

commissioners of] Prince [Georges] GEORGE'S County, which guarantee shall be endorsed on each of [such] THE notes. The guarantee shall be made by resolution of the county [council] COUNCILS of Montgomery County and [the board of county commissioners of] Prince George's County and shall be evidenced by the endorsement of the guarantee on each of [such] THE notes[, such]. THE endorsement [to] SHALL be signed on behalf of each county by the [commissioners] COUNTY EXECUTIVE or by any officer designated [for such purposes] by the county executive [or the board of county commissioners]. In the event of any liability under the above guarantee, [such] THE liability for each county shall be in the proportion agreed to in the allocations approved under [subsection (a) of section] § 87-12; except, any notes issued to provide funds for administrative expenses of the commission shall be borne by each of the counties upon the basis of population, as set forth in [section] § 15.

(b) The notes [hereby] authorized BY THIS SECTION, and the interest payable thereon, [in the hands of the persons entitled thereto from time to time,] shall be and remain forever exempt from all state, county and municipal taxation [of every kind and nature whatsoever,] in the State of Maryland.

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Without in any manner limiting or restricting the general powers created by this subtitle, the district shall have power:

(h) To employ engineers, attorneys, [such] other professional experts and consultants and [such] general and clerical employees as [may be deemed] ARE necessary, and to prescribe their powers and duties and fix their compensation. The commission [shall] MAY not establish any merit, retirement or pension systems, [and] BUT the county [council] COUNCILS of Montgomery County and [the board of county commissioners or] Prince George's County [are hereby authorized] MAY, subject to appropriate agreements with the commission, [to] include employees of the district in the retirement or pension system of either county, as may be agreed upon;

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(b) [Such coordination] COORDINATION of planning shall be achieved, as follows:

(2) Cooperate with and participate in any continuous, comprehensive, transportation planning process cooperatively established by the [state roads commission of] Maryland STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION and the counties and cities embraced within the district to meet the planning standards [now or hereafter] prescribed by the federal aid highway acts; [and]

(3) To the extent not inconsistent with or in duplication of the planning process specified in paragraph (2) of this subsection [(b)], cooperate with the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, Maryland State Planning Department, the National Capital Regional Planning Council, the Washington Metropolitan Council of Governments, the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Commission and the Maryland State [Roads Commission] HIGHWAY