

(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.

(e) (1) The public interest in efficient and economical transit service requires that the transit facilities operated by private carriers be operated to provide, with the transit facilities owned or controlled by the Administration, a unified and coordinated regional transit system without unnecessary duplicating or competing service.

(2) Subject to this standard, it is the policy of this title to utilize private carriers to the fullest extent practicable in providing transit service.

(f) Adequate provisions should be made for assuring that, if allocation of State financial resources for the benefit of this regional system is made, it will be accompanied by a parity allocation for the benefit of taxpayers supporting transit facilities in the political subdivisions of the Washington Suburban Transit District.

(g) Adequate provisions should be made for the protection of transit labor in the development and operation of [the regional system] TRANSIT SERVICES.

(h) The public interest requires the development of an effective and efficient transit service to meet the special needs of elderly and handicapped persons.

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(a) In addition to the specific powers granted under this title, the Administration has the powers granted by this section.

(b) The Administration may sue and be sued in its own name.

(c) The Administration may adopt rules and regulations to carry out the provisions of this title.

(d) If necessary or useful in rendering transit SERVICE OR RAILROAD service or incidental activities, the Administration may:

(1) Construct, acquire, own, operate, maintain, and control any interest in any property, whether by contract, purchase, condemnation, lease as lessor or lessee, license, gift, mortgage, or otherwise; and

(2) If the property is no longer required for the purposes of the Administration, sell, convey, or otherwise dispose of it.

(e) The Administration may apply for and receive grants, gifts, payments, loans, advances, and other funds, appropriations, properties, and services from the federal government, this State, any of their agencies or political subdivisions, or any other public or private person and may enter into agreements for them and for any studies, plans, demonstrations, or projects.