, ENGINEERING, FINANCING, CONSTRUCTION, AND OPERATION OF THE PROJECT, AS THE AUTHORITY MAY DEEM NECESSARY;

18. TO ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN A POLICE FORCE, OR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH AN EXISTING GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY IN THE STATE OF MARYLAND, THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA, OR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA TO PROVIDE POLICE SERVICES, AS THE AUTHORITY MAY DEEM NECESSARY; AND

19. TO ENTER INTO PARTNERSHIPS OR GRANT CONCESSIONS BETWEEN THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTORS FOR THE PURPOSE OF:

A. FINANCING, CONSTRUCTING, MAINTAINING, IMPROVING, OR OPERATING THE PROJECT; OR

B. FOSTERING DEVELOPMENT OF NEW TRANSPORTATION RELATED TECHNOLOGIES TO BE USED IN THE CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF THE PROJECT, UTILIZING THE LAW OF ANY SIGNATORY IN THE DISCRETION OF THE AUTHORITY;

20. TO CARRY OUT OR CONTRACT WITH OTHER ENTITIES TO CARRY OUT MAINTENANCE OF TRAFFIC ACTIVITIES DURING THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE PROJECT THAT ARE CONSIDERED NECESSARY BY THE AUTHORITY TO MANAGE TRAFFIC AND MINIMIZE CONGESTION, SUCH AS PUBLIC INFORMATION CAMPAIGNS, IMPROVEMENTS DESIGNED TO ENCOURAGE APPROPRIATE USE OF ALTERNATIVE ROUTES, USE OF HIGH OCCUPANCY VEHICLES AND TRANSIT SERVICES, AND DEPLOYMENT AND OPERATION OF INTELLIGENT TRANSPORTATION TECHNOLOGIES; AND

[18.]~~19.~~ 21. 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