

[(i)] (M) (1) "Transit service" means the transportation of persons and their packages and baggage and of newspapers, express, and mail in regular route, special, or charter service by means of transit facilities between points within the District.

(2) "Transit service" does not include any:

- (i) Taxicab service; [or]
- (ii) Vanpool operation; OR
- (III) RAILROAD SERVICE.

[(j)] (N) "Transit vehicle" means a mobile device used in rendering transit service.

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(a) The development of improved and expanded RAILROAD FACILITIES, RAILROAD SERVICES, transit facilities, [consisting of rapid transit and bus service] AND TRANSIT SERVICES operating as a unified and coordinated regional [transit] TRANSPORTATION system, is essential for the satisfactory movement of people and goods, the alleviation of present and future traffic congestion, the economic welfare and vitality, and the development of the metropolitan area of Baltimore AND OTHER POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS OF THE STATE[, consisting of Baltimore City, Baltimore County, and Anne Arundel County].

(b) It is the policy of this title to create a regional [transit] TRANSPORTATION system in the District that will provide compatibility with other contiguous or neighboring systems.

(c) The desired regional [transit] TRANSPORTATION system cannot be achieved by the unilateral action of any one [of Baltimore City, Baltimore County, or Anne Arundel County] POLITICAL SUBDIVISION, but requires action by this State through a State agency that is politically responsive to local needs and will assure that the development of the regional [transit] TRANSPORTATION system fosters general development plans for this State, the region, and the local development plans of the participating political subdivisions.

(d) (1) In this subsection, "net project costs" means that part of the capital costs that is incurred in constructing and acquiring transit facilities eligible for assistance under the federal Urban Mass Transportation Act of 1964 and that cannot be reasonably financed from revenues.

(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;