

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. COMRIE -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Transportation

AN ACT to amend the public authorities law and the transportation law, in relation to establishing the big apple transit authority and the commuter transportation authority for the purpose of providing such authorities with municipal control over the New York city subway system; and to repeal certain provisions of the public authorities law relating thereto (Part A); to amend the public authorities law, in relation to establishing the big apple transit authority within the New York city transit authority (Part B); to amend the public authorities law, in relation to establishing the big apple transit authority; and to repeal subdivision 5 of section 553-k of the public authorities law relating thereto (Part C); to amend the public authorities law in relation to establishing the big apple transit authority (Part D); and to amend the public authorities law, in relation to establishing the commuter transportation authority (Part E)

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. This act enacts into law major components of legislation  
2 which establish the Big Apple Transit Authority and the Commuter Transit  
3 Authority. Each component is wholly contained within a Part identified  
4 as Parts A through E. The effective date for each particular provision  
5 contained within such Part is set forth in the last section of such  
6 Part. Any provision in any section contained within a Part, including  
7 the effective date of the Part, which makes a reference to a section "of  
8 this act", when used in connection with that particular component, shall  
9 be deemed to mean and refer to the corresponding section of the Part in  
10 which it is found. Section three of this act sets forth the general  
11 effective date of this act.

### 12 PART A

13 Section 1. Section 1261 of the public authorities law, as amended by  
14 section 1 of part H of chapter 25 of the laws of 2009, subdivision 18-a

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets  
[-] is old law to be omitted.

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1 as amended by section 1 of part PP of chapter 58 of the laws of 2017, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3 § 1261. Definitions. As used or referred to in this title, unless a  
4 different meaning clearly appears from the context:

5 1. "Authority" shall mean the corporation created by section twelve  
6 hundred sixty-three of this title.

7 ~~2. ["Authority facilities" shall mean the authority's railroad, omni-~~  
8 ~~bus, marine and aviation facilities and operations pursuant to joint~~  
9 ~~service arrangements.~~

10 ~~3.]~~ "Budget" shall mean the preliminary, final proposed and adopted  
11 final plans of the authority, and each of its agencies.

12 ~~[4.]~~ 3. "Comptroller" shall mean the comptroller of the state of New  
13 York.

14 ~~[5.]~~ 4. "Equipment" shall mean rolling stock, omnibuses, vehicles,  
15 air, marine or surface craft, motors, boilers, engines, wires, ways,  
16 conduits and mechanisms, machinery, tools, implements, materials,  
17 supplies, instruments and devices of every nature whatsoever used or  
18 useful for transportation purposes or for the generation or transmission  
19 of motive power including but not limited to all power houses, and all  
20 apparatus and all devices for signalling, communications and ventilation  
21 as may be necessary, convenient or desirable for the operation of a  
22 transportation facility.

23 ~~[6.]~~ 5. "Federal government" shall mean the United States of America,  
24 and any officer, department, board, commission, bureau, division, corpo-  
25 ration, agency or instrumentality thereof.

26 ~~[7. "Gap" shall mean the difference between projected revenues and~~  
27 ~~expenses for any given fiscal year based on the existing fare structure.~~

28 ~~8. "Gap-closing initiative" shall mean any action to reduce a project-~~  
29 ~~ed gap.~~

30 ~~9.]~~ 6. "Governor" shall mean the governor of the state of New York.

31 ~~[10.]~~ 7. "Joint service arrangements" shall mean agreements between or  
32 among the authority and any common carrier or freight forwarder, the  
33 state, any state agency, the federal government, any other state or  
34 agency or instrumentality thereof, any public authority of this or any  
35 other state, or any political subdivision or municipality of the state,  
36 relating to property, buildings, structures, facilities, services,  
37 rates, fares, classifications, divisions, allowances or charges (includ-  
38 ing charges between operators of railroad, omnibus, marine and aviation  
39 facilities), or rules or regulations pertaining thereto, for or in  
40 connection with or incidental to transportation in part in or upon rail-  
41 road, omnibus, marine or aviation facilities located within the district  
42 and in part in or upon railroad, omnibus, marine or aviation facilities  
43 located outside the district.

44 ~~[11.]~~ 8. "Marine and aviation facilities" shall mean equipment and  
45 craft for the transportation of passengers, mail and cargo between  
46 points within the district or pursuant to joint service arrangements, by  
47 marine craft and aircraft of all types including but not limited to  
48 hydrofoils, ferries, lighters, tugs, barges, helicopters, amphibians,  
49 seaplanes or other contrivances now or hereafter used in navigation or  
50 movement on waterways or in the navigation of or flight in airspace. It  
51 shall also mean any marine port or airport facility within the transpor-  
52 tation district but outside the port of New York district as defined in  
53 chapter one hundred fifty-four of the laws of nineteen hundred twenty-  
54 one, including but not limited to terminals, docks, piers, bulkheads,  
55 ramps or any facility or real property necessary, convenient or desira-  
56 ble for the accommodation of passengers and cargo or the docking, sail-

ing, landing, taking off, accommodation or servicing of such marine craft or aircraft.

~~[12-]~~ 9. "Omnibus facilities" shall mean motor vehicles, of the type operated by carriers subject to the jurisdiction of the public service commission, engaged in the transportation of passengers and their baggage, express and mail between points within the district or pursuant to joint service arrangements, and equipment, property, buildings, structures, improvements, loading or unloading areas, parking areas or other facilities, necessary, convenient or desirable for the accommodation of such motor vehicles or their passengers, including but not limited to buildings, structures and areas notwithstanding that portions may not be devoted to any omnibus purpose other than the production of revenues available for the costs and expenses of all or any facilities of the authority.

~~[13-]~~ 10. "Railroad facilities" shall mean right of way and related trackage, rails, cars, locomotives, other rolling stock, signal, power, fuel, communication and ventilation systems, power plants, stations, terminals, storage yards, repair and maintenance shops, yards, equipment and parts, offices and other real estate or personalty used or held for or incidental to the operation, rehabilitation or improvement of any railroad operating or to operate between points within the district or pursuant to joint service arrangements, including but not limited to buildings, structures, and areas notwithstanding that portions thereof may not be devoted to any railroad purpose other than the production of revenues available for the costs and expenses of all or any facilities of the authority.

~~[14-]~~ 11. "Real property" shall mean lands, structures, franchises and interests in land, waters, lands under water, riparian rights and air rights and any and all things and rights included within said term and includes not only fees simple absolute but also any and all lesser interests including but not limited to easements, rights of way, uses, leases, licenses and all other incorporeal hereditaments and every estate, interest or right, legal or equitable, including terms for years and liens thereon by way of judgments, mortgages or otherwise.

~~[15-]~~ 12. "State" shall mean the state of New York.

~~[16-]~~ 13. "State agency" shall mean any officer, department, board, commissioner, bureau, division, public benefit corporation, agency or instrumentality of the state.

~~[17-]~~ 14. "Transportation facility" shall mean any transit, railroad, omnibus, marine or aviation facility and any person, firm, partnership, association or, corporation which owns, leases or operates any such facility or any other facility used for service in the transportation of passengers, United States mail or personal property as a common carrier for hire and any portion thereof and the rights, leaseholds or other interest therein together with routes, tracks, extensions, connections, parking lots, garages, warehouses, yards, storage yards, maintenance and repair shops, terminals, stations and other related facilities thereof, the devices, appurtenances, and equipment thereof and power plants and other instrumentalities used or useful therefor or in connection therewith.

~~[18-]~~ 15. "Transportation district" and "district" shall mean the metropolitan commuter transportation district created by section twelve hundred sixty-two of this title.

~~[18-a-]~~ 16. "Transportation purpose" shall mean a purpose that directly supports the missions or purposes of the authority, any of its subsidiaries, New York city transit authority or its subsidiary, includ-

ing the realization of revenues derived from property that is, or is to be used as, a transportation facility.

~~[19.]~~ 17. "New York city transit authority" shall mean the corporation created by section twelve hundred one of this chapter.

~~[20.]~~ 18. "Triborough bridge and tunnel authority" shall mean the corporation created by section five hundred fifty-two of this chapter.

~~[21.]~~ 19. "Inspector general" shall mean the metropolitan transportation authority inspector general.

~~[22. "Revenues." All]~~ 20. "Revenues" shall mean all monies received by the authority or its subsidiaries, or New York city transit authority or its subsidiaries, or Triborough bridge and tunnel authority, as the case may be, from whatever source, derived directly or indirectly from or in connection with the operations of the respective entity.

~~[23. "Transit facility." Transit facility as defined in subdivision fifteen of section twelve hundred of this article.~~

~~24. "Utilization" shall mean public usage of the subway, bus, railroad and paratransit services, and bridge and tunnel crossings, of the authority and its affiliates and subsidiaries as reflected in empirical data.]~~

21. "Big apple transit authority" shall mean the corporation created by section thirteen hundred forty-nine-c of this article.

22. "Big apple transit authority and its affiliates" shall mean the big apple transit authority, the New York city transit authority, the Triborough bridge and tunnel authority, and all their respective subsidiaries.

23. "Commuter transportation authority" shall mean the corporation created by section thirteen hundred forty-nine-cccc of this chapter.

§ 2. Section 1262 of the public authorities law, as amended by chapter 669 of the laws of 1986, is amended to read as follows:

§ 1262. Metropolitan commuter transportation district. There is hereby created and established a commuter transportation district to be known as the metropolitan commuter transportation district which shall embrace the city of New York and the counties of Dutchess, Nassau, Orange, Putnam, Rockland, Suffolk and Westchester, provided, however, that the district shall not include a county that has withdrawn from the district pursuant to section ~~[twelve]~~ thirteen hundred ~~[seventy-nine-b]~~ forty-nine-wwwww of this article.

§ 3. Paragraph (a-1) of subdivision 1 and subdivision 9 of section 1263 of the public authorities law are REPEALED.

§ 4. Paragraph (b) of subdivision 4 of section 1263 of the public authorities law is REPEALED, and paragraphs (c) and (d) of subdivision 4, paragraph (c) as added by chapter 247 of the laws of 1990, and paragraph (d) as added by section 5 of part H of chapter 25 of the laws of 2009, are amended to read as follows:

~~[(e)]~~ (b) The chairman shall ensure that at every meeting of the board and at every meeting of each committee the public shall be allotted a period of time, not less than thirty minutes, to speak on any topic on the agenda.

~~[(d)]~~ (c) Notwithstanding paragraph ~~[(e)]~~ (b) of subdivision one of section twenty-eight hundred twenty-four of this chapter or any other provision of law to the contrary, the chairman shall not participate in establishing authority policies regarding the payment of salary, compensation and reimbursement to, nor establish rules for the time and attendance of, the chief executive officer. The salary of the chairman, as determined pursuant to subdivision two of this section, shall also be compensation for all services performed as chief executive officer.

§ 5. Subdivision 1 of section 1264 of the public authorities law, as amended by section 2 of subpart B of part ZZZ of chapter 59 of the laws of 2019, is amended to read as follows:

1. The purposes of the authority shall be the ~~[continuance, further development and improvement of commuter transportation and other services related thereto within the metropolitan commuter transportation district, including but not limited to such transportation by railroad, omnibus, marine and air, in accordance with the provisions of this title. It shall be the further purpose of the authority, consistent with its status as the ex officio board of both the New York city transit authority and the triborough bridge and tunnel authority, to develop and implement a unified mass transportation policy for such district in an efficient and cost-effective manner that includes the use of design-build contracting on all projects over twenty-five million dollars in cost except where a waiver is granted by the New York state budget director pursuant to a request in writing from the metropolitan transportation authority. For purposes of granting a waiver pursuant to this section, such review shall consider whether the design build contracting method is appropriate for the project that such waiver is sought for, and the amount of savings and efficiencies that could be achieved using such method. The determination for such waiver shall be made in writing within forty-five days from request or shall be deemed granted]~~ payment of debt interest and principal, and the fulfillment of all terms, covenants, and other obligations entered into with the holders of said debt.

§ 6. Section 1264-a of the public authorities law is REPEALED.

§ 7. Subdivisions 3, 10 and 11 of section 1265 of the public authorities law are REPEALED.

§ 8. Subdivision 6 of section 1265 of the public authorities law, as amended by chapter 988 of the laws of 1984, is amended to read as follows:

6. ~~[(a)]~~ To enter into contracts and leases and to execute all instruments necessary or convenient;

~~[(b) With respect to any lease transaction entered into pursuant to section 168 (f) (8) of the United States internal revenue code or any successor provisions, the authority shall meet the following standards and procedures:~~

~~(i) notice of intention to negotiate shall be published in at least one newspaper of general circulation, and a copy thereof shall be mailed to all parties who have requested notification from the authority to engage in transactions of this type. Such notice shall describe the nature of the proposed transaction and the factors subject to negotiation, which shall include, but not be limited to, the price to be paid to the authority;~~

~~(ii) the authority shall negotiate with those respondents whose response complies with the requirements set forth in the notice;~~

~~(iii) the board of the authority shall resolve on the basis of particularized findings relevant to the factors negotiated that such transaction will provide maximum available financial benefits, consistent with other defined objectives and requirements.~~

~~(c) The authority shall provide to the governor, the temporary president of the senate, the speaker of the assembly, the minority leader of the senate and the minority leader of the assembly, notice of each lease entered into pursuant to paragraph (b) of this subdivision and supporting documentation of compliance by the authority with subparagraphs (i), (ii) and (iii) of paragraph (b) of this subdivision;~~

~~(d) Paragraphs (b) and (c) of this subdivision shall be of no force and effect with respect to any lease transaction entered into pursuant to a commitment approved prior to January first, nineteen hundred eighty-five by the board of the authority.]~~

§ 9. Section 1265-a of the public authorities law is REPEALED.

§ 10. Section 1265-b of the public authorities law is REPEALED.

§ 11. Section 1266 of the public authorities law, as added by chapter 324 of the laws of 1965, subdivisions 1, 2, 6 and 8 as amended and subdivisions 3-a and 6-a as added by section 23 of part O and subdivision 17 as added by section 8 of part N of chapter 61 of the laws of 2000, subdivision 3 as amended and subdivisions 10, 11 and 12 as added by chapter 314 of the laws of 1981, subdivision 4 as amended by chapter 460 of the laws of 2015, subdivision 5 as amended by section 8 of part H of chapter 25 of the laws of 2009, the opening paragraph of subdivision 5 as amended by chapter 506 of the laws of 2009, subdivision 9 as added by chapter 717 of the laws of 1967, the opening paragraph of subdivision 9 as separately amended by chapters 657 and 789 of the laws of 1973, paragraphs (a), (b), (c) and (d) of subdivision 9 as relettered by chapter 789 of the laws of 1973, paragraph (b) as amended by chapter 420 of the laws of 1968, subdivision 13 as added by chapter 530 of the laws of 1986, subdivision 14 as amended by chapter 182 of the laws of 2013, subdivision 15 as added by chapter 523 of the laws of 1999, subdivision 16 as amended by chapter 25 of the laws of 2000 and subdivision 18 as amended by chapter 607 of the laws of 2003, is amended to read as follows:

§ 1266. Special powers of the authority. In order to effectuate the purposes of this title:

1. ~~[The authority may acquire, by purchase, gift, grant, transfer, contract or lease, any transportation facility other than a transit facility or, subject to subdivision two of this section or any transportation facility constituting a transit facility, wholly or partially within the metropolitan commuter transportation district, or any part thereof, or the use thereof, and may enter into any joint service arrangements as hereinafter provided. Any such acquisition or joint service arrangement shall be authorized only by resolution of the authority approved by not less than a majority vote of the whole number of members of the authority then in office, except that in the event of a tie vote the chairman shall cast one additional vote.]~~

2. ~~The authority may on such terms and conditions as the authority may determine necessary, convenient or desirable itself plan, design, acquire, establish, construct, effectuate, operate, maintain, renovate, improve, extend, rehabilitate or repair (a) any transportation facility other than a transit project, or (b) upon the request of the New York city transit authority, and upon such terms and conditions as shall be agreed to by the authority or any transportation facility constituting a transit facility (a "transportation assistance project"), or may provide for such planning, design, acquisition, establishment, construction, effectuation, operation, maintenance, renovation, improvement, extension, rehabilitation or repair by contract, lease or other arrangement on such terms as the authority may deem necessary, convenient or desirable with any person, including but not limited to any common carrier or freight forwarder, the state, any state agency, the federal government, any other state or agency or instrumentality thereof, any public authority of this or any other state, the port of New York authority or any political subdivision or municipality of the state. In connection with the operation of any transportation facility, the authority may plan,~~



~~design, acquire, establish, construct, effectuate, operate, maintain, renovate, improve, extend or repair or may provide by contract, lease or other arrangement for the planning, design, acquisition, establishment, construction, effectuation, operation, maintenance, renovation, improvement, extension or repair of any related services and activities it deems necessary, convenient or desirable, including but not limited to the transportation and storage of freight and the United States mail, feeder and connecting transportation, parking areas, transportation centers, stations and related facilities. Upon the completion of any such transportation assistance project or any part thereof or the termination of any contract, lease or other arrangement relating to such transportation assistance project, the authority shall cause the same to be transferred, leased or subleased to the New York city transit authority or its designated subsidiary, as appropriate, with or without consideration.~~

~~3-]~~ (a) The authority ~~[may]~~ shall ensure that its revenues and any other funds or property actually available to the authority are sufficient to maintain the operations of the authority on a self-sustaining basis. The operations of the authority shall be deemed to be on a self-sustaining basis as required by this title when the authority is able to pay or cause to be paid from revenue and any other funds or property actually available to the authority: (i) as the same shall become due, the principal of and interest on the bonds and notes and other obligations of the authority; (ii) the cost and expense of keeping the properties and assets of the authority in good condition and repair; (iii) the operating expenses of the authority; and (iv) any additional investment or savings necessary to maintain proper reserves.

(b) The term "proper reserves" as used in this title means the funds necessary, taking into consideration projections of future revenues and expenses, to ensure that total funds available for the following month will exceed two hundred fifty percent of the amount necessary to pay or cause to be paid:

(i) as the same shall become due, the principal of and interest on the bonds and notes and other obligations of the authority;

(ii) the cost and expense of keeping the properties and assets of the authority in good condition and repair; and

(iii) the operating expenses of the authority, for that following month.

(c) Notwithstanding any contrary provision of law in title eleven-E or title eleven-F of this article, if monthly revenues fall below one hundred twenty-five percent of the amount necessary to maintain the operations of the authority on a self-sustaining basis, the authority shall, in accordance with sections thirteen hundred forty-nine-h and thirteen hundred forty-nine-iii of this article, establish, levy and collect or cause to be established, levied and collected and, in the case of a joint service arrangement, join with others in the establishment, levy and collection of such fares, tolls, rentals, rates, charges and other fees as it may deem necessary, convenient or desirable for the use and operation of any transportation facility and related services operated by the authority or by a subsidiary corporation of the authority or under contract, lease or other arrangement, including joint service arrangements, with the authority, until such time that monthly revenues and any other funds or property actually available to the authority, including its reserves, exceed two hundred percent of the amount necessary to maintain the monthly operations of the authority on a self-sustaining basis for three consecutive months.

(d) Any such fares, tolls, rentals, rates, charges or other fees for the transportation of passengers shall be established and changed only if approved by resolution of the authority adopted by not less than a majority vote of the whole number of members of the authority then in office, with the chairman having one additional vote in the event of a tie vote, and only after a public hearing, provided however, that fares, tolls, rentals, rates, charges or other fees for the transportation of passengers on any transportation facility which are in effect at the time that the then owner of such transportation facility becomes a subsidiary corporation of the authority or at the time that operation of such transportation facility is commenced by the authority or is commenced under contract, lease or other arrangement, including joint service arrangements, with the authority may be continued in effect without such a hearing. ~~[Such fares, tolls, rentals, rates, charges and other fees shall be established as may in the judgment of the authority be necessary to maintain the combined operations of the authority and its subsidiary corporations on a self-sustaining basis. The said operations shall be deemed to be on a self-sustaining basis as required by this title, when the authority is able to pay or cause to be paid from revenue and any other funds or property actually available to the authority and its subsidiary corporations (a) as the same shall become due, the principal of and interest on the bonds and notes and other obligations of the authority and of such subsidiary corporations, together with the maintenance of proper reserves therefor, (b) the cost and expense of keeping the properties and assets of the authority and its subsidiary corporations in good condition and repair, and (c) the capital and operating expenses of the authority and its subsidiary corporations.]~~

(e) The authority may contract with the holders of bonds and notes with respect to the exercise of the powers authorized by this section.

(f) No acts or activities taken or proposed to be taken by the authority or any subsidiary of the authority pursuant to the provisions of this subdivision shall be deemed to be "actions" for the purposes or within the meaning of article eight of the environmental conservation law.

~~[3-a. In furtherance of the authority's mandate to develop and implement a unified mass transportation policy for the metropolitan commuter transportation district and the exercise of its powers, including the power to issue notes, bonds and other obligations secured in whole or in part by the revenues of the authority and its subsidiaries, and New York city transit authority and its subsidiaries, the authority shall join with the New York city transit authority and its subsidiaries in connection with any change in the establishment, levy and collection of fares, tolls, rentals, rates, charges and other fees for the transportation of passengers on any transportation facilities operated by New York city transit authority and its subsidiaries. Such fares, tolls, rentals, charges and other fees on transit facilities shall be established in accordance with the requirements of sections twelve hundred five and twelve hundred seven-i of this article.]~~

~~4. The authority may establish and, in the case of joint service arrangements, join with others in the establishment of such schedules and standards of operations and such other rules and regulations including but not limited to rules and regulations governing the conduct and safety of the public as it may deem necessary, convenient or desirable for the use and operation of any transportation facility and related services operated by the authority or under contract, lease or other~~



1 ~~arrangement, including joint service arrangements, with the authority.~~  
2 ~~Such rules and regulations governing the conduct and safety of the~~  
3 ~~public shall be filed with the department of state in the manner~~  
4 ~~provided by section one hundred two of the executive law. In the case of~~  
5 ~~any conflict between any such rule or regulation of the authority~~  
6 ~~governing the conduct or the safety of the public and any local law,~~  
7 ~~ordinance, rule or regulation, such rule or regulation of the authority~~  
8 ~~shall prevail. Violation of any such rule or regulation of the authority~~  
9 ~~governing the conduct or the safety of the public in or upon any facili-~~  
10 ~~ty of the authority shall constitute an offense and shall be punishable~~  
11 ~~by a fine not exceeding fifty dollars or imprisonment for not more than~~  
12 ~~thirty days or both or may be punishable by the imposition of a civil~~  
13 ~~penalty by the transit adjudication bureau established pursuant to the~~  
14 ~~provisions of title nine of this article.~~

15 ~~5. The authority may acquire, hold, own, lease, establish, construct,~~  
16 ~~effectuate, operate, maintain, renovate, improve, extend or repair any~~  
17 ~~transportation facilities through, and cause any one or more of its~~  
18 ~~powers, duties, functions or activities to be exercised or performed by,~~  
19 ~~one or more wholly owned subsidiary corporations of the authority, or by~~  
20 ~~New York city transit authority or any of its subsidiary corporations in~~  
21 ~~the case of transit facilities and may transfer to or from any such~~  
22 ~~corporations any moneys, real property or other property for any of the~~  
23 ~~purposes of this title upon such terms and conditions as shall be agreed~~  
24 ~~to and subject to such payment or repayment obligations as are required~~  
25 ~~by law or by any agreement to which any of the affected entities is~~  
26 ~~subject. The directors or members of each such subsidiary corporation of~~  
27 ~~the authority corporation shall be the same persons holding the offices~~  
28 ~~of members of the authority. The chairman of the board of each such~~  
29 ~~subsidiary shall be the chairman of the authority, serving ex officio~~  
30 ~~and, provided that there is an executive director of the metropolitan~~  
31 ~~transportation authority, the executive director of such subsidiary~~  
32 ~~shall be the executive director of the metropolitan transportation~~  
33 ~~authority, serving ex officio. Notwithstanding any provision of law to~~  
34 ~~the contrary, the chairman shall be the chief executive officer of each~~  
35 ~~such subsidiary and shall be responsible for the discharge of the execu-~~  
36 ~~tive and administrative functions and powers of each such subsidiary.~~  
37 ~~The chairman and executive director, if any, shall be empowered to dele-~~  
38 ~~gate his or her functions and powers to one or more officers or employ-~~  
39 ~~ees of each such subsidiary designated by him or her. Each such subsid-~~  
40 ~~iary corporation of the authority and any of its property, functions and~~  
41 ~~activities shall have all of the privileges, immunities, tax exemptions~~  
42 ~~and other exemptions of the authority and of the authority's property,~~  
43 ~~functions and activities. Each such subsidiary corporation shall be~~  
44 ~~subject to the restrictions and limitations to which the authority may~~  
45 ~~be subject. Each such subsidiary corporation of the authority shall be~~  
46 ~~subject to suit in accordance with section twelve hundred seventy-six of~~  
47 ~~this title. The employees of any such subsidiary corporation, except~~  
48 ~~those who are also employees of the authority, shall not be deemed~~  
49 ~~employees of the authority.~~

50 ~~If the authority shall determine that one or more of its subsidiary~~  
51 ~~corporations should be in the form of a public benefit corporation, it~~  
52 ~~shall create each such public benefit corporation by executing and~~  
53 ~~filing with the secretary of state a certificate of incorporation, which~~  
54 ~~may be amended from time to time by filing, which shall set forth the~~  
55 ~~name of such public benefit subsidiary corporation, its duration, the~~  
56 ~~location of its principal office, and any or all of the purposes of~~

~~acquiring, owning, leasing, establishing, constructing, effectuating, operating, maintaining, renovating, improving, extending or repairing one or more facilities of the authority. Each such public benefit subsidiary corporation shall be a body politic and corporate and shall have all those powers vested in the authority by the provisions of this title which the authority shall determine to include in its certificate of incorporation except the power to contract indebtedness.~~

~~Whenever any state, political subdivision, municipality, commission, agency, officer, department, board, division or person is authorized and empowered for any of the purposes of this title to co-operate and enter into agreements with the authority such state, political subdivision, municipality, commission, agency, officer, department, board, division or person shall have the same authorization and power for any of such purposes to co-operate and enter into agreements with a subsidiary corporation of the authority.~~

~~6. Each of the~~ 2. On a monthly basis, or more frequently if required by law or agreement, the authority shall:

(a) pay:

(i) as the same shall become due, the principal of and interest on the bonds and notes and other obligations of the authority, together with the maintenance of proper reserves therefor;

(ii) the cost and expense of keeping the properties and assets of the authority in good condition and repair; and

(iii) the operating expenses of the authority;

(b) make all other payments and transfers as required by law, including those required by sections twelve hundred seventy-a, twelve hundred seventy-b, twelve hundred seventy-c, twelve hundred seventy-d, twelve hundred seventy-h, and twelve hundred seventy-i of this title; and

(c) transfer all remaining funds, except those required to be held in reserve by law, to the big apple transit authority and the commuter transportation authority as follows: eighty percent of the funds shall be transferred to the big apple transit authority and twenty percent of the funds shall be transferred to the commuter transportation authority.

3. The authority ~~[and its subsidiaries, and the New York city transit authority and its subsidiaries, in its own name or in the name of the state,]~~ may apply for and receive and accept grants of property, money and services and other assistance offered or made available to it by any person, government or agency, which it may use to meet capital or operating expenses and for any other use within the scope of its powers, and to negotiate for the same upon such terms and conditions as the respective authority may determine to be necessary, convenient or desirable.

~~[6-a.]~~ 4. Subject to the rights of the holders of any outstanding bonds, notes or other obligations of the authority, [New York city transit authority and Triborough bridge and tunnel authority] the big apple transit authority and its affiliates, and the commuter transportation authority, and to facilitate the efficient financial management of the authority, [its subsidiary corporations, New York city transit authority and its subsidiary corporations, and Triborough bridge and tunnel authority] the big apple transit authority and its affiliates, and the commuter transportation authority, (the "affiliated entities"), the authority may ~~[, and may permit and direct any affiliated entity to,]~~ transfer revenues, subsidies and other monies or securities to one or more funds or accounts of another affiliated entity for use by such other affiliated entity, provided at the time of such transfer it is reasonably anticipated that the monies and securities so transferred will be reimbursed, repaid or otherwise provided for by the end of the

1 next succeeding calendar year if reimbursement or repayment is required  
2 by law or by any agreement to which any of the affected affiliated enti-  
3 ties is subject. Any revenues of an affiliated entity that are trans-  
4 ferred to another affiliated entity, which transfer was not authorized  
5 by a provision of law other than this subdivision, shall be considered  
6 to be required to be repaid to the affiliated entity which was the  
7 source of such revenues by the end of the next succeeding calendar year  
8 following such transfer.

9 ~~7. The authority may lease railroad cars for use in its passenger~~  
10 ~~service pursuant to the provisions of chapter six hundred thirty eight~~  
11 ~~of the laws of nineteen hundred fifty nine.~~

12 ~~8. The authority may do all things it deems necessary, convenient or~~  
13 ~~desirable to manage, control and direct the maintenance and operation of~~  
14 ~~transportation facilities, equipment or real property operated by or~~  
15 ~~under contract, lease or other arrangement with the authority and its~~  
16 ~~subsidiaries, and New York city transit authority and its subsidiaries.~~  
17 ~~Except as hereinafter specially provided, no municipality or political~~  
18 ~~subdivision, including but not limited to a county, city, village, town~~  
19 ~~or school or other district shall have jurisdiction over any facilities~~  
20 ~~of the authority and its subsidiaries, and New York city transit author-~~  
21 ~~ity and its subsidiaries, or any of their activities or operations. The~~  
22 ~~local laws, resolutions, ordinances, rules and regulations of a munici-~~  
23 ~~pality or political subdivision, heretofore or hereafter adopted,~~  
24 ~~conflicting with this title or any rule or regulation of the authority~~  
25 ~~or its subsidiaries, or New York city transit authority or its subsid-~~  
26 ~~aries, shall not be applicable to the activities or operations of the~~  
27 ~~authority and its subsidiaries, and New York city transit authority, or~~  
28 ~~the facilities of the authority and its subsidiaries, and New York city~~  
29 ~~transit authority and its subsidiaries, except such facilities that are~~  
30 ~~devoted to purposes other than transportation or transit purposes. Each~~  
31 ~~municipality or political subdivision, including but not limited to a~~  
32 ~~county, city, village, town or district in which any facilities of the~~  
33 ~~authority or its subsidiaries, or New York city transit authority or its~~  
34 ~~subsidiaries are located shall provide for such facilities police, fire~~  
35 ~~and health protection services of the same character and to the same~~  
36 ~~extent as those provided for residents of such municipality or political~~  
37 ~~subdivision.~~

38 ~~The jurisdiction, supervision, powers and duties of the department of~~  
39 ~~transportation of the state under the transportation law shall not~~  
40 ~~extend to the authority in the exercise of any of its powers under this~~  
41 ~~title. The authority may agree with such department for the execution by~~  
42 ~~such department of any grade crossing elimination project or any grade~~  
43 ~~crossing separation reconstruction project along any railroad facility~~  
44 ~~operated by the authority or by one of its subsidiary corporations or~~  
45 ~~under contract, lease or other arrangement with the authority. Any such~~  
46 ~~project shall be executed as provided in article ten of the transporta-~~  
47 ~~tion law and the railroad law, respectively, and the costs of any such~~  
48 ~~project shall be borne as provided in such laws, except that the author-~~  
49 ~~ity's share of such costs shall be borne by the state.~~

50 ~~9. Upon approval by the commissioner of transportation of the state of~~  
51 ~~New York of detailed plans and specifications, which approval may be~~  
52 ~~based upon considerations of relative need and the timing of~~  
53 ~~construction, the authority is authorized to design, construct, main-~~  
54 ~~tain, operate, improve and reconstruct a highway bridge crossing Long~~  
55 ~~Island sound, as follows:~~

~~(a) Upon (i) the enactment by the state of Connecticut of legislation having like effect as the provisions of this paragraph and the granting of the consent of the congress of the United States of America to the interstate compact thereby created, and (ii) in conformity with recommendations of the New York Connecticut bi-state bridge study commission, the authority is authorized, in cooperation with any duly designated agency or agencies of the state of Connecticut, to design, construct, maintain, operate, improve and reconstruct a highway bridge crossing Long Island sound from a point in the vicinity of the city of Bridgeport in the state of Connecticut to a point in the vicinity of the village of Port Jefferson in the state of New York, together with approaches to such bridge, and to contract from time to time with such agency or agencies of the state of Connecticut with respect to all matters affecting these authorizations, including, without limitation, the sharing of all capital, operational and maintenance expense (except that the capital expense of the original construction of such bridge, other than the expense of acquiring the needed real property, shall be in the ratio of fifty per centum for the authority and fifty per centum for such agency or agencies of the state of Connecticut), the manner and by whom the work of design, construction, reconstruction, improvement, maintenance and operation is to be performed or contracted to others for performance, the tolls, fees and other charges to be imposed from time to time for the use of such bridge, and the sharing of revenues derived from the imposition of such tolls, fees and charges (except that net revenues remaining after deduction of operational and maintenance expense of such bridge shall be in the ratio of fifty per centum for the authority and fifty per centum for the state of Connecticut or for such agency or agencies of the state of Connecticut. Subject to the limitations imposed upon the authority by the provisions of the said contracts, that portion of the said bridge and its approaches situate and lying within the territorial boundaries of the state of New York shall be deemed a "transportation facility" of the authority for all the purposes of this title, but tolls, fees and other charges imposed for the use of such bridge shall not be deemed to have been imposed "for the transportation of passengers" within the intendment of subdivision three of this section.~~

~~(b) If funds are made available by the authority for the payment of the cost and expense of the acquisition thereof, the commissioner of transportation of the state of New York, when requested by the authority, may acquire in the name of the state such real property lying within the territorial boundaries of the state as may be determined from time to time by the authority to be necessary, convenient or desirable to carry out the authorizations set forth in paragraphs (a) and (b) of this subdivision, may remove the owner or occupant thereof where necessary and obtain possession and, when requested by the authority, may dispose of any real property so acquired, all according to the procedure provided in section thirty of the highway law. The authority shall have the right to possess and use for its corporate purposes all such real property so acquired, all according to the procedure provided in section thirty of the highway law. The authority shall have the right to possess and use for its corporate purposes all such real property so acquired. Claims for the value of the property appropriated and for legal damages caused by any such appropriation shall be adjusted and determined by the commissioner of transportation with the approval of the authority or by the court of claims as provided in section thirty of the highway law. When a claim has been filed with the court of claims, the claimant shall~~

~~1 cause a copy of such claim to be served upon the authority and the~~  
~~2 authority shall have the right to be represented and heard before such~~  
~~3 court. All awards and judgments arising from such claims shall be paid~~  
~~4 out of moneys of the authority.~~

~~5 (c) The authority, acting independently or jointly or in cooperation~~  
~~6 with such agency or agencies of the state of Connecticut, may also apply~~  
~~7 for and accept, upon condition or otherwise, from the duly authorized~~  
~~8 agencies of the federal government, and of the governments of the states~~  
~~9 of Connecticut and New York, such underwater and overwater grants of~~  
~~10 real property, licenses or permits as shall be necessary, convenient or~~  
~~11 desirable to carry out the authorizations set forth in paragraphs (a)~~  
~~12 and (b) of this subdivision.~~

~~13 (d) The provisions of chapter four hundred forty-two of the laws of~~  
~~14 nineteen hundred sixty-five (and of any agreement entered into in~~  
~~15 pursuance thereof) relating to the repayment of a loan made by the state~~  
~~16 to the authority for the purchase of the Long Island railroad shall be~~  
~~17 inapplicable to (i) the construction of such bridges and their~~  
~~18 approaches, (ii) bonds, notes or other obligations of the authority~~  
~~19 issued for or in connection with the financing of the cost of design,~~  
~~20 construction and reconstruction of such bridges and their approaches, or~~  
~~21 the proceeds realized upon such issuance, and (iii) revenues derived~~  
~~22 from the investment of such proceeds or of any part thereof, and from~~  
~~23 the imposition of tolls, fees or other charges for the use of such~~  
~~24 bridges.~~

~~25 10.]~~ 5. Notwithstanding the provisions of any other law, general,  
special or local, or of any agreement entered into in pursuance thereof,  
relating to the repayment of any loan or advance made by the state to  
the authority or to the New York city transit authority, neither the  
authority nor the New York city transit authority shall be required to  
repay any such loan or advance heretofore made from or by reason of the  
issuance of bonds or notes of either of them or from the proceeds real-  
ized upon such issuance or from any other funds received by either of  
them from any source whatever in aid or assistance of the project or  
projects for the financing of which such bonds or notes are issued.

~~35 [11. No project to be constructed upon real property theretofore used~~  
~~36 for a transportation purpose, or on an insubstantial addition to such~~  
~~37 property contiguous thereto, which will not change in a material respect~~  
~~38 the general character of such prior transportation use, nor any acts or~~  
~~39 activities in connection with such project, shall be subject to the~~  
~~40 provisions of article eight, nineteen, twenty-four or twenty-five of the~~  
~~41 environmental conservation law, or to any local law or ordinance adopted~~  
~~42 pursuant to any such article. Nor shall any acts or activities taken or~~  
~~43 proposed to be taken by the authority or by any other person or entity,~~  
~~44 public or private, in connection with the planning, design, acquisition,~~  
~~45 improvement, construction, reconstruction or rehabilitation of a trans-~~  
~~46 portation facility, other than a marine or aviation facility, be subject~~  
~~47 to the provisions of article eight of the environmental conservation~~  
~~48 law, or to any local law or ordinance adopted pursuant to any such arti-~~  
~~49 cle if such acts or activities require the preparation of a statement~~  
~~50 under or pursuant to any federal law or regulation as to the environ-~~  
~~51 mental impact thereof.~~

~~52 12. The authority may, upon suitable notice to and an offer to consult~~  
~~53 with an officer designated by the city of New York, occupy the streets~~  
~~54 of the city of New York for the purpose of doing any work over or under~~  
~~55 the same in connection with the improvement, construction, recon-~~

~~struction or rehabilitation of a transportation facility without the consent of or payment to such city.~~

~~13. The authority and each of its subsidiary corporations shall place on each transformer and substation which contains polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) a symbol so indicating the presence of PCBs. Use of a PCB mark illustrated in the rules and regulations promulgated pursuant to the federal Toxic Substances Control Act shall constitute compliance with the provisions of this subdivision.~~

~~14. Notwithstanding any other provisions of law or the terms of any contract, the authority, in consultation with the Long Island Rail Road, shall establish and implement a no fare program for transportation on the Long Island Rail Road for police officers employed by the city of New York, county of Nassau, Nassau county villages and cities, county of Suffolk, Suffolk county villages and towns, the division of state police, the port authority of New York and New Jersey, the Metro North Commuter Railroad Company, the New York city housing authority and the New York city transit authority. In establishing such program, which has as its goal increased protection and improved safety for its commuters, the authority and the Long Island Rail Road shall, among other things, consider: (a) requiring police officers who ride without cost to register with the Long Island Rail Road as a condition of riding without cost; (b) requiring such officers to indicate during such registration process their regular working hours and the Long Island Rail Road trains that such officers expect to ride; and (c) periodically re-registering and re-validating such officers. The authority and the Long Island Rail Road shall also have the power to consider other matters necessary to carry out the goals and objectives of this section.~~

~~15. (a) Notwithstanding any other provisions of law or the terms of any contract, the authority, in consultation with the New York city transit authority, the Long Island Rail Road and the Metro North Commuter Railroad Company, shall establish and implement a no fare program for transportation on New York city transit authority systems, the Long Island Rail Road and the Metro North Commuter Railroad Company for individuals serving as personal care attendants accompanying an Americans With Disabilities Act paratransit eligible individual.~~

~~(b) In order to be eligible for such no fare program the personal care attendant must show his or her community based personal care attendant agency issued identification card.~~

~~(c) In order to be considered accompanying an Americans With Disabilities Act paratransit eligible individual the personal care attendant shall have the same origin and destination as such paratransit eligible individual.~~

~~16. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the authority and any of its subsidiary corporations shall establish and implement a half fare rate program for persons with serious mental illness who are eligible to receive supplemental security income benefits as defined pursuant to title sixteen of the federal social security act and section two hundred nine of the social services law.~~

~~17. Notwithstanding any conflicting provisions of general, special or local law, and pursuant to the authority's 2000-2004 capital program plans approved by the metropolitan transportation authority capital program review board, the authority or any of its subsidiaries, the New York city transit authority or any of its subsidiaries, or Triborough bridge and tunnel authority, shall provide, from funds identified in such approved 2000-2004 capital program plans, up to twelve million dollars for the financing of a bus and heavy duty vehicles emission~~



~~research and testing facility and related equipment located in the state of New York, whether within or outside of the transportation district, which facility shall be operated by the department of environmental conservation and shall be available for use on a non-exclusive basis by the authority and any of its subsidiaries, the New York city transit authority and any of its subsidiaries, and Triborough bridge and tunnel authority.~~

~~18. The authority shall conduct a campaign of public outreach to inform the public of the provisions pertaining to assault on employees described in subdivision eleven of section 120.05 of the penal law.]~~

§ 12. Section 1266-a of the public authorities law is REPEALED.

§ 13. Section 1266-b of the public authorities law is REPEALED.

§ 14. Section 1266-c of the public authorities law is REPEALED.

§ 15. Section 1266-d of the public authorities law is REPEALED.

§ 16. Section 1266-e of the public authorities law is REPEALED.

§ 17. Section 1266-f of the public authorities law is REPEALED.

§ 18. Section 1266-g of the public authorities law is REPEALED.

§ 19. Section 1266-h of the public authorities law is REPEALED and a new section 1266-h is added to read as follows:

§ 1266-h. Transfer of employees. 1. In order to assist the big apple transportation authority and the commuter transportation authority in carrying out their powers and responsibilities, the authority shall develop and complete a personnel reorganization plan to transfer its employees to the big apple transportation authority and the commuter transportation authority to perform any operation or function subject only to a determination that they are substantially similar to any operation or function currently performed. Substantially similar operation or function shall be determined by the authority receiving the employees.

2. Such assignment, transfer, sharing, or consolidation pursuant to this section shall occur only if approved by resolution of the boards of the authority, the big apple transportation authority, and the commuter transportation authority, adopted by not less than a majority vote of the whole number of members of the authority then in office, with the chairman having one additional vote in the event of a tie vote.

3. Nothing set forth in this section shall be construed to impede, infringe or diminish the rights and benefits that accrue to employees and employers through collective bargaining agreements, or impact or change an employee's membership in a bargaining unit.

4. A transferred employee who is a member or beneficiary of any existing pension or retirement system shall continue to have the rights, privileges, obligations and status with respect to such system or systems as if they had continued in their employment with the authority.

5. Pursuant to this section, any such assigning, transferring, sharing, or consolidating of powers, duties, functions or activities shall not be authorized where it would impair any rights and remedies of any holders of notes, bonds or other obligations issued by the authority, its subsidiaries, or affiliates or their subsidiaries.

6. Such transfers shall be subject to section seventy of the civil service law; or, where not subject to civil service, the provisions of such section seventy shall be deemed applicable, except where the context clearly requires otherwise. Any such employee who, at the time of such transfer, has a temporary or provisional appointment shall be transferred subject to the same right of removal, examination or termination as though such transfer had not been made except to the extent such rights are modified by a collective bargaining agreement.

7. A transferred employee shall remain in the same collective bargaining unit as was the case prior to his or her transfer; successor employees to the positions held by such transferred employees shall, consistent with the provisions of article fourteen of the civil service law, be included in the same unit as their predecessors. Employees, other than managerial or confidential persons (as defined in article fourteen of the civil service law), serving in positions in newly created titles shall be assigned to the appropriate bargaining unit. Nothing contained in this section shall be construed to affect:

(a) the rights of employees pursuant to a collective bargaining agreement;

(b) the representational relationships among employee organizations or the bargaining relationships between the state and an employee organization; or

(c) existing law with respect to an application to the public employment relations board, provided, however, that the merger of such negotiating units of employees shall be effected only with the consent of the recognized and certified representatives of such units and of the authority.

8. Notwithstanding the provisions of any other law to the contrary, all lawful appointees holding positions which hereinbefore were subject to the civil service law and are transferred to the authority shall continue to hold their positions without further examination or qualifications.

§ 20. Section 1266-i of the public authorities law is REPEALED.

§ 21. Section 1266-j of the public authorities law is REPEALED.

§ 22. Section 1266-k of the public authorities law is REPEALED.

§ 23. Section 1267 of the public authorities law is REPEALED.

§ 24. Section 1267-a of the public authorities law is REPEALED.

§ 25. Section 1267-b of the public authorities law is REPEALED.

§ 26. Section 1268 of the public authorities law is REPEALED.

§ 27. Subdivisions 1-a and 12 of section 1269 of the public authorities law are REPEALED.

§ 28. Subdivisions 1, 3, 4, 6 and 9 of section 1269 of the public authorities law, as amended by section 27 of part O of chapter 61 of the laws of 2000, are amended to read as follows:

1. (a) The authority shall only have power [~~and is hereby authorized from time to time~~] to issue its bonds, notes and other obligations in such principal amount as~~[, in the opinion of the authority, shall be necessary, convenient or desirable to effectuate any of its powers and purposes, including to provide sufficient funds for achieving its purposes, including the acquisition, establishment, construction, effectuation, operation, maintenance, renovation, improvement, extension, rehabilitation or repair of any transportation facility, the payment of principal, redemption premium and interest on bonds, notes and other obligations of the authority, establishment of reserves to secure such bonds notes and other obligations, the provision of working capital and all other expenditures of the authority and its subsidiary corporations, and New York city transit authority and its subsidiary corporations incident to and necessary or convenient to carry out their purposes and powers]~~ already authorized by the 2015-2019 capital program. Such bonds, notes or other obligations may be issued for an individual transportation facility or issued on a consolidated basis for such groups or classes of facilities and projects as the authority in its discretion deems appropriate and be payable from and secured separately or on a consolidated basis by, among other things, all or any portion of such

1 revenues and other monies and assets of the authority [~~and its subsid-~~  
2 ~~iary corporations, and New York city transit authority and its subsid-~~  
3 ~~iary corporations as the authority determines in accordance with the~~  
4 ~~provisions of section twelve hundred seventy-d of this title~~];

5 (b) [~~The authority shall have power, from time to time, to issue~~  
6 ~~renewal notes, to issue bonds to refund, redeem or otherwise pay,~~  
7 ~~including by purchase or tender, notes of the authority and its subsid-~~  
8 ~~iary corporations, and New York city transit authority and its subsid-~~  
9 ~~iary corporations and whenever it deems refunding, redemption or payment~~  
10 ~~expedient, to refund, redeem or otherwise pay, including by purchase or~~  
11 ~~tender, any bonds of the authority and its subsidiary corporations, New~~  
12 ~~York city transit authority and its subsidiary corporations and Tribor-~~  
13 ~~ough bridge and tunnel authority by the issuance of new bonds, whether~~  
14 ~~the bonds to be refunded, redeemed or otherwise paid have or have not~~  
15 ~~matured, and to issue bonds partly for such purpose and partly for any~~  
16 ~~other purpose and to otherwise refund, redeem, acquire by purchase or~~  
17 ~~tender, or in any other way repay any outstanding notes, bonds or other~~  
18 ~~obligations of the authority, any of its subsidiary corporations, New~~  
19 ~~York city transit authority, any of its subsidiary corporations and~~  
20 ~~Triborough bridge and tunnel authority,~~

21 ~~(c)]~~ Every issue of its notes, bonds or other obligations shall be  
22 general obligations or special obligations. Every issue of general obli-  
23 gations of the authority shall be payable out of any revenues or monies  
24 of the authority, subject only to any agreements with the holders of  
25 particular notes or bonds pledging any particular receipts or revenues.  
26 Every issue of special obligations shall be payable out of any revenues,  
27 receipts, monies or other assets of the authority [~~and its subsidiary~~  
28 ~~corporations, the New York city transit authority and its subsidiary~~  
29 ~~corporations and the Triborough bridge and tunnel authority]~~ identified  
30 for such purposes in accordance with agreements with the holders of  
31 particular notes, bonds or other obligations. [~~The authority may issue~~  
32 ~~transportation revenue special obligation bonds, notes or other obli-~~  
33 ~~gations as provided in section twelve hundred seventy-d of this title~~];

34 3. Any resolution or resolutions authorizing any notes, bonds or any  
35 issue thereof, or any other obligations of the authority, may contain  
36 provisions, which shall be a part of the contract with the holders ther-  
37 eof, as to:

38 (a) pledging all or any part of the revenues of the authority [~~or of~~  
39 ~~any of its subsidiary corporations or New York city transit authority or~~  
40 ~~any of its subsidiary corporations or Triborough bridge and tunnel~~  
41 ~~authority]~~ to secure the payment of the notes or bonds or of any issue  
42 thereof, or any other obligations of the authority, subject to such  
43 applicable agreements with bondholders, noteholders, or holders of other  
44 obligations of the authority, [~~the New York city transit authority and~~  
45 ~~its subsidiary corporations, and Triborough bridge and tunnel authority]~~  
46 the big apple transit authority and its affiliates, or the commuter  
47 transportation authority as may then exist;

48 (b) [~~pledging all or any part of the assets of the authority or of any~~  
49 ~~of its subsidiary corporations or New York city transit authority or any~~  
50 ~~of its subsidiary corporations or Triborough bridge and tunnel authority~~  
51 ~~to secure the payment of the notes or bonds or of any issue of notes or~~  
52 ~~bonds, or any other obligations of the authority, subject to such agree-~~  
53 ~~ments with noteholders, bondholders, or holders of other obligations of~~  
54 ~~the authority, the New York city transit authority and its subsidiary~~  
55 ~~corporations, and Triborough bridge and tunnel authority as may then~~  
56 ~~exist,~~

1 ~~(e)~~] the use and disposition of revenues, including fares, tolls,  
2 rentals, rates, charges and other fees, made or received by the authori-  
3 ty, any of its subsidiary corporations, [~~New York city transit authority~~  
4 ~~or any of its subsidiary corporations, or Triborough bridge and tunnel~~  
5 ~~authority~~] the big apple transit authority and its affiliates, and the  
6 commuter transportation authority;

7 ~~(d)~~ (c) the setting aside of reserves or sinking funds and the regu-  
8 lation and disposition thereof;

9 ~~(e)~~ (d) limitations on the purpose to which the proceeds of sale of  
10 notes, bonds or other obligations of the authority may be applied and  
11 pledging such proceeds to secure the payment of the notes or bonds or of  
12 any issue thereof or of other obligations;

13 ~~(f)~~ (e) limitations on the issuance of additional notes, bonds or  
14 other obligations of the authority; the terms upon which additional  
15 notes, bonds or other obligations of the authority may be issued and  
16 secured; the refunding of outstanding or other notes, bonds or other  
17 obligations of the authority;

18 ~~(g)~~ (f) the procedure, if any, by which the terms of any contract  
19 with noteholders, bondholders, or holders of other obligations of the  
20 authority, may be amended or abrogated, the amount of notes, bonds or  
21 other obligations of the authority the holders of which must consent  
22 thereto, and the manner in which such consent may be given;

23 ~~(h)~~ (g) limitations on the amount of monies to be expended by the  
24 authority [~~or any of its subsidiary corporations or New York city trans-~~  
25 ~~it authority or any of its subsidiary corporations or Triborough bridge~~  
26 ~~and tunnel authority for operating, administrative or other expenses of~~  
27 ~~the authority or any of its subsidiary corporations or New York city~~  
28 ~~transit authority or any of its subsidiary corporations or Triborough~~  
29 ~~bridge and tunnel authority~~];

30 ~~(i)~~ (h) vesting in a trustee or trustees such property, rights,  
31 powers and duties in trust as the authority may determine, which may  
32 include any or all of the rights, powers and duties of the trustee  
33 appointed by the bondholders, noteholders or holders of other obli-  
34 gations of the authority pursuant to this title, and limiting or abro-  
35 gating the right of the bondholders, noteholders or holders of other  
36 obligations of the authority to appoint a trustee under this article or  
37 limiting the rights, powers and duties of such trustee;

38 ~~(j)~~ (i) any other matters, of like or different character, which in  
39 any way affect the security or protection of the notes, bonds or other  
40 obligations of the authority.

41 4. In addition to the powers herein conferred upon the authority to  
42 secure its notes, bonds and other obligations, the authority shall have  
43 power in connection with the issuance of notes, bonds and other obli-  
44 gations to enter into such agreements as the authority may deem neces-  
45 sary, convenient or desirable concerning the use or disposition of the  
46 monies or property of [~~any of~~] the authority[, ~~its subsidiary corpo-~~  
47 ~~rations, New York city transit authority, or any of its subsidiary~~  
48 ~~corporations, or Triborough bridge and tunnel authority~~], including the  
49 mortgaging of any such property and the entrusting, pledging or creation  
50 of any other security interest in any such monies or property and the  
51 doing of any act (including refraining from doing any act) which the  
52 authority would have the right to do in the absence of such agreements.  
53 The authority shall have power to enter into amendments of any such  
54 agreements within the powers granted to the authority by this title and  
55 to perform such agreements. The provisions of any such agreements may be

1 made a part of the contract with the holders of the notes, bonds and  
2 other obligations of the authority.

3 6. Neither the members of the authority, [~~the New York city transit~~  
4 ~~authority or the Triborough bridge and tunnel authority~~] the big apple  
5 transit authority or any of its affiliates, or the commuter transporta-  
6 tion authority nor any person executing the notes, bonds or other obli-  
7 gations shall be liable personally on the notes, bonds or other obli-  
8 gations or be subject to any personal liability or accountability by  
9 reason of the issuance thereof.

10 9. So long as the authority has outstanding any bonds, notes or other  
11 obligations issued pursuant to this section or any bonds, notes or other  
12 obligations issued or incurred pursuant to the former section twelve  
13 hundred sixty-six-c of this title, none of the authority or any of its  
14 subsidiary corporations, New York city transit authority or any of its  
15 subsidiary corporations, or Triborough bridge and tunnel authority shall  
16 have the authority to file a voluntary petition under chapter nine of  
17 the federal bankruptcy code or such corresponding chapter, chapters or  
18 sections as may, from time to time, be in effect, and neither any public  
19 officer nor any organization, entity or other person shall authorize the  
20 authority or any of its subsidiary corporations, New York city transit  
21 authority or any of its subsidiary corporations, or Triborough bridge  
22 and tunnel authority to be or become a debtor under chapter nine or said  
23 corresponding chapter, chapters or sections of the federal bankruptcy  
24 code during any such period.

25 § 29. Section 1269-a of the public authorities law is REPEALED.

26 § 30. Section 1269-b of the public authorities law is REPEALED.

27 § 31. Section 1269-c of the public authorities law is REPEALED.

28 § 32. Section 1269-d of the public authorities law is REPEALED.

29 § 33. Section 1269-f of the public authorities law is REPEALED.

30 § 34. Section 1269-g of the public authorities law is REPEALED.

31 § 35. Subdivisions 2 and 3 and paragraphs (a), (d) and (e) of subdivi-  
32 sion 4 of section 1270-a of the public authorities law, subdivisions 2  
33 and 3 and paragraphs (a) and (d) of subdivision 4 as amended by section  
34 29 of part 0 of chapter 61 of the laws of 2000, and paragraph (e) of  
35 subdivision 4 as amended by section 7 of part FF of chapter 58 of the  
36 laws of 2019, are amended to read as follows:

37 2. Moneys in the transit account [~~may be pledged to the Triborough~~  
38 ~~bridge and tunnel authority to secure bonds and notes and, if so~~  
39 ~~pledged,~~] if already pledged prior to January first, two thousand twen-  
40 ty-one, shall be paid to the Triborough bridge and tunnel authority in  
41 such amounts and at such times as necessary to pay or to reimburse that  
42 authority for its payment of debt service and reserve requirements on  
43 that portion of special Triborough bridge and tunnel authority bonds and  
44 notes issued by that authority pursuant to section five hundred fifty-  
45 three-d of this chapter for transit projects undertaken for the New York  
46 city transit authority and its subsidiaries. Subject to the provisions  
47 of such pledge, any excess monies, or in the event there is no such  
48 pledge, any moneys in such account shall, at the direction of the  
49 [~~metropolitan transportation~~] big apple transit authority, be (a) depos-  
50 ited into one or more funds or accounts and used as contemplated by  
51 section [~~twelve hundred seventy-d~~] thirteen hundred forty-nine-dd of  
52 this [~~title~~] chapter or (b) used for the payment of operating and capi-  
53 tal costs of the New York city transit authority and its subsidiaries  
54 and the Staten Island rapid transit operating authority.

55 3. The authority shall transfer in nineteen hundred eighty-seven up to  
56 twenty million dollars of the moneys in the commuter railroad account to



1 the suburban transportation fund in accordance with the terms of an  
2 agreement between the authority and the department of transportation  
3 with respect thereto, established herein, and pursuant to section eight-  
4 y-eight-b of the state finance law. In subsequent years the authority  
5 shall transfer twenty million dollars of the moneys in the commuter  
6 railroad account to the suburban transportation fund in accordance with  
7 the terms of an agreement between the authority and the department of  
8 transportation with respect thereto, established herein, and pursuant to  
9 section eighty-eight-b of the state finance law.

10 In the event the transfer to the suburban transportation fund provided  
11 pursuant to this subdivision results in an operating deficit, as certi-  
12 fied by the director of the division of the budget, in consultation with  
13 the authority, that portion of the deficit attributable to such transfer  
14 shall be appropriated from the general fund to the authority for commu-  
15 ter railroad operating purposes, provided, however, that such appropri-  
16 ation shall not exceed twenty million dollars.

17 The remaining moneys in the commuter railroad account [~~may be pledged~~  
18 ~~to the Triborough bridge and tunnel authority to secure bonds and notes~~  
19 ~~and, if so pledged]~~ if already pledged prior to January first, two thou-  
20 sand twenty-one, shall be paid to the Triborough bridge and tunnel  
21 authority in such amounts and at such times as necessary to pay or to  
22 reimburse that authority for its payment of debt service and reserve  
23 requirements on that portion of special Triborough bridge and tunnel  
24 authority bonds and notes issued by that authority pursuant to section  
25 five hundred fifty-three-d of this chapter for transportation facilities  
26 undertaken for the authority and its subsidiaries. Subject to the  
27 provisions of any such pledge, any excess monies, or in the event there  
28 is no such pledge, any moneys in such account shall[, ~~at the direction~~  
29 ~~of the metropolitan transportation authority, be (a) deposited into one~~  
30 ~~or more funds or accounts and used as contemplated by section twelve~~  
31 ~~hundred seventy-d of this title or, (b)]~~ be used for payment of operat-  
32 ing and capital costs of the Long Island Rail Road company and the  
33 Metro-North commuter railroad company.

34 (a) Moneys in the corporate transportation account shall first be used  
35 for payments to the metropolitan transportation authority Dutchess,  
36 Orange and Rockland fund established by section twelve hundred seventy-b  
37 of this title. The remaining moneys in the corporate transportation  
38 account [~~may be pledged by the authority, or pledged to the Triborough~~  
39 ~~bridge and tunnel authority, to secure bonds, notes or other obligations~~  
40 ~~of the authority or the Triborough bridge and tunnel authority, as the~~  
41 ~~case may be, and, if so pledged]~~, if already pledged to the Triborough  
42 bridge and tunnel authority prior to January first, two thousand twen-  
43 ty-one, shall be paid to the Triborough bridge and tunnel authority in  
44 such amounts and at such times as necessary to pay or to reimburse that  
45 authority for its payment of debt service and reserve requirements, if  
46 any, on that portion of special Triborough bridge and tunnel authority  
47 bonds and notes issued by that authority pursuant to section five  
48 hundred fifty-three-d of this chapter. Subject to the provisions of any  
49 such pledge, or in the event there is no such pledge, any excess moneys  
50 in the corporate transportation account [~~may~~] shall be [~~used by the~~  
51 ~~authority for payment of operating costs of, and capital costs, includ-~~  
52 ~~ing debt service and reserve requirements, if any, of or for the author-~~  
53 ~~ity,~~] transferred to the [~~New York city transit authority and their~~  
54 ~~subsidiaries as the authority shall determine]~~ big apple transit author-  
55 ity.



(d) (1) In the event the county of Dutchess, the county of Orange or the county of Rockland withdraws from the metropolitan transportation district, the authority shall not transfer from the corporate transportation account to the metropolitan transportation authority Dutchess, Orange and Rockland fund that portion of the moneys that would otherwise be transferred from such account to such fund to the credit of such withdrawing county or counties.

(2) For purposes of this subdivision, a county is deemed to have withdrawn if a resolution is adopted and filed by the county legislature of such county providing a public transportation plan pursuant to section ~~[twelve hundred seventy-nine-b]~~ thirteen hundred forty-nine-wwwww of this ~~[title]~~ chapter.

(e) Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this subdivision, any moneys in the corporate transportation account that are received by the authority: (i) without appropriation pursuant to subdivision one of this section, or (ii) pursuant to the provisions of section ninety-two-ff of the state finance law ~~[may be pledged by the authority, or pledged to the Triborough bridge and tunnel authority, to secure bonds, notes or other obligations of the authority or the Triborough bridge and tunnel authority, as the case may be, and, if so pledged]~~, if already pledged to the Triborough bridge and tunnel authority prior to January first, two thousand twenty-one, shall be paid to the Triborough bridge and tunnel authority in such amounts and at such times as necessary to pay or to reimburse that authority for its payment of debt service and reserve requirements, if any, on that portion of special Triborough bridge and tunnel authority bonds and notes issued by that authority pursuant to section five hundred fifty-three-d of this chapter. Subject to the provisions of any such pledge, or in the event there is no such pledge, any moneys in the corporate transportation account received by the authority: (i) without appropriation pursuant to subdivision one of this section, or (ii) pursuant to the provisions of section ninety-two-ff of the state finance law ~~[may]~~ shall be ~~[used by the authority for payment of operating costs of, and capital costs, including debt service and reserve requirements, if any, of or for the authority,]~~ transferred to the [New York city transit authority and their subsidiaries as the authority shall determine] big apple transit authority. No moneys in the corporate transportation account that are reserved by the authority: (i) without appropriation pursuant to subdivision one of this section; or (ii) pursuant to the provisions of section ninety-two-ff of the state finance law may be used for making any payment to the Dutchess, Orange and Rockland fund created by section twelve hundred seventy-b of this title or considered in calculating the amounts required to be paid into such fund.

§ 36. Subdivision 3 of section 1270-c of the public authorities law, as amended by section 30 of part 0 of chapter 61 of the laws of 2000, is amended to read as follows:

3. Moneys in the fund may be ~~[(a) pledged by the authority to secure and be applied to the payment of its bonds, notes or other obligations specified by the authority and issued to finance (i) transit projects undertaken for the New York city transit authority and its subsidiaries and (ii) transportation facilities undertaken for the authority and its subsidiaries and (b)]~~ used for payment of operating costs, ~~[and capital costs,]~~ including debt service, reserve requirements, if any, the payment of amounts required under bond and note facilities or agreements related thereto, the payment of federal government loans, security or credit arrangements or other agreements related thereto, and the payment

1 of all costs related to such obligations, of or for the authority[, ~~the~~  
2 ~~New York city transit authority and their subsidiaries as the authority~~  
3 ~~shall determine~~]. To the extent moneys in the fund have already been  
4 pledged by the authority prior to January first, two thousand twenty-one  
5 to secure and pay its bonds, notes or other obligations [~~as herein~~  
6 ~~provided~~], moneys deposited into the fund shall first be deposited into  
7 the pledged amounts account to the extent necessary to satisfy the  
8 requirements of any debt service or reserve requirements, if any, of the  
9 resolution authorizing such bonds, notes or other obligations. After  
10 satisfaction of such requirements of the resolution, or if the authority  
11 has not so pledged the moneys in the fund, moneys deposited in the fund  
12 shall be directly deposited into the operating and capital costs account  
13 and, subject to the provisions of any resolutions of the authority not  
14 secured by the pledged amounts account, transferred forthwith to or for  
15 the benefit of the [~~New York city transit authority and its subsidiaries~~  
16 ~~and the Staten Island rapid transit operating authority~~] big apple tran-  
17 sit authority (the "[~~TA~~] BAT") and to and for the benefit of the [~~Long~~  
18 ~~Island Rail Road company and the Metro-North commuter rail road company~~]  
19 commuter transportation authority (the "[~~CRR~~] CTA") as provided in this  
20 section.

21 Moneys in the operating and capital costs account which were deposited  
22 in the fund pursuant to appropriation from moneys deposited in the dedi-  
23 cated mass transportation trust fund for payment to the metropolitan  
24 transportation authority dedicated tax fund pursuant to subdivision (d)  
25 of section three hundred one-j of the tax law (the "remaining PBT  
26 amount") shall be distributed by the authority as follows: an amount  
27 equal to the debt service incurred in such calendar year as a result of  
28 obligations issued and secured by moneys in the fund, to the extent such  
29 debt service is to be paid from money deposited in the fund pursuant to  
30 appropriation from moneys deposited in the dedicated mass transportation  
31 trust fund for payment to the metropolitan transportation authority  
32 dedicated tax fund pursuant to subdivision (d) of section three hundred  
33 one-j of the tax law ("PBT debt service"), shall be added to the remain-  
34 ing PBT amount. The sum of these figures shall then be allocated as  
35 follows: eighty-five per centum of such sum shall be allocated to the  
36 [~~TA~~] BAT and fifteen per centum of such sum shall be allocated to the  
37 [~~CRR~~] CTA. The amounts so allocated shall then be reduced respectively  
38 by the proportional amount of PBT debt service attributable to the  
39 payments for transit projects undertaken for the [~~TA~~] BAT and transpor-  
40 tation facility projects undertaken for the [~~CRR~~] CTA. The remaining  
41 amounts shall constitute the respective distributable shares of the  
42 remaining PBT amount and shall be distributed to or for the benefit of  
43 the [~~TA~~] BAT and the [~~CRR~~] CTA.

44 Moneys in the operating and capital costs account which were deposited  
45 in the fund pursuant to section eighty-eight-a of the state finance law  
46 (the "remaining MMTOA amount") shall be distributed by the authority as  
47 follows: an amount equal to the debt service incurred in such calendar  
48 year as a result of obligations issued and secured by money in the fund,  
49 to the extent such debt service is to be paid from money deposited in  
50 the fund pursuant to section eighty-eight-a of the state finance law  
51 ("MMTOA debt service"), shall be added to the remaining MMTOA amount.  
52 The sum of these figures shall then be allocated as follows: there shall  
53 be allocated (i) to the [~~TA~~] BAT an amount of such sum which bears the  
54 same proportion to such sum as the amount appropriated and paid during  
55 such calendar year from the metropolitan mass transportation operating  
56 assistance account to the authority for the operating expenses of the

[TA] BAT bears to the total amounts so appropriated and paid from such operating assistance account during such calendar year to the [TA] BAT and [CRR] CTA combined and (ii) to the [CRR] CTA an amount of such sum which bears the same proportion to such sum as the amount appropriated and paid during such calendar year from the metropolitan mass transportation operating assistance account to the [CRR] CTA bears to the total amounts so appropriated and paid from such operating assistance account during such calendar year to the [TA] BAT and [CRR] CTA combined. The amounts so allocated shall then be reduced respectively by the proportional amount of MMTOA debt service attributable to the payments for transit projects undertaken for the [TA] BAT and transportation facility projects undertaken for the [CRR] CTA. The remaining amounts shall constitute the respective distributable shares of the remaining MMTOA amount and shall be distributed to or for the benefit of the [TA] BAT and the [CRR] CTA. In no event shall the authority utilize any measure or calculation for determining such distributable shares other than the formula prescribed herein nor shall the authority take any action which would result in the use of such money which is different from or inconsistent with the use prescribed in this section.

To the extent that amounts described in the preceding two paragraphs are distributed more frequently than annually, each such distribution shall be made as nearly as may be practicable in accordance with the allocations described above to the [TA] BAT and the [CRR] CTA. Within thirty days after the end of each calendar year, the authority shall certify to the director of the budget, the chairperson of the senate finance committee and the chairperson of the assembly ways and means committee, the amount of money deposited in the fund pursuant to appropriation from moneys deposited in the dedicated mass transportation trust fund for payment to the metropolitan transportation authority dedicated tax fund pursuant to subdivision (d) of section three hundred one-j of the tax law and section eighty-eight-a of the state finance law, the amounts expended from the pledged amounts account for the benefit of the [TA] BAT and the [CRR] CTA, and the amounts of the remaining PBT amount and the remaining MMTOA amount distributed during the prior calendar year to the [TA] BAT and the [CRR] CTA and specifying in each case the appropriation or appropriations which was the source of such amounts.

§ 37. Section 1270-d of the public authorities law is REPEALED.

§ 38. Section 1270-g of the public authorities law, as added by section 16 of part H of chapter 25 of the laws of 2009, is amended to read as follows:

§ 1270-g. Regulation of certain authority expenditures. 1. The authority shall implement policies as appropriate to minimize unwarranted expenses and to protect against abuses in connection with (i) the granting of any privileges or benefits having financial value, other than wage payments or expense reimbursements, to members or staff of the authority, or any subsidiary or other authority created by the authority; and (ii) the full-time and part-time assignment and use of automobiles owned or leased by the authority, or any subsidiary or other authority created by the authority, and the use by authority employees and board members of livery vehicles, as defined in section one hundred twenty-one-e of the vehicle and traffic law.

2. The authority's total expenses for its first year, not including payments of interest or principal on bonds and notes and other obligations of the authority already outstanding as of January first, two thousand twenty-one, or already authorized by the 2015-2019 capital

1 program, shall not exceed one hundred ten million dollars, and in subse-  
2 quent years shall not exceed one percent of the total operating  
3 expenses, not including capital expenditures or payments of interest or  
4 principal on bonds and notes and other obligations, of the big apple  
5 transit authority in the previous year.

6 § 39. Subdivision 3 of section 1270-h of the public authorities law,  
7 as added by section 16 of part H of chapter 25 of the laws of 2009, is  
8 amended to read as follows:

9 3. Moneys in the fund may be [~~(a) pledged by the authority to secure~~  
10 ~~and be applied to the payment of the bonds, notes or other obligations~~  
11 ~~of the authority issued on or after the effective date of this section~~  
12 ~~to finance capital projects of the authority and its subsidiaries and~~  
13 ~~the New York city transit authority and any subsidiaries; or (b)] used~~  
14 for payment of [~~capital~~ operating] costs, including debt service,  
15 reserve requirements, if any, the payment of amounts required under bond  
16 and note facilities or agreements related thereto, the payment of feder-  
17 al government loans, security or credit arrangements or other agreements  
18 related thereto, and the payment of all costs related to such obli-  
19 gations, of or for the authority, the New York city transit authority  
20 and their subsidiaries as the authority shall determine. To the extent  
21 moneys in the fund have already been pledged by the authority prior to  
22 January first, two thousand twenty-one, to secure and pay the bonds,  
23 notes or other obligations of the authority issued to finance capital  
24 projects of the authority and its subsidiaries and the New York city  
25 transit authority and any subsidiaries as herein provided, monies depos-  
26 ited into the fund shall be deposited to the extent necessary to satisfy  
27 the requirements of any debt service or reserve requirements, if any, of  
28 the resolution authorizing such bonds, notes or other obligations.  
29 Subject to the provisions of any such pledge, or in the event there is  
30 no such pledge, any excess moneys in this fund [~~may~~ shall] be [~~used by~~  
31 ~~the authority for payment of operating costs of, and capital costs,~~  
32 ~~including debt service and reserve requirements, if any, of or for the~~  
33 ~~authority, the New York city transit authority and their subsidiaries as~~  
34 ~~the authority shall determine. To the extent moneys in the fund have~~  
35 ~~been pledged by the authority to secure and pay the bonds, notes or~~  
36 ~~other obligations of the authority issued to finance capital projects of~~  
37 ~~the authority and its subsidiaries and the New York city transit author-~~  
38 ~~ity and any subsidiaries as herein provided, monies deposited into the~~  
39 ~~fund shall be deposited to the extent necessary to satisfy the require-~~  
40 ~~ments of any debt service or reserve requirements, if any, of the resol-~~  
41 ~~ution authorizing such bonds, notes or other obligations]~~ transferred to  
42 the big apple transit authority.

43 § 40. Subdivisions 2, 3 and 4 of section 1270-i of the public authori-  
44 ties law, as added by section 4 of part NNN of chapter 59 of the laws of  
45 2018, are amended to read as follows:

46 2. Moneys in the subway action plan account shall be used for the  
47 exclusive purpose of funding the operating and capital costs of the  
48 [~~metropolitan transportation authority's~~] New York city subway action  
49 plan. Such funds may be used for infrastructure including construction,  
50 reconstruction, reconditioning and preservation of transportation  
51 systems, facilities and equipment, acquisition of property, and for  
52 operating costs including personal services, non-personal services,  
53 fringe benefits, and contractual services. Funds may also be used to pay  
54 or to reimburse the authority for its payment of debt service and  
55 reserve requirements on that portion of authority bonds and notes issued

1 by the authority for capital costs of the [~~metropolitan transportation~~  
2 ~~authority's~~] New York city subway action plan.

3 3. Moneys in the outer borough transportation account shall be used  
4 for the exclusive purpose of funding the operating and capital costs of  
5 [~~metropolitan transportation~~] the big apple transit authority facili-  
6 ties, equipment and services in the counties of Bronx, Kings, Queens and  
7 Richmond, and any projects improving transportation connections from  
8 such counties to New York [~~County~~] county. Such funds may be used for  
9 infrastructure including construction, reconstruction, reconditioning  
10 and preservation of transportation systems, facilities and equipment,  
11 acquisition of property, and for operating costs including personal  
12 services, non-personal services, fringe benefits, and contractual  
13 services. Funds may also be used to fund a toll reduction program for  
14 any crossings under the jurisdiction of the [~~metropolitan transporta-~~  
15 ~~tion~~] big apple transit authority [~~or its subsidiaries or~~] and its  
16 affiliates. Funds may also be used to pay or to reimburse the authority  
17 for its payment of debt service and reserve requirements on that portion  
18 of authority bonds and notes that have been issued by the authority  
19 specifically for the authorized purpose of this account. Notwithstanding  
20 any law to the contrary, final approval of the use of any funds paid  
21 into the outer borough transportation account shall be [~~unanimously~~]  
22 approved by [~~three members of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority~~  
23 ~~Capital Program Review Board, established pursuant to section twelve~~  
24 ~~hundred sixty-nine-a of this title so designated pursuant to this subdi-~~  
25 ~~vision. For purposes of such final approvals the three voting members~~  
26 ~~are: the member appointed upon recommendation by the temporary president~~  
27 ~~of the senate; the member appointed upon recommendation of speaker of~~  
28 ~~the assembly; and the member appointed by the governor~~] the mayor of New  
29 York city.

30 4. Moneys in the general transportation account shall be used for  
31 funding the operating and capital costs of the [~~metropolitan transporta-~~  
32 ~~tion~~] big apple transit authority. Such funds may be used for infras-  
33 tructure including construction, reconstruction, reconditioning and  
34 preservation of transportation systems, facilities and equipment, acqui-  
35 sition of property, and for operating costs including personal services,  
36 non-personal services, fringe benefits, and contractual services. Funds  
37 may also be used to pay or to reimburse the authority for its payment of  
38 debt service and reserve requirements on that portion of authority bonds  
39 and notes that have been issued by the authority specifically for the  
40 purposes of this account.

41 § 41. Section 1271 of the public authorities law, as amended by  
42 section 32 of part O of chapter 61 of the laws of 2000, is amended to  
43 read as follows:

44 § 1271. Agreement of the state. The state does hereby pledge to and  
45 agree with the authority and its subsidiaries, [~~New York city transit~~  
46 ~~authority and its subsidiaries, and Triborough bridge and tunnel author-~~  
47 ~~ity~~] the big apple transit authority and its affiliates, the commuter  
48 transportation authority, and the holders of any notes, bonds or other  
49 obligations, including lease obligations, issued or incurred under this  
50 title, that the state will not limit or alter the denial of authority  
51 under subdivision nine of section twelve hundred sixty-nine of this  
52 title, or the rights and powers vested in the authority and its subsid-  
53 iaries, New York city transit authority and its subsidiaries, and  
54 Triborough bridge and tunnel authority by this title to fulfill the  
55 terms of any agreements made by any of them with the holders thereof, or  
56 in any way impair the rights and remedies of such holders until such



1 notes, bonds or other obligations, including lease obligations, together  
2 with the interest thereon, with interest on any unpaid installments of  
3 interest, and all costs and expenses for which the authority or its  
4 subsidiaries, New York city transit authority and its subsidiaries, and  
5 Triborough bridge and tunnel authority is liable in connection with any  
6 action or proceeding by or on behalf of such holders, are fully met and  
7 discharged. The authority and its subsidiaries, New York city transit  
8 authority and its subsidiaries, and Triborough bridge and tunnel author-  
9 ity are each authorized to include this pledge and agreement of the  
10 state in any agreement with the holders of such notes, bonds or other  
11 obligations, including lease obligations.

12 § 42. Section 1276-f of the public authorities law is REPEALED.

13 § 43. Section 1277 of the public authorities law is REPEALED.

14 § 44. Section 1277-a of the public authorities law, as amended by  
15 section 33 of part O of chapter 61 of the laws of 2000, is amended to  
16 read as follows:

17 § 1277-a. Transfer and receipt of surplus funds. Notwithstanding any  
18 provision of this title or any other provision of law, general, special  
19 or local, the authority [~~may from time to time transfer and pay over to~~  
20 ~~New York city transit authority or triborough bridge and tunnel authori-~~  
21 ~~ty all or any part of its surplus funds, and~~] may accept and use any  
22 moneys transferred and paid over to it by [~~New York city transit~~] the  
23 big apple transit authority and its affiliates or [~~triborough bridge and~~  
24 ~~tunnel~~] the commuter transportation authority.

25 § 45. Section 1279 of the public authorities law is REPEALED.

26 § 46. Section 1279-a of the public authorities law is REPEALED.

27 § 47. Section 1279-b of the public authorities law is REPEALED.

28 § 48. Section 1279-c of the public authorities law is REPEALED.

29 § 49. Section 1279-d of the public authorities law is REPEALED.

30 § 50. Section 1279-e of the public authorities law is REPEALED.

31 § 51. Section 1279-f of the public authorities law is REPEALED.

32 § 52. Section 1279-g of the public authorities law is REPEALED.

33 § 53. Section 1279-h of the public authorities law is REPEALED.

34 § 54. Section 1279-l of the public authorities law is REPEALED.

35 § 55. Subdivision 1 of section 17-b of the transportation law, as  
36 amended chapter 84 of the laws of 1985, is amended to read as follows:

37 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of [~~subdivision eight of section~~  
38 ~~twelve hundred sixty-six and~~] subdivision seven of section twelve  
39 hundred ninety-nine-f of the public authorities law or of subdivision  
40 seventeen of section one hundred forty-two of this chapter, every trans-  
41 portation authority and every other public transportation operator or  
42 carrier receiving mass transportation operating assistance pursuant to  
43 section eighteen-b of this [~~chapter~~] article either directly from the  
44 department [~~of transportation~~] or through a county or municipality  
45 pursuant to said section, shall prepare and publicize a plan for trans-  
46 portation safety, including but not limited to equipment maintenance  
47 procedures, personnel safety training programs, accident reporting  
48 systems, passenger safety practices and the persons responsible for the  
49 implementation of such practices and programs. Every authority and every  
50 other public transportation operator or carrier required herein to file  
51 such a plan shall review such plan biennially and amend such plan if  
52 amendments are necessary.

53 § 56. Subdivision 17 of section 553 of the public authorities law, as  
54 amended by section 4 of part O of chapter 61 of the laws of 2000, is  
55 amended to read as follows:



17. To do all things necessary or convenient to carry out the powers expressly given in this title and to assist and cooperate with the metropolitan transportation authority to carry out the powers of the metropolitan transportation authority in furtherance of the purposes and powers of the authority as provided in this article, including, without limitation, the transactions described in [~~sections twelve hundred sixty-six e,~~] section twelve hundred sixty-nine[, ~~and twelve hundred seventy-d~~] of this chapter.

§ 57. Subdivisions 9 and 10 of section 553-e of the public authorities law are REPEALED.

§ 58. Subdivisions 7 and 11 of section 553-e of the public authorities law, subdivision 7 as added by chapter 314 of the laws of 1981 and subdivision 11 as amended by chapter 929 of the laws of 1986, are amended to read as follows:

7. The metropolitan transportation authority, the New York city transit authority and the designated subsidiaries of each of them are each hereby authorized (i) to request the authority to undertake any such project; (ii) to acquire in its own name by gift, purchase or condemnation, and, additionally, in the case of the metropolitan transportation authority, by appropriation [~~pursuant to section twelve hundred sixty-seven a of this chapter~~], any real or personal property (or any interest therein), which is needed or useful for or in connection with such project, the provisions of any lease or other agreement with the city to the contrary notwithstanding, and to surrender the use, occupancy, control or possession of or to transfer the same, or of any other such real or personal property (or any interest therein) which it owns, leases, operates or controls, to the authority; (iii) to accept a transfer, transfer back, lease or sublease of any such project or part thereof upon its completion; (iv) to undertake any such project itself, or to finance, through loans, leases or otherwise, any other person or entity, public or private, to do so, in each case using funds granted by the authority to pay all or any part of the costs thereof (such undertaking, in the case of the New York city transit authority and its subsidiary, the Manhattan and Bronx surface transit operating authority, being free of any restriction set forth in subparagraph (ii) of paragraph b of subdivision one of section twelve hundred three or in paragraph (c) of subdivision five of section twelve hundred three-a of this chapter); and (v) to make its agents, employees and facilities available to the authority in connection therewith.

11. The aggregate principal amount of bonds and notes issued and outstanding at any time to finance projects authorized by paragraphs (m), (n), (o), (p) and (r) of subdivision nine of section five hundred fifty-three of this title shall not exceed one billion one hundred million dollars through December thirty-first, nineteen hundred eighty-six and three billion two hundred million dollars thereafter, provided however that such latter amount shall not exceed two billion two hundred million dollars for all bonds and notes other than those issued pursuant to section five hundred fifty-three-d of this title. This limitation shall not include (i) bonds and notes issued to refund or otherwise repay bonds or notes theretofore issued for such purposes, (ii) bonds issued to fund any reasonably required debt service reserve fund for bonds and notes, and (iii) an amount equal to any original issue discount from the [~~principal~~] principal amount of any bonds or notes issued and then outstanding. From the proceeds of the bonds and notes provided for in the first sentence of this subdivision, other than bonds or notes authorized by section five hundred fifty-three-d of this title,

1 the authority shall not expend more than one billion three hundred twen-  
2 ty million dollars for transit projects [~~as defined in section twelve~~  
3 ~~hundred sixty-six-e of this chapter~~] nor more than eight hundred eighty  
4 million dollars for transportation facilities as such term is defined in  
5 subdivision fourteen of section twelve hundred sixty-one of this chapter  
6 other than marine or aviation facilities. For the purposes of this  
7 subdivision, facilities under the jurisdiction of the Staten Island  
8 rapid transit operating authority shall be considered transit projects.

9 § 59. Subdivision 6 of section 1201 of the public authorities law, as  
10 amended by section 11 of part 0 of chapter 61 of the laws of 2000, is  
11 amended to read as follows:

12 6. The authority and its corporate existence shall continue until  
13 terminated by law, provided however, that no such law shall take effect  
14 so long as the authority or any of its subsidiaries, the metropolitan  
15 transportation authority or the Triborough bridge and tunnel authority  
16 shall have outstanding any notes or bonds or lease, sublease or other  
17 contractual obligations issued or incurred pursuant to section twelve  
18 hundred seven-m of this title or issued or incurred in connection with  
19 the transfer of its interest in and the lease from the transferee of any  
20 property furnished to it pursuant to chapter twelve of the laws of nine-  
21 teen hundred seventy-nine or section fifteen of chapter three hundred  
22 fourteen of the laws of nineteen hundred eighty-one[, ~~or section twelve~~  
23 ~~hundred sixty-six-e or twelve hundred seventy-d of this article~~], unless  
24 adequate provision has been made for the payment or satisfaction of such  
25 outstanding notes, bonds, lease, sublease or other contractual obli-  
26 gations.

27 § 60. Subdivision 11 of section 1204 of the public authorities law, as  
28 amended by section 14 of part 0 of chapter 61 of the laws of 2000, is  
29 amended to read as follows:

30 11. To make or enter into contracts, agreements, deeds, leases,  
31 conveyances or other instruments necessary or convenient, and to assist  
32 and cooperate with the metropolitan transportation authority to carry  
33 out the powers of the metropolitan transportation authority in further-  
34 ance of the purposes and powers of the authority as provided in this  
35 article, including, without limitation, the transactions described in  
36 [~~sections twelve hundred sixty-six-e,~~ section twelve hundred sixty-nine  
37 [~~and twelve hundred seventy-d~~] of this article. This power shall include  
38 the power to make contracts with other persons operating transit facili-  
39 ties for combined fares for the use of such facilities and the transit  
40 facilities operated by the authority and for the division of such fares,  
41 and the power to make contracts for the transportation of the United  
42 States mail or personal property.

43 § 61. Subdivision 10 of section 1207-m of the public authorities law  
44 is REPEALED.

45 § 62. Subdivisions 1, 11 and 12 of section 1207-m of the public  
46 authorities law, subdivision 1 as added by chapter 314 of the laws of  
47 1981, subdivision 11 as amended by section 18 of part 0 of chapter 61 of  
48 the laws of 2000 and subdivision 12 as added by chapter 929 of the laws  
49 of 1986, are amended to read as follows:

50 1. [~~The term "transit project" as used in this section shall have the~~  
51 ~~meaning given to such term from time to time in section twelve hundred~~  
52 ~~sixty-six-e of this article.~~] The provisions of this section shall be  
53 controlling and the authority and its subsidiaries shall have the powers  
54 provided in this section notwithstanding any contrary provision of this  
55 title or of local law or of any lease or other agreement with the city.

11. So long as the authority or any of its subsidiaries, or metropolitan transportation authority, shall have outstanding any notes, bonds, lease, sublease or other contractual obligations authorized by this section ~~[or section twelve hundred sixty-six-e]~~ or section twelve hundred sixty-nine of this article, or which have been issued or incurred in connection with the transfer of the interest of any of them in and the lease from the transferee of any property furnished pursuant to chapter twelve of the laws of nineteen hundred seventy-nine or section fifteen of chapter three hundred fourteen of the laws of nineteen hundred eighty-one, neither the authority nor any of its subsidiaries shall have the authority to file a voluntary petition under chapter nine of the federal bankruptcy code, or such corresponding chapter, chapters, or sections as may, from time to time, be in effect, and neither any public officer nor any organization, entity or other person shall authorize the authority or any of its subsidiaries to be or become a debtor under said chapter nine or said corresponding chapter, chapters or sections during any such period.

12. A project financed by the authority's issuance of its bonds, notes or other obligations, pursuant to subdivision one-a of section twelve hundred seven-b of this title shall be deemed to constitute a transit project for the purposes of this section and any notes, bonds, lease, sublease or other contractual obligations with respect to such project shall, for purposes of this section, be deemed to have been authorized by this section; provided, however, that such project shall not be deemed to constitute part of any capital program plan ~~[for the purposes of section twelve hundred sixty-nine-b of this article]~~ nor shall the principal amounts of any bonds or notes, nor the capitalized value of any lease, sublease, or other contractual obligation of the authority, issued or entered into by the authority pursuant to such subdivision one-a, be included in any computation pursuant to subdivision four of this section.

§ 63. The opening paragraph of subdivision 4 and subdivisions 5 and 11 of section 1209 of the public authorities law, the opening paragraph of subdivision 4 as added by chapter 430 of the laws of 1983, subdivision 5 as added by chapter 383 of the laws of 1985 and subdivision 11 as added by chapter 929 of the laws of 1986, are amended to read as follows:

Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision two of this section, a contract for the purchase of omnibuses or components of omnibuses in furtherance or implementation of a capital program plan ~~[approved pursuant to section twelve hundred sixty-nine-b of this article]~~ may also be awarded by the authority by negotiation without competitive bidding provided the following standards and procedures are complied with:

5. (a) Notwithstanding that funds of the authority may be used therefor, a contract for all or a portion of work involving the alteration, expansion or rehabilitation of a passenger station may be awarded by the authority, by negotiation without competitive bidding, to a private entity or the designee of a private entity where the authority by vote of not less than eleven of its members approves written findings that such award is expected to permit the alteration, expansion or rehabilitation to be carried out in the most efficient and cost effective manner, that such private entity has agreed to pay at least one million dollars toward the cost of the work, that such payment represents not less than fifty percent of the total cost of the work, and that the authority has complied with the procedures provided in paragraph (b) of this subdivision. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a contract for all or a portion of work involving the alteration, expansion or rehabilitation of

1 the passenger station located at the western terminus of the forty-second street shuttle may be awarded by the authority, by negotiation without competitive bidding, to a private entity or the designee of a private entity where the authority by vote of not less than eleven of its members approves written findings that such award is expected to permit the alteration, expansion or rehabilitation to be carried out in the most efficient and cost effective manner, and that the authority has complied with the procedures provided in paragraph (b) of this subdivision.

10 (b) Not less than fifteen days prior to the consideration by the board of the authority of a contract to be let pursuant to this subdivision, a notice shall be published in at least one newspaper of general circulation. Such notice shall identify the parties to the proposed contract and summarize its terms and conditions. Such notice shall also invite written public comment concerning the proposed contract, including, to the extent appropriate, the submission of alternatives for the authority's consideration. Such information shall be considered by the board of authority prior to the approval of any contract proposed to be awarded pursuant to this subdivision.

20 ~~[(c) Any contract entered into pursuant to this subdivision shall comply with the requirements of subdivision thirteen of section twelve hundred sixty-six e of this article.]~~

23 11. The authority shall compile a list of potential sources of supplies, materials or equipment regularly purchased. The authority shall, by resolution, set forth the procedures it has established to identify new sources and to notify such new sources of the opportunity to bid for contracts for the purchase of supplies, materials or equipment. Such procedures shall include, but not be limited to: (a) advertising in trade journals; (b) cooperation with federal, state and local agencies within its area of operations; and (c) publication in the state register quarterly~~[, and (d) procedures established pursuant to subdivision thirteen of section twelve hundred sixty-six e of this article].~~

33 § 64. Subdivision 5 of section 1276-b of the public authorities law, as added by section 17 of part H of chapter 25 of the laws of 2009, is amended to read as follows:

36 5. Strategic operation plan. Financial information required to be submitted by the authority ~~[pursuant to paragraphs d and e of subdivision one of section twelve hundred sixty-nine e of this title]~~ shall be presented in a format consistent with the budget and plan, in downloadable, searchable format.

41 § 65. Section 553-d of the public authorities law, as amended by section 6 of part O of chapter 61 of the laws of 2000, is amended to read as follows:

44 § 553-d. Special Triborough bridge and tunnel authority special obligation bonds and notes. In addition to the powers contained elsewhere in this title with respect to the projects authorized by paragraphs (m), (n), (o), (p) and (r) of subdivision nine of section five hundred forty-three of this title, and subject to the application of the revenues and other monies and assets of the authority ~~[pursuant to section twelve hundred seventy-d of this chapter]~~, the authority may issue its bonds and notes to finance such projects payable from and secured by all or any part of the moneys received by the authority from the metropolitan transportation authority special assistance fund established under section twelve hundred seventy-a of this chapter, provided however that such bonds and notes may also be payable from and secured by any other moneys, securities and funds designated by the authority as additional

1 security therefor. Debt service on bonds and notes issued by the author-  
2 ity pursuant to this section which is paid or reimbursed from moneys  
3 received by the authority from the metropolitan transportation authority  
4 special assistance fund shall not be deemed to constitute debt service  
5 incurred by the authority for purposes of subdivision three of section  
6 twelve hundred nineteen-a of this chapter. Such bonds or notes shall be  
7 issued in the manner provided in section five hundred sixty-one of this  
8 title.

9 § 66. This act shall take effect January 1, 2021.

10 PART B

11 Section 1. Subdivisions 1 and 3 of section 1200 of the public authori-  
12 ties law, as added by chapter 200 of the laws of 1953 and such section  
13 as renumbered by chapter 914 of the laws of 1957, are amended and two  
14 new subdivisions 4-a and 19 are added to read as follows:

15 1. "Authority." The corporation created by section [~~eighteen~~] twelve  
16 hundred one of this title.

17 3. "Board of estimate." The former board of estimate of the city.

18 4-a. "City council." The city council of New York.

19 19. "Big apple transit authority." The corporation created by section  
20 thirteen hundred forty-nine of this article.

21 § 2. Subdivisions 1, 2, 5 and 6 of section 1201 of the public authori-  
22 ties law, subdivisions 1 and 5 as amended by chapter 929 of the laws of  
23 1986, subdivision 2 as amended by chapter 506 of the laws of 2009, and  
24 subdivision 6 as amended by section 11 of part O of chapter 61 of the  
25 laws of 2000, are amended to read as follows:

26 1. A board, to be known as "New York City Transit Authority" is hereby  
27 created. Such board shall be a body corporate and politic constituting a  
28 public benefit corporation. It shall consist of seventeen members, all  
29 serving ex officio. Those members shall be the persons who from time to  
30 time shall hold the offices of chairman and members of [~~metropolitan~~  
31 ~~transportation~~] the big apple transit authority.

32 2. The chairman of such board shall be the chairman of [~~metropolitan~~  
33 ~~transportation~~] the big apple transit authority, serving ex officio,  
34 and, provided that there is an executive director of the [~~metropolitan~~  
35 ~~transportation~~] big apple transit authority, the executive director of  
36 the authority shall be the executive director of the [~~metropolitan~~  
37 ~~transportation~~] big apple transit authority, serving ex officio.  
38 Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the chairman shall  
39 be the chief executive officer of the authority and shall be responsible  
40 for the discharge of the executive and administrative functions and  
41 powers of the authority. The chairman and executive director, if any,  
42 each shall be empowered to delegate his or her functions and powers to  
43 one or more officers or employees designated by him or her.

44 5. A majority of the whole number of members of the authority then in  
45 office shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business or  
46 the exercise of any power of the authority. Except as otherwise speci-  
47 fied in this title, for the transaction of any business or the exercise  
48 of any power of the authority, the authority shall have the power to act  
49 by a majority vote of the members present at any meeting at which a  
50 quorum is in attendance. In the event of a tie vote the chairman shall  
51 cast one additional vote. For the purposes of the voting and quorum  
52 requirements of this subdivision, the voting and quorum requirements set  
53 forth in subdivision three of section [~~twelve hundred sixty-three~~] thir-  
54 teen hundred forty-nine-c of this article and in any by-law of the



1 ~~[metropolitan transportation]~~ big apple transit authority adopted pursu-  
2 ant to the provisions of such subdivision shall be applicable hereto.

3 6. The authority and its corporate existence shall continue until  
4 terminated by law, provided however, that no such law shall take effect  
5 so long as the authority ~~[or any of its subsidiaries]~~, the big apple  
6 transit authority, the metropolitan transportation authority ~~[or]~~, the  
7 Triborough bridge and tunnel authority, or any of their respective  
8 subsidiaries, shall have outstanding any notes or bonds or lease,  
9 sublease or other contractual obligations issued or incurred pursuant to  
10 section twelve hundred seven-m of this title or issued or incurred in  
11 connection with the transfer of its interest in and the lease from the  
12 transferee of any property furnished to it pursuant to chapter twelve of  
13 the laws of nineteen hundred seventy-nine or section fifteen of chapter  
14 three hundred fourteen of the laws of nineteen hundred eighty-one, or  
15 section ~~[twelve hundred sixty-six-e]~~ thirteen hundred forty-nine-j or  
16 ~~[twelve hundred seventy-d]~~ thirteen hundred forty-nine-dd of this arti-  
17 cle, unless adequate provision has been made for the payment or satis-  
18 faction of such outstanding notes, bonds, lease, sublease or other  
19 contractual obligations.

20 § 3. Section 1202 of the public authorities law, as added by chapter  
21 200 of the laws of 1953, subdivision 1 as amended by section 12 of part  
22 0 of chapter 61 of the laws of 2000 and such section as renumbered by  
23 chapter 914 of the laws of 1957, is amended to read as follows:

24 § 1202. Purposes of the authority. 1. The purposes of the authority  
25 shall be the acquisition of the transit facilities operated by the board  
26 of transportation of the city, the operation of transit facilities in  
27 accordance with the provisions of this title for the convenience and  
28 safety of the public on a basis which will enable the operations there-  
29 of, exclusive of capital costs, to be self-sustaining, and, in coordi-  
30 nation with the ~~[metropolitan transportation]~~ big apple transit authori-  
31 ty and the Triborough bridge and tunnel authority, the continuance,  
32 further development and improvement of commuter transportation and other  
33 services related thereto within the ~~[metropolitan commuter transporta-~~  
34 ~~tion district]~~ city of New York and the development and implementation  
35 of a unified mass transportation policy for such ~~[district]~~ city.

36 2. It is hereby found and declared that such purposes are in all  
37 respects for the benefit of the people of the ~~[state]~~ city of New York  
38 and the authority shall be regarded as performing a governmental func-  
39 tion in carrying out its corporate purpose and in exercising the powers  
40 granted by this title.

41 § 4. Subparagraph (ii) of paragraph b of subdivision 1 of section 1203  
42 of the public authorities law, as amended by chapter 717 of the laws of  
43 1967, is amended to read as follows:

44 (ii) From and after March first, nineteen hundred sixty-eight, the  
45 authority shall also have the right to incur capital costs of such  
46 nature in its own name to the extent that capital funds are available to  
47 it for expenditures of such nature pursuant to the provisions of section  
48 twelve hundred nineteen-a of this ~~[chapter]~~ title or of any other  
49 provision of law, which capital costs shall not be payable by the city;  
50 provided, however, that no project to be financed by the use of such  
51 capital funds which is estimated by the authority to involve an expendi-  
52 ture in excess of one million dollars shall be commenced unless the  
53 mayor and the ~~[board of estimate]~~ city council shall each have been  
54 notified in writing by the authority of the intent of the authority to  
55 undertake such project and of the nature thereof. No such project shall  
56 be commenced if and to the extent that either the mayor or a majority in



1 voting power of the members of the [~~board of estimate~~] city council  
2 shall find that it is incompatible with sound planning for the develop-  
3 ment or redevelopment of the city, provided such finding, together with  
4 the reasons therefor, is set forth in a writing delivered to the author-  
5 ity within thirty days of the receipt by the mayor or the [~~board of~~  
6 ~~estimate~~] city council, as the case may be, of the notification of the  
7 authority relating to such project. If any such project is not so disap-  
8 proved, it may nevertheless not be commenced unless and until the city  
9 shall have been given an opportunity to include the same in the capital  
10 budget of the city for the first fiscal year of the city commencing not  
11 less than six months after receipt of such notification. If and to the  
12 extent that such project is included in such capital budget, the author-  
13 ity may not thereafter incur capital costs for the same in its own name.  
14 If or to the extent such project is not included in such capital budget,  
15 the authority may incur capital costs for the same in its own name. The  
16 operation of sections twenty, twenty-one and twenty-two of the rapid  
17 transit law shall be suspended with respect to any project financed with  
18 the capital funds referred to in this subparagraph.

19 § 5. Paragraph (f) of subdivision 3, paragraph (c) of subdivision 5  
20 and subdivision 8 of section 1203-a of the public authorities law, para-  
21 graph (f) of subdivision 3 as amended by chapter 791 of the laws of 1962  
22 and paragraph (c) of subdivision 5 as amended and subdivision 8 as added  
23 by chapter 717 of the laws of 1967, are amended to read as follows:

24 (f) to operate omnibus lines on those routes in the city of New York  
25 where on February twenty-eighth, nineteen hundred sixty-two, omnibus  
26 lines were operated under franchises or temporary certificates of  
27 convenience and necessity which have been revoked, terminated, rescinded  
28 or condemned, or acquired by any other means, and to extend such routes  
29 so as to provide the complete service operated on February twenty-  
30 eighth, nineteen hundred sixty-two; and such operation, together with  
31 the necessary extensions, shall be deemed to constitute operation over  
32 approved routes with the same force and effect as if the said routes had  
33 been duly approved by the [~~board of estimate~~] city council of the city,  
34 as provided by law; and to operate on such other routes as the [~~board~~  
35 council] may authorize by resolution adopted only after a public hearing  
36 held after notice thereof, and of the proposed route, and the proposed  
37 resolutions authorizing the same, have been published in full for at  
38 least fifteen days, except Sundays and legal holidays, immediately prior  
39 thereto in the City Record, and at least twice in two newspapers  
40 published in the borough or boroughs affected, to be designated by the  
41 board.

42 (c) capital costs not now charged by the transit authority as operat-  
43 ing expenses shall be paid by the city; provided, however, that from and  
44 after March first, nineteen hundred sixty-eight, the subsidiary corpo-  
45 ration shall also have the right to incur capital costs in its own name  
46 to the extent that capital funds are available to it pursuant to the  
47 provisions of sections twelve hundred nineteen-a and twelve hundred  
48 three-b of this [~~chapter~~] title or of any other law, which capital costs  
49 shall not be payable by the city; and provided, further, that no project  
50 to be financed by the use of such capital funds which is estimated by  
51 the subsidiary corporation to involve an expenditure in excess of one  
52 million dollars shall be commenced unless the mayor and the [~~board of~~  
53 ~~estimate~~] city council shall each have been notified in writing by the  
54 subsidiary corporation of the intent of the subsidiary corporation to  
55 undertake such project and of the nature thereof. No such project shall  
56 be commenced if and to the extent that either the mayor or a majority in

1 voting power of the members of the [~~board of estimate~~] city council  
2 shall find that it is incompatible with sound planning for the develop-  
3 ment or redevelopment of the city, provided such finding, together with  
4 the reasons therefor, is set forth in a writing delivered to the subsid-  
5 iary corporation within thirty days of the receipt by the mayor or the  
6 [~~board of estimate~~] city council, as the case may be, of the notifica-  
7 tion of the subsidiary corporation relating to such project. Where the  
8 city is required to pay the capital costs of the subsidiary corporation  
9 pursuant to such agreement, serial bonds or capital notes may be issued  
10 by the city, pursuant to the local finance law, to finance any such  
11 costs. The subsidiary corporation shall submit timely requests for the  
12 necessary capital funds to the city planning commission and the mayor of  
13 the city;

14 8. From and after March first, nineteen hundred sixty-eight, no  
15 substantial or general change in the levels of service furnished upon  
16 the facilities of the subsidiary corporation shall be instituted except  
17 upon not less than thirty days' written notice to the mayor and to the  
18 [~~board of estimate~~] city council.

19 § 6. Section 1203-b of the public authorities law, as amended by  
20 section 13 of part 0 of chapter 61 of the laws of 2000, is amended to  
21 read as follows:

22 § 1203-b. Transfer of funds. The authority and its subsidiary corpo-  
23 ration, the Manhattan and Bronx surface transit operating authority, may  
24 each transfer to the other from time to time such available funds as  
25 they may jointly determine to be necessary or desirable, including funds  
26 accepted by the authority pursuant to the provisions of section twelve  
27 hundred nineteen-a of this title. Subject to the rights of the holders  
28 of any outstanding bonds, notes or other obligations of the authority,  
29 the big apple transit authority, the metropolitan transportation author-  
30 ity and the Triborough bridge and tunnel authority, and to facilitate  
31 the efficient financial management of the authority, [~~its subsidiary~~  
32 ~~corporations~~] the big apple transit authority, the metropolitan trans-  
33 portation authority and its subsidiary corporations, and the Triborough  
34 bridge and tunnel authority (the "affiliated entities"), the authority  
35 may, and shall at the direction of [~~metropolitan transportation~~] the big  
36 apple transit authority, transfer revenues, subsidies and other monies  
37 or securities to one or more funds or accounts of another affiliated  
38 entity for use by such other affiliated entity, provided at the time of  
39 such transfer it is reasonably anticipated that the monies and securi-  
40 ties so transferred will be reimbursed, repaid or otherwise provided for  
41 by the end of the next succeeding calendar year if reimbursement or  
42 repayment is required by law or by any agreement to which any of the  
43 affected affiliated entities is subject. Any revenues of an affiliated  
44 entity that are transferred to another affiliated entity, which transfer  
45 was not authorized by a provision of law other than this section, shall  
46 be considered to be required to be repaid to the affiliated entity which  
47 was the source of such revenues by the end of the next succeeding calen-  
48 dar year following such transfer.

49 § 7. Subdivisions 11, 15 and 19 of section 1204 of the public authori-  
50 ties law, subdivision 11 as amended by section 14 of part 0 of chapter  
51 61 of the laws of 2000, subdivision 15 as amended by chapter 980 of the  
52 laws of 1958 and subdivision 19 as added by section 15 of part 0 of  
53 chapter 61 of the laws of 2000, are amended to read as follows:

54 11. To make or enter into contracts, agreements, deeds, leases,  
55 conveyances or other instruments necessary or convenient, and to assist  
56 and cooperate with the [~~metropolitan transportation~~] big apple transit

1 authority to carry out the powers of the [~~metropolitan transportation~~]  
2 big apple transit authority in furtherance of the purposes and powers of  
3 the authority as provided in this article, including, without limita-  
4 tion, the transactions described in sections [~~twelve hundred~~  
5 ~~sixty-six-e~~] thirteen hundred forty-nine-j, [~~twelve hundred sixty-nine~~  
6 thirteen hundred forty-nine-u] and [~~twelve hundred seventy-d~~] thirteen  
7 hundred forty-nine-dd of this article. This power shall include the  
8 power to make contracts with other persons operating transit facilities  
9 for combined fares for the use of such facilities and the transit facil-  
10 ities operated by the authority and for the division of such fares, and  
11 the power to make contracts for the transportation of the United States  
12 mail or personal property.

13 15. To exercise all requisite and necessary authority to manage,  
14 control and direct the maintenance and operation of transit facilities  
15 transferred to it for the convenience and safety of the public with  
16 power, in its discretion, to extend, modify, discontinue, curtail, or  
17 change routes or methods of transportation where the convenience and  
18 safety of the public would be served thereby or where existing routes or  
19 methods are inefficient or uneconomical; provided, however, that (except  
20 in cases of emergencies) at least thirty days prior to any proposed  
21 modification, discontinuance, curtailment or change of any transit route  
22 or method of transportation, the authority shall give notice of its  
23 intention to the [~~board of estimate~~] city council and shall, upon  
24 request of such [~~board~~] council within such period, conduct a public  
25 hearing thereon.

26 19. To invest any funds, accounts or other monies not required for  
27 immediate use or disbursement, at the discretion of the authority, in  
28 any of the investments in which the [~~metropolitan transportation~~] big  
29 apple transit authority is permitted to invest its monies pursuant to  
30 subdivision four of section [~~twelve hundred sixty-five~~] thirteen hundred  
31 forty-nine-e of this article.

32 § 8. Subdivision 4 of section 1205 of the public authorities law, as  
33 added by chapter 717 of the laws of 1967, is amended to read as follows:

34 4. From and after March first, nineteen hundred sixty-eight, no  
35 substantial or general change in the levels of service furnished upon  
36 the rapid transit facilities or the omnibus line facilities of the  
37 authority shall be instituted except upon not less than thirty days'  
38 written notice to the mayor and to the [~~board of estimate~~] city council.

39 § 9. Section 1206-a of the public authorities law, as added by chapter  
40 576 of the laws of 1972, is amended to read as follows:

41 § 1206-a. Transit construction fund. In addition to the powers  
42 provided elsewhere in this title, and to effectuate the purposes of the  
43 transit construction fund act, constituting title [~~nine-a~~] nine-A of  
44 this article [~~five of this chapter~~], the authority or any subsidiary  
45 may: (a) acquire and use any transit facility in accordance with the  
46 terms and conditions of any sublease or other agreement with the transit  
47 construction fund; (b) authorize the use by the transit construction  
48 fund, either with or without compensation to the authority, of the  
49 agents, employees and facilities of the authority; (c) make and execute  
50 contracts, leases, subleases and all other instruments or agreements  
51 deemed necessary or convenient including agreements with the [~~metropol-~~  
52 ~~itan transportation~~] big apple transit authority and the transit  
53 construction fund; and (d) do any and all other things deemed necessary  
54 or convenient.

§ 10. Subdivision 1-a of section 1207-b of the public authorities law, as amended by section 16 of part 0 of chapter 61 of the laws of 2000, is amended to read as follows:

1-a. The authority may also issue its bonds, notes or other obligations in such principal amounts as shall be necessary to finance the construction, purchase, lease or acquisition of, or an equity interest in, an office building located or to be constructed in the borough of Brooklyn in the city, provided that (i) all or a portion of such building is intended to be occupied by the authority and that the board shall, by resolution, have made findings that the sum of the capitalized value of all payments due from the authority under such bonds, notes or other obligations (not including any amounts attributable to principal repayment) together with any rent payments for the space in such building to be occupied by the authority and of all payments required of the authority under any related agreement does not exceed the capitalized value of those payments which would be made in a conventional commercial lease transaction for comparable space with an unrelated party and (ii) not more than an insubstantial portion of any real property so financed with the proceeds of bonds, notes, or other obligations is utilized by other than the New York city transit authority or its designated subsidiary. The term "capitalized value" for the purposes of this subdivision shall be computed in the manner set forth in subdivision four of section twelve hundred seven-m of this title. The ~~metropolitan transportation~~ big apple transit authority is hereby additionally authorized from time to time to issue bonds for the purposes of refunding, redeeming or otherwise paying, including paying by purchase or tender, bonds issued by the authority for such purposes and to secure such bonds in the manner set forth in section ~~twelve hundred sixty-nine~~ thirteen hundred forty-nine-u of this article.

§ 11. Section 1207-i of the public authorities law, as amended by section 17 of part 0 of chapter 61 of the laws of 2000, is amended to read as follows:

§ 1207-i. Rates of fare while bonds, notes and other obligations are outstanding. Notwithstanding the provisions of section twelve hundred five of this title or the provisions of any other law to the contrary, so long as the authority shall have outstanding and unpaid bonds, notes or other obligations issued pursuant to section twelve hundred seven-b of this title, or the big apple transit authority, or the metropolitan transportation authority or the Triborough bridge and tunnel authority shall have outstanding and unpaid bonds, notes or other obligations secured by or payable from, in whole or in part, the revenues, assets or other monies of the authority or its subsidiary corporations, the authority shall have the power at all times to fix or adjust the rate or rates of fare to be charged for the use of any transit facility operated by the authority as may, in the judgment of the board, be necessary to produce sufficient revenues to pay, as the same shall become due, the principal of and interest on such bonds, notes and other obligations of the authority, the big apple transit authority, the metropolitan transportation authority and the Triborough bridge and tunnel authority, together with the maintenance of proper reserves therefor, in addition to paying as the same shall become due the expenses of operation of the authority. The authority, the big apple transit authority, the metropolitan transportation authority and the Triborough bridge and tunnel authority, shall be authorized to contract with the holders of such bonds notes and other obligations with respect to the exercise of the power authorized by this section. In furtherance of the mandate of the

1 ~~[metropolitan transportation]~~ big apple transit authority to develop and  
2 implement a unified mass transportation policy for the ~~[metropolitan~~  
3 ~~commuter transportation district]~~ city of New York and the exercise of  
4 its powers, including the power to issue notes, bonds and other obli-  
5 gations secured in whole or in part by the revenues of the authority and  
6 its subsidiaries, the big apple transit authority and its subsidiaries,  
7 the metropolitan transportation authority and its subsidiaries, and the  
8 Triborough bridge and tunnel authority, the authority shall join with  
9 the ~~[metropolitan transportation]~~ big apple transit authority in  
10 connection with the establishment, levy and collection of fares, tolls,  
11 rentals, rates, charges and other fees for the transportation of passen-  
12 gers on any transit facilities operated by authority and its subsid-  
13 iaries, including any changes thereto.

14 § 12. Subdivision 2 of section 1207-j of the public authorities law,  
15 as added by chapter 655 of the laws of 1962, is amended to read as  
16 follows:

17 2. The city, by resolution of the ~~[board of estimate]~~ city council or  
18 by instruments authorized by such resolution, and the authority shall be  
19 authorized to enter into an agreement for the renewal and extension of  
20 the existing agreement of lease between the city and the authority for  
21 such term of years as shall be agreed upon and in any such renewal and  
22 extension agreement the authority may agree to such limitations upon the  
23 exercise of the powers conferred upon it by sections twelve hundred  
24 seven-a through twelve hundred seven-i, inclusive, as the authority in  
25 its discretion shall approve.

26 § 13. Section 1207-m of the public authorities law, as added by chap-  
27 ter 314 of the laws of 1981, subdivisions 2 and 8 as amended by chapter  
28 988 of the laws of 1984, subparagraph (i) of paragraph (a) of subdivi-  
29 sion 4 as amended by chapter 602 of the laws of 1984, paragraph (b) of  
30 subdivision 7 as amended by chapter 558 of the laws of 1981, subdivision  
31 11 as amended by section 18 of part 0 of chapter 61 of the laws of 2000  
32 and subdivision 12 as added by chapter 929 of the laws of 1986, is  
33 amended to read as follows:

34 § 1207-m. Transit projects. 1. The term "transit project" as used in  
35 this section shall have the meaning given to such term from time to time  
36 in section ~~[twelve hundred sixty-six-e]~~ thirteen hundred forty-nine-j of  
37 this article. The provisions of this section shall be controlling and  
38 the authority and its subsidiaries shall have the powers provided in  
39 this section notwithstanding any contrary provision of this title or of  
40 local law or of any lease or other agreement with the city.

41 2. (a) The authority is hereby authorized to request the ~~[metropolitan~~  
42 ~~transportation]~~ big apple transit authority to undertake any transit  
43 project and the authority and its designated subsidiaries are each here-  
44 by authorized (i) to enter into agreements with the ~~[metropolitan trans-~~  
45 ~~portation]~~ big apple transit authority concerning transit projects; (ii)  
46 to acquire in its own name by gift, purchase or condemnation any real or  
47 personal property (or any interest therein) which is needed or useful  
48 for or in connection with such project, and to surrender the use, occu-  
49 pancy, control or possession of or to transfer the same, or any other  
50 such real or personal property (or any interest therein) which it owns,  
51 leases, operates or controls, to the ~~[metropolitan transportation]~~ big  
52 apple transit authority or its designee; (iii) to accept a transfer,  
53 transfer back, lease or sublease of any such project or part thereof  
54 upon its completion; and (iv) to make its agents, employees and facili-  
55 ties available to the ~~[metropolitan transportation]~~ big apple transit  
56 authority in connection therewith.



(b) The authority and its subsidiary corporation is each hereby authorized to sell or transfer, without regard as to how or from whom acquired, all or part of its interest in any equipment which is deemed to be a mass commuting vehicle under the United States internal revenue code or the regulations thereunder, including, without limitation, any of the same obtained as transit projects or obtained from or financed with money received from the Triborough bridge and tunnel authority, for such consideration and on such terms or conditions as it may deem appropriate, and to obtain a lease from the transferee on such terms and conditions and for such period as it may deem appropriate pursuant to which it may operate, use, control or possess such mass commuting vehicle in furtherance of the statutory purposes of the authority and its subsidiaries, provided (i) such lease contains an option to the authority or its subsidiary corporation to repurchase its interest at the expiration of the scheduled lease term for nominal consideration, and (ii) the aggregate of the regularly scheduled rental payments which the authority or its subsidiary corporation is obligated to make pursuant to such lease during each twelve month period of the lease term shall not exceed the aggregate amount receivable, whether by principal or interest, by the authority or its subsidiary corporation from its transferee during each such twelve month period. Without limitation of the foregoing, any lease entered into pursuant hereto may also contain provisions requiring the authority or its subsidiary corporation to indemnify the transferee for any loss resulting from the loss or destruction of any mass commuting vehicle which is the subject of such lease, or any loss arising out of any misrepresentation, act, or omission of the authority or its subsidiary in connection with such lease, and requiring the authority or its subsidiary corporation to undertake to replace, repair or restore any such mass commuting vehicle, but such obligations shall not be deemed regularly scheduled rental payments for purposes of the preceding sentence. Rental payments and other payments or costs incurred by the authority or its subsidiary corporation in discharge of its obligations under any lease entered into as hereinabove provided shall not be deemed capital costs for the purposes of section twelve hundred three or twelve hundred three-a of this title, and the considerations received by the authority or its subsidiary corporation in connection with any transactions entered into pursuant to the authorization of this paragraph may be expended free of any restriction set forth in subparagraph (ii) of paragraph (b) of subdivision one of section twelve hundred three or in paragraph (c) of subdivision five of section twelve hundred three-a of this title.

(c) Neither the authority nor its subsidiary shall enter into any transaction authorized by paragraph (b) of this subdivision unless the following standards and procedures have been met:

(i) notice of intention to negotiate shall be published in at least one newspaper of general circulation, and a copy thereof shall be mailed to all parties who have requested notification from the authority or its subsidiary to engage in transactions of this type. Such notice shall describe the nature of the proposed transaction and the factors subject to negotiation, which shall include, but not be limited to, the price to be paid to the authority or its subsidiary;

(ii) the authority or its subsidiary shall negotiate with those respondents whose response complies with the requirements set forth in the notice;

(iii) the board of the authority or its subsidiary shall resolve on the basis of particularized findings relevant to the factors negotiated

1 that such transaction will provide maximum available financial benefits,  
2 consistent with other defined objectives and requirements.

3 (d) The authority and its subsidiary shall provide to the [~~governor,~~  
4 ~~the temporary president of the senate, the speaker of the assembly, the~~  
5 ~~minority leader of the senate and the minority leader of the assembly,~~]  
6 mayor and speaker of the city council notice of each lease entered into  
7 pursuant to paragraph (b) of this subdivision and supporting documenta-  
8 tion of compliance by the authority and its subsidiary with subpara-  
9 graphs (i), (ii) and (iii) of paragraph (c) of this subdivision.

10 (e) Paragraphs (c) and (d) of this subdivision shall be of no force  
11 and effect with respect to any lease transaction entered into pursuant  
12 to a commitment approved prior to January first, nineteen hundred eight-  
13 y-five by the board of the authority or its subsidiary or the board of  
14 the metropolitan transportation authority.

15 3. The authority and its designated subsidiaries are hereby author-  
16 ized, in connection with any transit project, to pay or agree to pay, in  
17 a manner and on terms and conditions satisfactory to the [~~metropolitan~~  
18 ~~transportation~~] big apple transit authority, any portion of the costs to  
19 the [~~metropolitan transportation~~] big apple transit authority of such  
20 transit project and the financing thereof which is not paid to the  
21 [~~metropolitan transportation~~] big apple transit authority from any  
22 federal, state or local aid or assistance or from any other moneys made  
23 available or payable to the [~~metropolitan transportation~~] big apple  
24 transit authority by others for such project.

25 4. (a) Such agreements with the [~~metropolitan transportation~~] big  
26 apple transit authority may, without limitation, contain provisions  
27 obligating the authority or its designated subsidiary to:

28 (i) issue its notes or bonds, or execute and deliver its lease,  
29 sublease and other such contractual obligations, in payment for a trans-  
30 fer, lease or sublease of a transit project to any of them, provided,  
31 however, that in no event shall the aggregate principal amount of all  
32 notes and bonds together with the capitalized value of all lease,  
33 sublease and other such contractual obligations, exceed the sum of one  
34 billion six hundred million dollars, excluding from such limitation (A)  
35 the principal amount of any bonds or notes of the authority to the  
36 extent the amount thereof is paid, is payable or has been agreed to be  
37 paid by the federal government or any agency or instrumentality thereof  
38 to the authority or to the holders of such bonds or notes, (B) the prin-  
39 cipal amount of any bonds or notes of the authority issued to refund or  
40 otherwise repay other obligations issued for such transit projects, (C)  
41 the principal amount of any bonds or notes and the capitalized value of  
42 any lease, sublease or other such contractual obligation, to the extent  
43 such obligations are paid or agreed to be paid, subject to annual appro-  
44 priation, under service contracts issued by the state to the metropol-  
45 itan transportation authority for the benefit of the authority or its  
46 subsidiaries pursuant to the provisions of section sixteen of the trans-  
47 portation systems assistance and financing act of 1981, or under any  
48 similar contract of the metropolitan transportation authority or the  
49 authority with any other governmental entity for the benefit of the  
50 authority or its subsidiaries, (D) the principal amount of any bonds or  
51 notes of the authority issued to the metropolitan transportation author-  
52 ity or to the big apple transit authority in connection with the funding  
53 of any debt service reserve fund required by any resolution of the  
54 metropolitan transportation authority or of the big apple transit  
55 authority pursuant to which special obligation bonds of that authority  
56 to fund a transit project were issued, and (E) a principal amount of any

1 bonds or notes of the authority equal to the amount of any original  
2 issue discount from the principal amount of the special obligation bonds  
3 or notes issued by the metropolitan transportation authority or by the  
4 big apple transit authority in connection with the financing of a trans-  
5 it project by that authority;

6 (ii) give security for the payment of such notes, bonds, lease,  
7 sublease or other contractual obligations, including a pledge of all or  
8 any part of its revenues or other moneys, which pledge may contain  
9 covenants with respect to the charging and fixing of fares, fees and  
10 rentals, the use and disposition of such fares, fees, rentals and other  
11 charges, and the setting aside of reserves therefrom.

12 (b) Such agreements, and any notes, bonds, lease, sublease or other  
13 contractual obligations issued or entered into by the authority or its  
14 designated subsidiary pursuant thereto, may, without limitation, also  
15 contain provisions as to:

16 (i) limitations with respect to the use and disposition of transit  
17 projects and with respect to any other transit facilities;

18 (ii) limitations on the issuance of additional bonds, notes, lease,  
19 sublease or other contractual obligations, the terms upon which they may  
20 be secured and the funding or refunding thereof;

21 (iii) with respect to bonds or notes, vesting in a trustee or trustees  
22 such property rights, powers and duties in trust as it may determine,  
23 which rights, powers and duties may include, but shall not be limited  
24 to, those set forth in section twelve hundred seven-h of this title;

25 (iv) defining the acts or omissions to act which shall constitute a  
26 default and providing rights and remedies in the event of default;

27 (v) any other matters, of like or different character, which in any  
28 way affect the security or protection of the [~~metropolitan transporta-~~  
29 ~~tion~~] big apple transit authority or any lessor; and

30 (vi) consenting to the extending or assignment by the [~~metropolitan~~  
31 ~~transportation~~] big apple transit authority or by any lessor to the  
32 holders of any of its bonds, notes or lease obligations of all of the  
33 benefits and rights of the [~~metropolitan transportation~~] big apple tran-  
34 sit authority or of such lessor provided by any such agreement or other  
35 instrument.

36 (c) The term "revenues" as used in this subdivision shall include all  
37 those moneys referred to in section twelve hundred of this [~~article~~]  
38 title, as well as all operating subsidies provided by any public benefit  
39 corporation or by any governmental entity, federal, state or local.

40 (d) The term "capitalized value" as used in this subdivision shall  
41 mean the present value of all future payments required under a lease,  
42 sublease and other such contractual obligation discounted at a rate of  
43 interest determined on the basis of the net interest cost of the last  
44 [~~metropolitan transportation~~] big apple transit authority's special  
45 obligation bonds issued prior to the execution of any such lease,  
46 sublease or other contractual obligation or, if no such bonds have been  
47 issued, on the basis of the net interest cost of the last bonds issued  
48 by the Triborough bridge and tunnel authority, issued in payment for the  
49 transfer, lease or sublease of any such transit projects.

50 5. It is the intention hereof that, subject to such agreements with  
51 bondholders or noteholders as may then exist, any pledge of revenues or  
52 other moneys made by the authority or its subsidiaries shall be valid  
53 and binding from the time when the pledge is made; that the revenues or  
54 other moneys so pledged and thereafter received by the authority or its  
55 subsidiaries shall immediately be subject to the lien of such pledge  
56 without any physical delivery thereof or further act, and that the lien

1 of any such pledge shall be valid and binding as against all parties  
2 having claims of any kind in tort, contract or otherwise against the  
3 authority or its subsidiaries irrespective of whether such parties have  
4 notice thereof. Neither the agreement nor any other instrument by which  
5 a pledge is created need be recorded.

6 6. So long as the authority or any of its subsidiaries shall have any  
7 outstanding and unpaid obligation in connection with a transit project,  
8 the authority and such subsidiaries shall have the power at all times to  
9 fix or adjust the rate or rates of fares, fees, rentals or other charges  
10 to be charged for the use of their transit facilities as may, together  
11 with all other lawfully available moneys, be necessary in their judgment  
12 to produce sufficient revenues to pay such obligations as the same  
13 become due, in addition to paying as the same shall become due expenses  
14 of operation of the transit facilities and satisfying all other obli-  
15 gations of the authority and such subsidiaries. No acts or activities  
16 taken or proposed to be taken by the authority pursuant to this subdivi-  
17 sion shall be deemed to be "actions" for the purposes or within the  
18 meaning of article eight of the environmental conservation law.

19 7. (a) In connection with (i) the lease between the city and the  
20 authority dated June first, nineteen hundred fifty-three, and (ii) the  
21 lease between the city and the Manhattan and Bronx surface transit oper-  
22 ating authority dated March twentieth, nineteen hundred sixty-two (such  
23 leases, as heretofore supplemented, amended or renewed, and the tenan-  
24 cies originally created thereby, being referred to in this section as  
25 "the existing leases"), the city, acting either by the mayor alone or by  
26 resolution of the [~~board of estimate~~ city council], or by instruments  
27 authorized by such resolution, and the authority are authorized to enter  
28 into agreements for renewal or extension of the existing leases, or for  
29 new leases, for such terms of years and upon such other terms and condi-  
30 tions as the parties thereto shall agree and the [~~metropolitan transpor-~~  
31 ~~tation~~ big apple transit authority shall approve, provided that under  
32 the terms thereof, the rights, privileges and obligations of the parties  
33 are not inconsistent with the provisions of, or in derogation of the  
34 powers of the authority all as provided in this title [~~nine of article~~  
35 ~~five of this chapter~~], and provided further that such agreements shall  
36 in no way impair the rights or powers of the authority or the Manhattan  
37 and Bronx surface transit operating authority to fulfill the terms of  
38 any contract made by either of them with the holders of any of their  
39 then outstanding bonds or notes, and such agreements shall provide that  
40 such leases may not be terminated or permitted to expire or be amended  
41 in any way inconsistent with the provisions of any agreement, bond,  
42 note, lease, sublease or other contractual obligation given or made by  
43 either of them in connection with a transit project. Neither the  
44 provisions of section one hundred ninety-seven-c of the New York city  
45 charter, relating to a uniform land use review procedure, nor the  
46 provisions of any other local law of like or similar import shall apply  
47 to the renewal or extension of the existing leases or to the making of  
48 new leases as herein provided.

49 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of any other law, general, special  
50 or local, or the provisions of the existing leases, if either of the  
51 agreements authorized by paragraph (a) [~~above~~ of this subdivision] is  
52 not entered into, but a note, bond, lease, sublease or other contractual  
53 obligation for a transit project has been issued or entered into, then  
54 (i) no party to an existing lease may terminate the same, serve any  
55 notice of termination pursuant thereto, exercise any option to terminate  
56 reserved therein or permit the expiration thereof, (ii) the city shall

1 not in any way limit or disturb any right of the tenant to use, occupy,  
2 control and possess any of the properties, facilities or revenues which  
3 are the subject of such existing lease, and (iii) the city shall not  
4 seek to enforce such existing lease in any way inconsistent with or  
5 contrary to the manner in which such existing lease had been adminis-  
6 tered prior to the enactment of this section or inconsistent with or  
7 contrary to the interests of the ~~[metropolitan transportation]~~ big apple  
8 transit authority or any lessor under any agreement, notes, bonds,  
9 lease, sublease or other contractual obligations of the authority or any  
10 of its subsidiaries issued or entered into in connection with a transit  
11 project (and to the extent the provisions of such leases conflict at any  
12 time or in any manner with the provisions of any such note, bond, lease,  
13 sublease or other contractual obligation, the provisions of such note,  
14 bond, lease, sublease or other contractual obligation shall be control-  
15 ling and conflicting provisions of the leases with the city shall be  
16 disregarded), unless prior thereto the city has satisfied all of such  
17 outstanding notes, bonds or other contractual obligations and provided  
18 for the termination of all such agreements, leases and subleases, all in  
19 accordance with their terms. If and to the extent moneys are paid by  
20 the city to the authority or its subsidiaries to satisfy their obli-  
21 gations to the ~~[metropolitan transportation]~~ big apple transit authority  
22 under such instruments, the authority and such subsidiaries shall remit  
23 such moneys to the ~~[metropolitan transportation]~~ big apple transit  
24 authority, which shall, in turn, apply the same to the satisfaction and  
25 termination of its own notes, bonds and leases issued or entered into in  
26 connection with a transit project in accordance with their terms.

27 (c) Upon termination or expiration of a new lease or of a renewed or  
28 extended existing lease as permitted in paragraph (a) of this subdivi-  
29 sion, or upon satisfaction of the requirements of paragraph (b) of this  
30 subdivision, title to any real or personal property (or any interest  
31 therein) constituting all or any part of a transit project then vested  
32 in the authority or any of its subsidiaries or the ~~[metropolitan trans-  
33 portation]~~ big apple transit authority pursuant to the provisions of  
34 this chapter shall be transferred without further consideration or  
35 payment to the city.

36 8. The state of New York does hereby pledge to and agree with the  
37 authority and its subsidiaries, the big apple transit authority and its  
38 subsidiaries, and the metropolitan transportation authority and the  
39 holders of bonds or notes or lease, sublease or other contractual obli-  
40 gations issued by any of them in connection with a transit project or in  
41 connection with the transfer of the interest of any of them in and the  
42 lease from the transferee of any property furnished to it pursuant to  
43 chapter twelve of the laws of nineteen hundred seventy-nine or section  
44 fifteen of chapter three hundred fourteen of the laws of nineteen  
45 hundred eighty-one, or in connection with any transaction entered into  
46 pursuant to the authorization of paragraph (b) of subdivision two of  
47 this section, that the state will not limit or alter the denial of  
48 authority under subdivision eleven of this section, or the rights and  
49 powers vested in the authority and its subsidiaries by this title to  
50 fulfill the terms of any agreement made by any of them with the big  
51 apple transit authority or the metropolitan transportation authority or  
52 with such holders, or in any way impair their rights and remedies until  
53 such agreements, bonds, notes, and obligations, together with the inter-  
54 est thereon and all costs and expenses in connection with any action or  
55 proceedings by or on behalf of the big apple transit authority or the  
56 metropolitan transportation authority or such holders, are fully met and



1 discharged. The authority and its subsidiaries are each authorized to  
2 include this pledge and the agreement of the state in any agreement with  
3 the holders of such bonds or notes or lease, sublease or other obli-  
4 gations and in any agreement with the big apple transit authority or the  
5 metropolitan transportation authority relating to a transit project  
6 which may extend the same to the holders of its bonds, notes and lease  
7 obligations.

8 9. The provisions of this section and of all agreements undertaken by  
9 the authority or any of its subsidiaries in accordance therewith shall  
10 in all respects be subject to the rights of the holders of any outstand-  
11 ing bonds or notes of the authority and its subsidiaries.

12 10. In connection with the negotiation, award and implementation of  
13 contracts of the authority relating to transit projects, the provisions  
14 of [~~paragraphs (a), (b), (c) and (d) of subdivision~~] subdivisions thir-  
15 teen and fourteen of section [~~twelve hundred sixty-six-e~~] thirteen  
16 hundred forty-nine-j of this article shall apply to the authority as if  
17 it were the "authority" referred to therein, and the [~~officer designated~~  
18 ~~by the metropolitan transportation authority pursuant to paragraph (e)~~  
19 ~~of such subdivision~~] division of minority and women's business develop-  
20 ment, established pursuant to article fifteen-A of the executive law,  
21 shall perform the duties therein described with respect to such  
22 contracts of the authority.

23 11. So long as the authority or any of its subsidiaries, the big apple  
24 transit authority, or the metropolitan transportation authority, shall  
25 have outstanding any notes, bonds, lease, sublease or other contractual  
26 obligations authorized by this section or section [~~twelve hundred~~  
27 ~~sixty-six-e~~] thirteen hundred forty-nine-j or [~~twelve hundred sixty-~~  
28 ~~nine~~] thirteen hundred forty-nine-u of this article, or which have been  
29 issued or incurred in connection with the transfer of the interest of  
30 any of them in and the lease from the transferee of any property  
31 furnished pursuant to chapter twelve of the laws of nineteen hundred  
32 seventy-nine or section fifteen of chapter three hundred fourteen of the  
33 laws of nineteen hundred eighty-one, neither the authority nor any of  
34 its subsidiaries shall have the authority to file a voluntary petition  
35 under chapter nine of the federal bankruptcy code, or such corresponding  
36 chapter, chapters, or sections as may, from time to time, be in effect,  
37 and neither any public officer nor any organization, entity or other  
38 person shall authorize the authority or any of its subsidiaries to be or  
39 become a debtor under said chapter nine or said corresponding chapter,  
40 chapters or sections during any such period.

41 12. A project financed by the authority's issuance of its bonds, notes  
42 or other obligations, pursuant to subdivision [~~one-a~~] two of section  
43 [~~twelve hundred seven-b~~] thirteen hundred forty-nine-u of this title  
44 shall be deemed to constitute a transit project for the purposes of this  
45 section and any notes, bonds, lease, sublease or other contractual obli-  
46 gations with respect to such project shall, for purposes of this  
47 section, be deemed to have been authorized by this section; provided,  
48 however, that such project shall not be deemed to constitute part of any  
49 capital program plan for the purposes of section [~~twelve hundred sixty-~~  
50 ~~nine-b~~] thirteen hundred forty-nine-v of this article nor shall the  
51 principal amounts of any bonds or notes, nor the capitalized value of  
52 any lease, sublease, or other contractual obligation of the authority,  
53 issued or entered into by the authority pursuant to [~~such~~] subdivision  
54 [~~one-a~~] two of section thirteen hundred forty-nine-u of this title, be  
55 included in any computation pursuant to subdivision four of this  
56 section.

§ 14. The opening paragraph of subdivision 4, paragraph (c) of subdivision 5 and subdivision 11 of section 1209 of the public authorities law, the opening paragraph of subdivision 4 as added by chapter 430 of the laws of 1983, paragraph (c) of subdivision 5 as added by chapter 383 of the laws of 1985 and subdivision 11 as added by chapter 929 of the laws of 1986, are amended to read as follows:

Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision two of this section, a contract for the purchase of omnibuses or components of omnibuses in furtherance or implementation of a capital program plan approved pursuant to section ~~[twelve hundred sixty-nine-b]~~ thirteen hundred forty-nine-v of this article may also be awarded by the authority by negotiation without competitive bidding provided the following standards and procedures are complied with:

(c) Any contract entered into pursuant to this subdivision shall comply with the requirements of subdivision thirteen of section ~~[twelve hundred sixty-six-e]~~ thirteen hundred forty-nine-j of this article.

11. The authority shall compile a list of potential sources of supplies, materials or equipment regularly purchased. The authority shall, by resolution, set forth the procedures it has established to identify new sources and to notify such new sources of the opportunity to bid for contracts for the purchase of supplies, materials or equipment. Such procedures shall include, but not be limited to: (a) advertising in trade journals; (b) cooperation with federal, state and local agencies within its area of operations; (c) publication in the state register quarterly; and (d) procedures established pursuant to subdivision thirteen of section ~~[twelve hundred sixty-six-e]~~ thirteen hundred forty-nine-j of this article.

§ 15. Subdivision 3 and paragraphs b and i of subdivision 4 of section 1209-a of the public authorities law, as amended by chapter 460 of the laws of 2015, are amended to read as follows:

3. Jurisdiction. The bureau shall have, with respect to acts or incidents in or on the transit facilities of the authority committed by or involving persons who are sixteen years of age or over, or with respect to acts or incidents occurring on omnibuses owned or operated by the ~~[metropolitan transportation]~~ big apple transit authority or a subsidiary thereof, and with respect to violation of toll collection regulations of the ~~[triborough]~~ Triborough bridge and tunnel authority as described in section twenty-nine hundred eighty-five of this chapter, non-exclusive jurisdiction over violations of: (a) the rules which may from time to time be established by the authority under subdivision five-a of section twelve hundred four of this ~~[chapter]~~ title; (b) article one hundred thirty-nine of the health code of the city of New York, as it may be amended from time to time, relating to public transportation facilities; (c) article four of the noise control code of the city of New York, as it may be amended from time to time, insofar as it pertains to sound reproduction devices; (d) the rules and regulations which may from time to time be established by the ~~[triborough]~~ Triborough bridge and tunnel authority in accordance with the provisions of section twenty-nine hundred eighty-five of this chapter; and (e) rules and regulations which may from time to time be established by the ~~[metropolitan transportation]~~ big apple transit authority or a subsidiary thereof in accordance with the provisions of section ~~[twelve hundred sixty-six]~~ thirteen hundred forty-nine-h of this ~~[chapter]~~ article. Matters within the jurisdiction of the bureau except violations of the rules and regulations of the ~~[triborough]~~ Triborough bridge and tunnel authority shall be known for purposes of this section as transit

1 infractions. Nothing herein shall be construed to divest jurisdiction  
2 from any court now having jurisdiction over any criminal charge or traf-  
3 fic infraction relating to any act committed in a transit or toll facil-  
4 ity, or to impair the ability of a police officer to conduct a lawful  
5 search of a person in a transit facility. The criminal court of the city  
6 of New York shall continue to have jurisdiction over any criminal charge  
7 or traffic infraction brought for violation of the rules of the authori-  
8 ty, the [~~triborough~~] Triborough bridge and tunnel authority or the  
9 [~~metropolitan transportation~~] big apple transit authority or a subsid-  
10 iary thereof, as well as jurisdiction relating to any act which may  
11 constitute a crime or an offense under any law of the state of New York  
12 or any municipality or political subdivision thereof and which may also  
13 constitute a violation of such rules. The bureau shall have concurrent  
14 jurisdiction with the environmental control board and the administrative  
15 tribunal of the department of health over the aforesaid provisions of  
16 the health code and noise control code of the city of New York.

17 b. To impose civil penalties not to exceed a total of one hundred  
18 fifty dollars for any transit infraction within its jurisdiction, in  
19 accordance with a penalty schedule established by the authority or the  
20 [~~metropolitan transportation~~] big apple transit authority or a subsid-  
21 iary thereof, as applicable, except that penalties for violations of the  
22 health code of the city of New York shall be in accordance with the  
23 penalties established for such violations by the board of health of the  
24 city of New York, and penalties for violations of the noise code of the  
25 city of New York shall be in accordance with the penalties established  
26 for such violations by law, and civil penalties for violations of the  
27 rules and regulations of the [~~triborough~~] Triborough bridge and tunnel  
28 authority shall be in accordance with the penalties established for such  
29 violations by section twenty-nine hundred eighty-five of this chapter;

30 i. To accept payment of penalties and to remit same to the authority  
31 or the [~~metropolitan transportation~~] big apple transit authority or a  
32 subsidiary thereof, as applicable; and

33 § 16. Section 1213 of the public authorities law, as amended by chap-  
34 ter 838 of the laws of 1983, is amended to read as follows:

35 § 1213. Report. Copies of the annual report required to be made and  
36 submitted pursuant to section twenty-eight hundred of this chapter also  
37 shall be submitted to the mayor, comptroller and [~~board of estimate~~]  
38 city council.

39 § 17. Section 1219-a of the public authorities law, as amended by  
40 section 19 of part 0 of chapter 61 of the laws of 2000, is amended to  
41 read as follows:

42 § 1219-a. Transfer and receipt of surplus funds. 1. Notwithstanding  
43 any provision of this title or any other provision of law, general,  
44 special or local, the authority may from time to time transfer and pay  
45 over to the metropolitan transportation authority, the big apple transit  
46 authority or [~~triborough~~] the Triborough bridge and tunnel authority all  
47 or any part of its surplus funds; and may accept and use any moneys  
48 transferred and paid over to it by the metropolitan transportation  
49 authority, the big apple transit authority or [~~triborough~~] the Tribor-  
50 ough bridge and tunnel authority.

51 2. Notwithstanding the provisions of [~~the preceding~~] subdivision one  
52 of this section:

53 (a) If the city shall have provided in its capital budget for its  
54 fiscal year beginning July first, nineteen hundred sixty-eight the  
55 amount of one hundred million dollars, or such lesser amount as shall  
56 have been requested by the authority for inclusion in such budget, for

1 the payment of the capital cost of projects requested by the authority  
2 pursuant to section twelve hundred three of this title, then upon the  
3 written request of the mayor made within thirty days after the commence-  
4 ment of such fiscal year, [~~triborough~~] the Triborough bridge and tunnel  
5 authority shall transfer to the authority, by lump sum payment or  
6 installments at such time or times and in such amounts as the mayor  
7 shall elect, all or such part of the surplus funds of [~~triborough~~] the  
8 Triborough bridge and tunnel authority on hand as of the last day of its  
9 last fiscal year ending prior to such request as the mayor shall speci-  
10 fy, which funds shall be applied by the authority solely to the payment  
11 of its expenses of operation. If the city shall have provided in its  
12 capital budget for any of its next four fiscal years, commencing with  
13 the fiscal year beginning July first, nineteen hundred sixty-nine, the  
14 amount of one hundred million dollars, or such lesser amount as shall  
15 have been requested by the authority for inclusion in such budget, for  
16 the payment of the capital cost of projects requested by the authority  
17 pursuant to section twelve hundred three of this title, then upon the  
18 written request of the mayor made within thirty days after the commence-  
19 ment of such fiscal year, [~~triborough~~] the Triborough bridge and tunnel  
20 authority shall transfer to the authority solely for application to the  
21 payment of expenses of operation of the authority the operating surplus  
22 of [~~triborough~~] the Triborough bridge and tunnel authority for its last  
23 fiscal year ending prior to such request, which transfer shall also be  
24 by lump sum payment or installments at such time or times and in such  
25 amounts as the mayor shall elect. Projects shall be eligible for inclu-  
26 sion in a computation made hereunder only if included in a capital budg-  
27 et on the first day of the fiscal year for which it is adopted. A  
28 carry-over project shall not be eligible for inclusion unless it was  
29 first included in a capital budget by way of an amendment thereto, in  
30 which event it shall be eligible for inclusion in a computation made  
31 hereunder with respect to the first fiscal year of the city commencing  
32 after the adoption of the amendment.

33 (b) Promptly upon the making of the certification of its operating  
34 surplus, if any, for its fiscal year ending December thirty-first, nine-  
35 teen hundred seventy-two and for each of its subsequent fiscal years,  
36 [~~triborough~~] the Triborough bridge and tunnel authority, at the direc-  
37 tion of [~~metropolitan transportation~~] the big apple transit authority,  
38 shall transfer such operating surplus (1) to the [~~metropolitan transpor-~~  
39 ~~tation~~] big apple transit authority for deposit into one or more funds  
40 or accounts to be used as contemplated by section [~~twelve hundred seven-~~  
41 ~~ty-d~~] thirteen hundred forty-nine-dd of this article, or (2) to the  
42 authority and the [~~metropolitan transportation~~] big apple transit  
43 authority solely for application to the payment of the expenses of oper-  
44 ation. [~~For purposes of determining the proportional allocation of the~~  
45 ~~operating surplus as between the authority and the metropolitan trans-~~  
46 ~~portation authority, the following formula shall apply: (i) twenty-four~~  
47 ~~million dollars plus fifty percentum of the balance of such operating~~  
48 ~~surplus shall be allocable to the authority, and (ii) the remainder~~  
49 ~~shall be allocable to metropolitan transportation authority on behalf of~~  
50 ~~the commuter railroads operated by it, by its subsidiary corporations or~~  
51 ~~by others under joint arrangements.]~~

52 (c) The Triborough bridge and tunnel authority is authorized, at the  
53 direction of the [~~metropolitan transportation~~] big apple transit author-  
54 ity, from time to time to make advances from available funds on account  
55 of the operating surplus it anticipates will or may be certified and  
56 transferred as provided in this subdivision to (1) the [~~metropolitan~~

1 ~~transportation]~~ big apple transit authority for deposit into one or more  
2 funds or accounts to be used as contemplated by section [~~twelve hundred~~  
3 ~~seventy-d~~] thirteen hundred forty-nine-dd of this article, or (2) the  
4 authority and the [~~metropolitan transportation]~~ big apple transit  
5 authority solely for application to the payment of the expenses of oper-  
6 ation. In the event that advances so made in respect of any fiscal year  
7 including the year in which the surpluses are being earned exceed the  
8 amounts required to be transferred to the authority and [~~metropolitan~~  
9 ~~transportation]~~ the big apple transit authority pursuant to the  
10 provisions of this subdivision, then the amount of any such excess shall  
11 be refunded to [~~triborough]~~ the Triborough bridge and tunnel authority  
12 by the authority or [~~metropolitan transportation]~~ the big apple transit  
13 authority, as the case may be, within thirty days of the making by  
14 [~~triborough]~~ the Triborough bridge and tunnel authority of its certif-  
15 ication of operating surplus for such fiscal year.

16 (d) For the purposes of this subdivision, the existence and the amount  
17 of surplus funds and operating surplus of [~~triborough]~~ the Triborough  
18 bridge and tunnel authority shall be determined in accordance with the  
19 provisions of subdivision twelve of section five hundred fifty-three of  
20 this chapter.

21 (e) The Triborough bridge and tunnel authority shall certify to the  
22 mayor and to the chairman of [~~metropolitan transportation]~~ the big apple  
23 transit authority within ninety days after the end of its fiscal year  
24 ending December thirty-first, nineteen hundred sixty-seven, and within  
25 forty-five days after the end of each of its subsequent fiscal years,  
26 the amount of its operating surplus for that year and, in the case of  
27 the fiscal year ending December thirty-first, nineteen hundred sixty-  
28 seven, the amount of all of its surplus funds on hand as of the last day  
29 of such fiscal year.

30 (f) No transfer of funds shall be made to the authority pursuant to  
31 any provision of this section at any time when there shall have been  
32 pending and not acted upon by the mayor for ninety days any request of  
33 the authority for permission to expend or contract to expend funds for a  
34 project included in a capital budget for transit facility purposes.  
35 There shall be excluded from such ninety-day period any time during  
36 which the mayor is prevented from acting by order of court or by opera-  
37 tion of law.

38 [~~3. Notwithstanding the preceding subdivisions of this section, for~~  
39 ~~purposes of determining the proportional allocation of the operating~~  
40 ~~surplus of the Triborough bridge and tunnel authority between the~~  
41 ~~authority and the metropolitan transportation authority the following~~  
42 ~~formula shall be used: An amount equal to the debt service incurred in~~  
43 ~~such year as a result of the bonds issued to provide facilities pursuant~~  
44 ~~to paragraphs (m), (n), (o), (p) and (r) of subdivision nine of section~~  
45 ~~five hundred fifty three of this chapter shall be added to the operating~~  
46 ~~surplus of the Triborough bridge and tunnel authority, as certified by~~  
47 ~~that authority. The sum of these figures shall then be allocated to the~~  
48 ~~authority and the commuter railroads operated by metropolitan transpor-~~  
49 ~~tation authority or by its subsidiary corporations, pursuant to the~~  
50 ~~formula contained in paragraph (b) of subdivision two of this section as~~  
51 ~~if this amount were the operating surplus of the Triborough bridge and~~  
52 ~~tunnel authority. The amounts so allocated to the authority and the~~  
53 ~~commuter railroads operated by metropolitan transportation authority or~~  
54 ~~by its subsidiary corporations, shall then be reduced respectively by~~  
55 ~~the proportional amount of the debt service, incurred in such year by~~  
56 ~~the Triborough bridge and tunnel authority pursuant to paragraphs (m),~~



~~(n), (o), (p) and (r) of subdivision nine of section five hundred fifty-three of this chapter, reasonably attributable to the payments for transit projects undertaken for the authority and its subsidiaries and transportation facility projects undertaken for the commuter railroads operated by the metropolitan transportation authority or by its subsidiary corporations. The remaining amounts shall constitute the respective allocation of operating surplus for the authority and the commuter railroads operated by the metropolitan transportation authority or by its subsidiary corporations.]~~

§ 18. This act shall take effect January 1, 2021.

#### PART C

Section 1. Section 551 of the public authorities law is amended by adding two new subdivisions 11 and 12 to read as follows:

11. The term "big apple transit authority" shall mean the corporation created by title eleven-E of this article.

12. The term "city council" shall mean the city council of the city of New York.

§ 2. Subdivisions 1 and 2 of section 552 of the public authorities law, subdivision 1 as amended by chapter 506 of the laws of 2009 and subdivision 2 as amended by section 1 of part 0 of chapter 61 of the laws of 2000, are amended to read as follows:

1. A board, to be known as "Triborough bridge and tunnel authority" is hereby created. Such board shall be a body corporate and politic constituting a public benefit corporation. It shall consist of seventeen members, all serving ex officio. Those members shall be the persons who from time to time shall hold the offices of chairman and members of ~~[metropolitan transportation]~~ the big apple transit authority. The chairman of such board shall be the chairman of ~~[metropolitan transportation]~~ the big apple transit authority, serving ex officio, and, provided that there is an executive director of the ~~[metropolitan transportation]~~ big apple transit authority, the executive director of the authority shall be the executive director of the ~~[metropolitan transportation]~~ big apple transit authority, serving ex officio. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the chairman shall be the chief executive officer of the authority and shall be responsible for the discharge of the executive and administrative functions and powers of the authority. The chairman and executive director, if any, each shall be empowered to delegate his or her functions and powers to the executive officer of the Triborough bridge and tunnel authority or to such person as may succeed to the powers and duties of said executive officer. The chairman and other members of the board hereby created, and the executive director, if any, shall not be entitled to compensation for their services hereunder but shall be entitled to reimbursement for their actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their official duties.

2. A majority of the whole number of members of the authority then in office shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business or the exercise of any power of the authority. Except as otherwise specified in this title for the transaction of any business or the exercise of any power of the authority, the authority shall have the power to act by a majority vote of the members present at any meeting at which a quorum is in attendance and except further, that in the event of a tie vote the chairman shall cast one additional vote. For the purposes of the voting and quorum requirements of this subdivision, the voting and

1 quorum requirements set forth in [~~subdivision three of section twelve~~  
2 ~~hundred sixty three~~] subdivision three of section thirteen hundred  
3 forty-nine-c of this chapter and in any by-law of the [~~metropolitan~~  
4 ~~transportation~~] big apple transit authority adopted pursuant to the  
5 provisions of such subdivision shall be applicable hereto. Such board  
6 and its corporate existence shall continue only for a period of five  
7 years and thereafter until all its liabilities have been met and its  
8 bonds, notes and other obligations have been paid in full or such  
9 liabilities or bonds, notes or other obligations have otherwise been  
10 discharged, including bonds, notes or other obligations issued by the  
11 metropolitan transportation authority that are payable in whole or in  
12 part by revenues of the authority. When all liabilities incurred by the  
13 authority of every kind and character have been met and all its bonds,  
14 notes and other obligations have been paid in full, including bonds,  
15 notes or other obligations issued by the metropolitan transportation  
16 authority that are payable in whole or in part by revenues of the  
17 authority, or such liabilities or bonds, notes or other obligations have  
18 otherwise been discharged, all rights and properties of the authority  
19 shall pass to and be vested in the city, except those rights and proper-  
20 ties held by it relating to the convention center which shall pass to  
21 and be vested in the state. The authority shall retain full jurisdiction  
22 and control over all its projects, with the right and duty, subject to  
23 the limitations of subdivision nine of section five hundred fifty-two-a  
24 of this title, to charge tolls and collect revenues therefrom, for the  
25 benefit of the holders of any of its bonds, notes or other obligations  
26 or other liabilities, even if not issued or incurred in connection with  
27 the project. Upon the authority's ceasing to exist all its remaining  
28 rights and properties shall pass to the city, except those rights and  
29 properties held by it relating to the convention center which shall pass  
30 to the state.

31 § 3. Paragraphs (k), (o), (p) and (r) of subdivision 9 and subdivi-  
32 sions 4-a, 4-b, 7-a, 12, 13, 14, 17, 20 and 21 of section 553 of the  
33 public authorities law, subdivision 4-a as added by chapter 954 of the  
34 laws of 1946, subdivision 4-b as amended by section 2, subdivision 12 as  
35 amended by section 3, subdivision 17 as amended by section 4 and subdivi-  
36 sion 21 as added by section 5 of part 0 of chapter 61 of the laws of  
37 2000, subdivision 7-a as amended by section 7 of subpart B of part ZZZ  
38 of chapter 59 of the laws of 2019, paragraph (k) of subdivision 9 as  
39 added by chapter 806 of the laws of 1955, paragraphs (o) and (p) of  
40 subdivision 9 as added by chapter 369 of the laws of 1979, paragraph (r)  
41 of subdivision 9 as added by chapter 314 of the laws of 1981, subdivi-  
42 sion 13 as amended by chapter 576 of the laws of 1964, subdivision 14 as  
43 amended by chapter 874 of the laws of 1939 and subdivision 20 as added  
44 by chapter 929 of the laws of 1986, are amended to read as follows:

45 4-a. Whenever any real property is determined by the authority to be  
46 unnecessary for its corporate purpose.

47 (a) to surrender such real property to the [~~board of estimate of the~~]  
48 city council for other public use or purpose of such city, or

49 (b) to sell and convey or lease in behalf of such city any real prop-  
50 erty acquired by the city at the expense of the authority. The proceeds  
51 of any such sale or lease shall be paid to the authority and applied to  
52 its corporate purpose. Any such lease shall run for a term not to exceed  
53 ten years, and a renewal thereof for a term not to exceed ten years.

54 4-b. To apply for and receive and accept grants of property, money and  
55 services and other assistance offered or made available to it by any  
56 person, government or agency whatever, which it may use to meet capital

1 or operating expenses and for any other use within the scope of its  
2 powers, and to negotiate for the same upon such terms and conditions as  
3 the authority may determine to be necessary, convenient or desirable.  
4 Subject to the rights of the holders of any outstanding bonds, notes or  
5 other obligations of the authority, metropolitan transportation authori-  
6 ty, the big apple transit authority and the New York city transit  
7 authority, and to facilitate the efficient financial management of the  
8 authority, the metropolitan transportation authority, the big apple  
9 transit authority, its subsidiary corporations, and the New York city  
10 transit authority and its subsidiary corporations (the "affiliated enti-  
11 ties"), the authority may, and may permit and direct any affiliated  
12 entity to, transfer revenues, subsidies and other monies or securities  
13 to one or more funds or accounts of another affiliated entity for use by  
14 such other affiliated entity, provided at the time of such transfer it  
15 is reasonably anticipated that the monies and securities so transferred  
16 will be reimbursed, repaid or otherwise provided for by the end of the  
17 next succeeding calendar year if reimbursement or repayment is required  
18 by law or by any agreement to which any of the affected affiliated enti-  
19 ties is subject. Any revenues of an affiliated entity that are trans-  
20 ferred to another affiliated entity, which transfer was not authorized  
21 by a provision of law other than this subdivision, shall be considered  
22 to be required to be repaid to the affiliated entity which was the  
23 source of such revenues by the end of the next succeeding calendar year  
24 following such transfer.

25 7-a. Notwithstanding any inconsistent provision of law, the bridge and  
26 tunnel officers employed by the authority shall have the power to issue  
27 simplified traffic informations for traffic infractions as defined in  
28 section one hundred fifty-five of the vehicle and traffic law, committed  
29 on the sites owned, operated and maintained by the [~~triborough~~] Tribor-  
30 ough bridge and tunnel authority, such informations to be administered  
31 pursuant to the provisions of chapter two of title [~~A of chapter forty~~]  
32 nineteen of the administrative code of the city of New York or article  
33 two-A of the vehicle and traffic law, as applicable and also shall have  
34 the power to issue notices of violation for transit infractions commit-  
35 ted in and about any or all of the facilities, equipment or real proper-  
36 ty owned, occupied or operated by the [~~metropolitan transportation~~] big  
37 apple transit authority or its subsidiaries and the New York city trans-  
38 it authority and its subsidiaries, as provided and in accordance with  
39 section twelve hundred nine-a of this chapter. Nothing set forth in this  
40 subdivision shall be construed to impede, infringe or diminish the  
41 rights and benefits that accrue to employees and employers through  
42 collective bargaining agreements, or impact or change an employee's  
43 membership in a bargaining unit.

44 (k) Subject to and in accordance with all contract provisions with  
45 respect to any bonds and the rights of the holders of bonds, a vehicular  
46 bridge across the East river between the boroughs of the Bronx and  
47 Queens, east of the Bronx-Whitestone bridge, together with such inci-  
48 dental bridges and other structures, appurtenances, facilities and  
49 approaches as shall be necessary or convenient (herein collectively  
50 referred to as the "Throgs Neck bridge project"). With the consent of  
51 the United States of America, the Throgs Neck bridge project or a  
52 portion thereof, if deemed necessary or convenient by the authority, may  
53 be constructed upon or pass over any part of the military reservation  
54 known as Fort Schuyler and owned by the United States of America. No  
55 lands, easements or rights in land shall be acquired by the authority

1 for the purposes of this paragraph without the prior consent of the  
2 [~~board of estimate of the~~] city council.

3 ~~[(e) Subject to section five hundred fifty-three-c of this title, the~~  
4 ~~acquisition of new diesel self-propelled railroad passenger cars and the~~  
5 ~~transfer of the same to the metropolitan transportation authority, for a~~  
6 ~~nominal consideration, for use on commuter railroads owned or controlled~~  
7 ~~by the metropolitan transportation authority. The authority shall have~~  
8 ~~no obligation to operate, repair, maintain or reconstruct such cars~~  
9 ~~subsequent to their acquisition and transfer, nor shall it be liable to~~  
10 ~~the metropolitan transportation authority by reason of any warranty,~~  
11 ~~express or implied, in respect of such cars. Manufacturers or other~~  
12 ~~warranties furnished to the authority in connection with the purchase of~~  
13 ~~such cars shall be assigned to the metropolitan transportation authority~~  
14 ~~for enforcement.~~

15 ~~[(p) Subject to section five hundred fifty-three-c of this title, the~~  
16 ~~acquisition of land in the name of the authority in the vicinity of Penn~~  
17 ~~Station in the city of New York and/or the improvement of such land for~~  
18 ~~the benefit of the Long Island Rail Road for a lay-up yard and other~~  
19 ~~railroad purposes and the transfer of the said land and any improvements~~  
20 ~~thereon to the metropolitan transportation authority, parent corporation~~  
21 ~~of the said railroad, for a nominal consideration. The authority shall~~  
22 ~~have no obligation to operate, repair, maintain or reconstruct such land~~  
23 ~~or its improvements subsequent to such transfer.]~~

24 (r) In its discretion and subject to and in accordance with all  
25 contract provisions with respect to any bonds and the rights of the  
26 holders of bonds, at the request of the New York city transit authority  
27 or the [~~metropolitan transportation~~] big apple transit authority, (i)  
28 the planning for and the design, acquisition, construction, improvement,  
29 reconstruction or rehabilitation, in the name of the authority, of any  
30 capital asset, whether in the nature of personal or real property (or  
31 any interest therein) which is used or useful for a transit or transpor-  
32 tation purpose other than a marine or aviation purpose of the requesting  
33 authority or its designated subsidiary (and in the case of such assets  
34 then owned, operated by or under lease to the requesting authority or  
35 its designated subsidiary, the receipt by the authority of the use,  
36 occupancy, control or possession of such assets for the purpose of plan-  
37 ning, designing, constructing, improving, reconstructing or rehabilitat-  
38 ing the same) and the transfer or transfer back of such asset to the  
39 requesting authority, its designated subsidiary or other designee for a  
40 nominal consideration upon its acquisition or upon the completion of  
41 such improvement, construction, reconstruction or rehabilitation; or,  
42 alternatively or in combination with the foregoing, (ii) the making of  
43 capital grants to the requesting authority or its designated subsidiary  
44 to permit it to undertake and to finance such planning, design, acquisi-  
45 tion, improvement, construction, reconstruction or rehabilitation, or,  
46 alternatively or in combination with the foregoing, (iii) the financing  
47 of all or any part of the costs to the authority or to any other person  
48 or entity, public or private, of such planning, design, acquisition,  
49 construction, improvement, reconstruction or rehabilitation of any such  
50 capital asset through or accompanied by a leasing of the asset by such  
51 person or entity to the authority or through or accompanied by a sale by  
52 the authority to any such person or entity and leaseback to the authori-  
53 ty, in each case for subleasing to the requesting authority, its desig-  
54 nated subsidiary or other designee for a nominal rental, except that  
55 such leasing or leaseback from such person or entity may be directly to  
56 the requesting authority or its designated subsidiary or other designee,

1 for consideration, with the consent and at the expense of the authority.  
2 The foregoing authorization shall extend to and include the continuation  
3 of projects enumerated in paragraphs (m)[~~r~~]and (n)[~~r~~-(o)-and-(p)] of  
4 this subdivision without regard to any limitations set forth in section  
5 five hundred fifty-three-c of this title. The authority shall have no  
6 obligation to operate or, except as may otherwise be provided in any  
7 lease to which it may be a party as aforesaid, repair or maintain any  
8 capital asset after its acquisition, construction, improvement, recon-  
9 struction or rehabilitation and subsequent transfer, lease or sublease,  
10 nor shall it be liable to the transferee, lessee or sublessee by reason  
11 of any warranty, express or implied, in respect thereof. Warranties  
12 furnished in connection with such acquisition, improvement,  
13 construction, reconstruction or rehabilitation shall be assignable and  
14 assigned as directed by the requesting authority and approved by the  
15 authority.

16 12. To charge tolls, fees or rentals for the use of the project,  
17 subject to and in accordance with such agreement with bondholders as may  
18 be made as hereinafter provided. The toll rates charged for the use of  
19 either the Triborough or Whitestone bridge project shall, however, never  
20 be less than the toll rates charged for the use of the other, and this  
21 clause shall be deemed an obligation to the holders of any and all bonds  
22 at any time issued secured by the revenues of said projects. Subject to  
23 contracts with bondholders, all tolls and other revenues derived from  
24 any project shall be applied to the payment of operating, administration  
25 and other necessary expenses of the authority properly chargeable to  
26 such project and thereafter to the payment of interest or principal of  
27 bonds or for making sinking fund payments for bonds, not otherwise  
28 adequately provided for, whether issued in connection with such project  
29 or any other project. It is the intention hereof that surplus funds from  
30 any project remaining after providing for the payment of all operating,  
31 administration and other necessary expenses of the authority and all  
32 contract provisions with respect to any bonds, may be used to meet obli-  
33 gations incurred for other projects and if not so used or reserved for  
34 such use shall, at the discretion of [~~metropolitan transportation~~] the  
35 big apple transit authority, be transferred to [~~metropolitan transporta-~~  
36 ~~tion~~] the big apple transit authority or the New York city transit  
37 authority pursuant to section five hundred sixty-nine-c of this title.  
38 Subject to contracts with bondholders, the authority may treat one or  
39 more projects as a single enterprise in respect of revenues, expenses,  
40 the issuance of bonds, maintenance, operation or other purposes;

41 13. To construct and maintain over, under, along or across the project  
42 telephone, telegraph, or electric wires and cables, gas mains, water  
43 mains and other mechanical equipment not inconsistent with the appropri-  
44 ate use of the project, to contract for such construction and to lease  
45 the right to construct and/or use the same on such terms and for such  
46 considerations as it shall determine, provided, however, that no lease  
47 shall be made except with the approval of the [~~board of estimate of the~~]  
48 city council, or for a period of more than twenty years from the date  
49 when it is made;

50 14. To construct and maintain facilities for the public, not incon-  
51 sistent with the use of the project, to contract for such construction,  
52 and to lease the right to construct and/or use such facilities on such  
53 terms and for such considerations as it shall determine, provided,  
54 however, that no lease shall be made for a period of more than five  
55 years from the date when it is made except with the approval of the  
56 [~~board of estimate of the~~] city council;



17. To do all things necessary or convenient to carry out the powers expressly given in this title and to assist and cooperate with the ~~[metropolitan transportation]~~ big apple transit authority to carry out the powers of the ~~[metropolitan transportation]~~ big apple transit authority in furtherance of the purposes and powers of the authority as provided in this article, including, without limitation, the transactions described in sections ~~[twelve hundred sixty-six-e]~~ thirteen hundred forty-nine-j, ~~[twelve hundred sixty-nine]~~ thirteen hundred forty-nine-u, and ~~[twelve hundred seventy-d]~~ thirteen hundred forty-nine-dd of this chapter.

20. Prior to the adoption after January first, nineteen hundred eighty-seven by the authority of a general resolution pursuant to which it is authorized to issue any general or special obligation bonds or notes to finance a project pursuant to the authorization contained in paragraph (r) of subdivision nine of this section, not including any series resolution or resolutions, and prior to the adoption of any amendment to a general resolution, whenever adopted, pursuant to which it is authorized to issue any general or special obligation bonds or notes for such purpose, not including a series resolution or resolutions, the authority shall submit a copy of such proposed resolution to the ~~[metropolitan transportation authority capital program review]~~ big apple transit authority's board (hereinafter referred to as the "board"). Within fifteen days of such submission, the board may notify the authority of its unanimous approval of the same by the members entitled to vote thereon, or if the resolution is not approved and no individual member of the board who is entitled to vote on such resolution has notified the authority in writing of his disapproval, the resolution shall be deemed to have been approved. Neither the board nor any member thereof shall disapprove a proposed resolution by reason of any covenant requiring the authority to charge and fix tolls, rentals and other charges sufficient to pay its operating expenses and the debt service, including the funding of requisite reserves, on the bonds and notes authorized by such resolution. If the board or any member thereof entitled to vote thereon shall disapprove a proposed resolution, the authority may, at any time, resubmit a reformulated resolution. Within ten days of the submission of such reformulated resolution the board may notify the authority of its unanimous approval of the same by the members entitled to vote thereon, or, if the reformulated resolution is not approved and no individual member of the board who is entitled to vote thereon has notified the authority in writing of his disapproval within such period, the reformulated resolution shall have been deemed to have been approved. Any individual member of the board who votes against a resolution or a reformulated resolution or who notifies the authority of his disapproval shall state his reasons therefor. The member appointed on the recommendation of the mayor of the city of New York shall participate in the action of the board with respect to any resolution of the authority submitted pursuant to this subdivision. The authority shall not adopt a resolution or any amendment to a resolution disapproved by the board as herein provided.

21. To invest any funds, accounts or other monies not required for immediate use or disbursement, at the discretion of the authority, in any of the investments in which the ~~[metropolitan transportation]~~ big apple transit authority is permitted to invest its monies pursuant to subdivision four of section ~~[twelve hundred sixty-five]~~ thirteen hundred forty-nine-e of this chapter.

§ 4. The opening paragraph of subdivision 1 and subdivision 2 of section 553-c of the public authorities law, as amended by chapter 273 of the laws of 1980, are amended to read as follows:

The authority shall have the power to finance all or any part of the costs of railroad and rapid transit costs enumerated in paragraphs ~~[m, n, o and p]~~ (m) and (n) of subdivision nine of section five hundred fifty-three of this article through the issuance of its negotiable bonds, notes or other obligations in the manner provided in section five hundred sixty-one of this ~~[chapter]~~ title subject only to the following limitations:

2. Moneys expended pursuant to subdivision one of this section shall be utilized insofar as practical to: (a) purchase at least one hundred twenty-four new subway cars for the New York city transit authority, and (b) rehabilitate at least two hundred eighty existing subway cars for the New York city transit authority~~[(c) acquire at least fifteen new diesel self-propelled railroad passenger cars for the metropolitan transportation authority commuter service area and (d) provide a passenger car lay-up yard and other facilities for the Long Island Rail Road in Manhattan]~~. The authority shall either apply for or make reasonable effort to secure federal assistance in support of each of the programs herein authorized and to the extent such federal assistance is forthcoming and/or other cost savings are realized with respect to any such program shall have the power to expand the size of that or any of the foregoing programs.

§ 5. Section 553-d of the public authorities law, as amended by section 6 of part 0 of chapter 61 of the laws of 2000, is amended to read as follows:

§ 553-d. Special Triborough bridge and tunnel authority special obligation bonds and notes. In addition to the powers contained elsewhere in this title with respect to the projects authorized by paragraphs (m), (n)~~[(o), (p)]~~ and (r) of subdivision nine of section five hundred fifty-three of this title, and subject to the application of the revenues and other monies and assets of the authority pursuant to section ~~[twelve hundred seventy-d]~~ thirteen hundred forty-nine-dd of this chapter, the authority may issue its bonds and notes to finance such projects payable from and secured by all or any part of the moneys received by the authority from the metropolitan transportation authority special assistance fund established under section twelve hundred seventy-a of this chapter, provided however that such bonds and notes may also be payable from and secured by any other moneys, securities and funds designated by the authority as additional security therefor. Debt service on bonds and notes issued by the authority pursuant to this section which is paid or reimbursed from moneys received by the authority from the metropolitan transportation authority special assistance fund shall not be deemed to constitute debt service incurred by the authority for purposes of subdivision three of section twelve hundred nineteen-a of this chapter. Such bonds or notes shall be issued in the manner provided in section five hundred sixty-one of this title.

§ 6. Subdivisions 1, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 of section 553-e of the public authorities law, as added by chapter 314 of the laws of 1981, subdivision 10 as amended by chapter 558 of the laws of 1981 and subdivision 11 as amended by chapter 929 of the laws of 1986, are amended to read as follows:

1. (a) In its performance of any project authorized by paragraph (m), (n)~~[(o), (p)]~~ or (r) of subdivision nine of section five hundred fifty-three of this title, the authority shall not be deemed the agent

1 or instrumentality of any other public benefit or municipal corporation  
2 notwithstanding the fact that title to any real or personal property (or  
3 any interest therein) which is the subject of or is a part of such  
4 project is held by, or upon completion of such project is to be trans-  
5 ferred to, any such entity, and the provisions of section five hundred  
6 fifty-nine of this title shall not be applicable with respect to any  
7 such project. In its performance of any such project for the New York  
8 city transit authority, however, the provisions of section twelve  
9 hundred nine of this chapter shall apply to the authority as if it were  
10 the "authority" referred to therein.

11 (b) Neither the provisions of section one hundred ninety-seven-c of  
12 the New York city charter, relating to a uniform land use review proce-  
13 dure, nor the provisions of any other local law of the city of New York  
14 of like or similar tenor or import shall apply (i) to the acquisition of  
15 any real property (or any interest therein) for the purposes of any such  
16 project by the city or by the New York city transit authority or any of  
17 its subsidiaries; (ii) to the subsequent transfer of any real property  
18 (or interest therein) so acquired to the authority or its designee for  
19 the purposes of such project or to the transfer to the authority or its  
20 designee for such purposes of any real property (or interest therein)  
21 then owned by the city or by the New York city transit authority or any  
22 such subsidiary; nor (iii) to the transfer to the authority or its  
23 designee for such purposes of the right of use, occupancy, control or  
24 possession of any real property (or interest therein), whether presently  
25 owned or hereafter acquired by the city or by the New York city transit  
26 authority or any such subsidiary; provided in each such case, however,  
27 that if at the time of such proposed acquisition or transfer the real  
28 property which is the subject of such acquisition or transfer is not  
29 then being utilized for a transit or transportation purpose or is not an  
30 insubstantial addition to such property contiguous thereto; (a) the  
31 authority proposing to acquire or receive such property shall, unless a  
32 submission with respect to such property has previously been made and  
33 approved as herein provided, submit to the community board for the  
34 community district in which such property is located, data with respect  
35 to the proposed use of such property and to the design of any facility  
36 proposed to be constructed thereon; (b) such community board shall  
37 inform the [~~board of estimate of the~~] city council of New York, with  
38 copies to the city planning commission of the city of New York and the  
39 proposing authority, of its views and recommendations with respect ther-  
40 eto within forty-five days of such submission, and if the community  
41 board shall fail to so inform the [~~board of estimate~~] city council with-  
42 in such period it shall be deemed to have recommended the proposal; and  
43 (c) the [~~board of estimate~~] city council shall, within forty-five days  
44 of the recommendation of the community board, approve or disapprove such  
45 acquisition or transfer, and if the [~~board of estimate~~] city council  
46 shall fail to act within such period it shall be deemed to have approved  
47 the same.

48 7. The [~~metropolitan transportation~~] big apple transit authority, the  
49 New York city transit authority and the designated subsidiaries of each  
50 of them are each hereby authorized (i) to request the authority to  
51 undertake any such project; (ii) to acquire in its own name by gift,  
52 purchase or condemnation, and, additionally, in the case of the [~~metro-~~  
53 ~~politan transportation~~] big apple transit authority, by appropriation  
54 pursuant to section [~~twelve hundred sixty-seven-a~~] thirteen hundred  
55 forty-nine-g of this chapter, any real or personal property (or any  
56 interest therein), which is needed or useful for or in connection with

1 such project, the provisions of any lease or other agreement with the  
2 city to the contrary notwithstanding, and to surrender the use, occupan-  
3 cy, control or possession of or to transfer the same, or of any other  
4 such real or personal property (or any interest therein) which it owns,  
5 leases, operates or controls, to the authority; (iii) to accept a trans-  
6 fer, transfer back, lease or sublease of any such project or part there-  
7 of upon its completion; (iv) to undertake any such project itself, or to  
8 finance, through loans, leases or otherwise, any other person or entity,  
9 public or private, to do so, in each case using funds granted by the  
10 authority to pay all or any part of the costs thereof (such undertaking,  
11 in the case of the New York city transit authority and its subsidiary,  
12 the Manhattan and Bronx surface transit operating authority, being free  
13 of any restriction set forth in subparagraph (ii) of paragraph b of  
14 subdivision one of section twelve hundred three or in paragraph (c) of  
15 subdivision five of section twelve hundred three-a of this chapter); and  
16 (v) to make its agents, employees and facilities available to the  
17 authority in connection therewith.

18 8. No such project to be constructed upon real property theretofore  
19 used for a transit or transportation purpose, or on an insubstantial  
20 addition to such property contiguous thereto, which will not change in a  
21 material respect the general character of such prior transit or trans-  
22 portation use, nor any acts or activities in connection with such  
23 project, shall be subject to the provisions of article eight, nineteen,  
24 twenty-four or twenty-five of the environmental conservation law, or to  
25 any local law or ordinance adopted pursuant to any such article. Nor  
26 shall any project or acts or activities in connection therewith taken by  
27 any person or entity, public or private, pursuant to paragraph (m),  
28 (n)[~~(o)~~, ~~(p)~~], or (r) of subdivision nine of section five hundred  
29 fifty-three of this title be subject to the provisions of article eight  
30 of the environmental conservation law if such project, acts or activ-  
31 ities to be taken in connection therewith require the preparation of a  
32 statement under or pursuant to any federal law or regulation as to the  
33 environmental impact thereof.

34 9. In connection with the negotiation, award and implementation of  
35 contracts of the authority relating to any project hereafter initiated  
36 pursuant to paragraphs (m), (n)[~~(o)~~, ~~(p)~~] and (r) of subdivision nine  
37 of section five hundred fifty-three of this title, the provisions of  
38 [~~paragraphs (a), (b), (c) and (d) of subdivision~~] subdivisions thirteen  
39 and fourteen of section [~~twelve hundred sixty-six-e~~] thirteen hundred  
40 forty-nine-j of this chapter shall apply to the authority as if it were  
41 the "authority" referred to therein, and the [~~officer designated by the~~  
42 ~~metropolitan transportation authority pursuant to paragraph (c) of that~~  
43 ~~subdivision~~] division of minority and women's business development,  
44 established pursuant to article fifteen-A of the executive law, shall  
45 perform the duties therein described with respect to such contracts of  
46 the authority.

47 10. The financing of any such project through the issuance of bonds or  
48 notes of the authority shall be subject to the provisions of section  
49 [~~twelve hundred sixty-nine-b~~] thirteen hundred forty-nine-v of this  
50 chapter.

51 11. The aggregate principal amount of bonds and notes issued and  
52 outstanding at any time to finance projects authorized by paragraphs  
53 (m), (n)[~~(o)~~, ~~(p)~~] and (r) of subdivision nine of section five hundred  
54 fifty-three of this title shall not exceed one billion one hundred  
55 million dollars through December thirty-first, nineteen hundred eighty-  
56 six and three billion two hundred million dollars thereafter, provided

1 however that such latter amount shall not exceed two billion two hundred  
2 million dollars for all bonds and notes other than those issued pursuant  
3 to section five hundred fifty-three-d of this title. This limitation  
4 shall not include (i) bonds and notes issued to refund or otherwise  
5 repay bonds or notes theretofore issued for such purposes, (ii) bonds  
6 issued to fund any reasonably required debt service reserve fund for  
7 bonds and notes, and (iii) an amount equal to any original issue  
8 discount from the [~~principal~~] principal amount of any bonds or notes  
9 issued and then outstanding. From the proceeds of the bonds and notes  
10 provided for in the first sentence of this subdivision, other than bonds  
11 or notes authorized by section five hundred fifty-three-d of this title,  
12 the authority shall not expend more than one billion three hundred twenty  
13 million dollars for transit projects as defined in section [~~twelve~~  
14 ~~hundred sixty-six-e~~] thirteen hundred forty-nine-j of this chapter nor  
15 more than eight hundred eighty million dollars for transportation facilities  
16 as such term is defined in subdivision [~~fourteen~~] nineteen of  
17 section [~~twelve hundred sixty-one~~] thirteen hundred forty-nine-b of this  
18 chapter other than marine or aviation facilities. For the purposes of  
19 this subdivision, facilities under the jurisdiction of the Staten Island  
20 rapid transit operating authority shall be considered transit projects.

21 § 7. Subdivisions 2, 3, 3-a and 4 of section 553-j of the public  
22 authorities law, as added by section 5 of subpart A of part ZZZ of chapter  
23 59 of the laws of 2019, are amended to read as follows:

24 2. Monies in the fund shall be applied, subject to agreements with  
25 bondholders and applicable federal law, to the payment of operating,  
26 administration, and other necessary expenses of the authority, or to the  
27 city of New York subject to the memorandum of understanding executed  
28 pursuant to subdivision two-a of section seventeen hundred four of the  
29 vehicle and traffic law properly allocable to such program, including  
30 the planning, designing, constructing, installing or maintaining of the  
31 central business district tolling program, including, without limitation,  
32 the central business district tolling infrastructure, the central  
33 business district tolling collection system and the central business  
34 district tolling customer service center, and the costs of any [~~metropolitan~~  
35 ~~transportation~~] big apple transit authority capital projects  
36 included within the 2020 to 2024 [~~MTA~~] big apple transit authority capital  
37 program or any successor programs. Monies in the fund may be: (a)  
38 pledged by the authority to secure and be applied to the payment of the  
39 bonds, notes or other obligations of the authority to finance the costs  
40 of the central business district tolling program, including, without  
41 limitation, the central business district tolling infrastructure, the  
42 central business district tolling collection system and the central  
43 business district tolling customer service center, and the costs of any  
44 [~~metropolitan transportation~~] big apple transit authority capital  
45 projects included within the 2020 to 2024 [~~MTA~~] big apple transit  
46 authority capital program or any successor programs, including debt  
47 service, reserve requirements, if any, the payment of amounts required  
48 under bond and note facilities or agreements related thereto, the  
49 payment of federal government loans, security or credit arrangements or  
50 other agreements related thereto; or (b) used by the authority for the  
51 payment of such capital costs of the central business district tolling  
52 program and the costs of any [~~metropolitan transportation~~] big apple  
53 transit authority capital projects included within the 2020 to 2024  
54 [~~MTA~~] big apple transit authority capital program or any successor  
55 programs; or (c) transferred to the [~~metropolitan transportation~~] big  
56 apple transit authority and (1) pledged by the [~~metropolitan transporta-~~



1 ~~tion]~~ big apple transit authority to secure and be applied to the  
2 payment of the bonds, notes or other obligations of the [~~metropolitan~~  
3 ~~transportation]~~ big apple transit authority to finance the costs of any  
4 [~~metropolitan—transportation]~~ big apple transit authority capital  
5 projects included within the 2020 to 2024 [~~MTA]~~ big apple transit  
6 authority capital program or any successor programs, including debt  
7 service, reserve requirements, if any, the payment of amounts required  
8 under bond and note facilities or agreements related thereto, the  
9 payment of federal government loans, security or credit arrangements or  
10 other agreements related thereto, or (2) used by the [~~metropolitan~~  
11 ~~transportation]~~ big apple transit authority for the payment of the costs  
12 of any [~~metropolitan—transportation]~~ big apple transit authority capital  
13 projects included within the 2020 to 2024 [~~MTA]~~ big apple transit  
14 authority capital program or any successor programs. Such revenues shall  
15 only supplement and shall not supplant any federal, state, or local  
16 funds expended by the authority or the [~~metropolitan—transportation]~~ big  
17 apple transit authority, or such authority's or [~~metropolitan—transportation]~~ big apple transit  
18 authority's affiliates or subsidiaries for  
19 such respective purposes. Central business district toll revenues may be  
20 used as required to obtain, utilize, or maintain federal authorization  
21 to collect tolls on federal aid highways.

22 3. Any monies deposited in the fund shall be held in the fund free and  
23 clear of any claim by any person arising out of or in connection with  
24 article forty-four-C of the vehicle and traffic law and subdivision  
25 twelve-a of section five hundred fifty-three of this title. Without  
26 limiting the generality of the foregoing, no person paying any amount  
27 that is deposited into the fund shall have any right or claim against  
28 the authority or the [~~metropolitan—transportation]~~ big apple transit  
29 authority, any of their bondholders, any of the authority's or the  
30 [~~metropolitan—transportation]~~ big apple transit authority's subsidiaries  
31 or affiliates to any monies in or distributed from the fund or in  
32 respect of a refund, rebate, credit or reimbursement of monies arising  
33 out of or in connection with article forty-four-C of the vehicle and  
34 traffic law and subdivision twelve-a of section five hundred fifty-three  
35 of this title.

36 3-a. Of the capital project costs paid by this fund[~~+ eighty percent~~  
37 ~~shall be capital project costs of the New York city transit authority~~  
38 ~~and its subsidiary, Staten Island Rapid Transit Operating Authority, and~~  
39 ~~MTA Bus with]~~ priority shall be given to the subway system, new signal-  
40 ing, new subway cars, track and car repair, accessibility, buses and bus  
41 system improvements and further investments in expanding transit avail-  
42 ability to areas in the outer boroughs that have limited mass transit  
43 options; ten percent shall be capital project costs of the Long Island  
44 Rail Road, including but not limited to, parking facilities, rolling  
45 stock, capacity enhancements, accessibility, and expanding transit  
46 availability to areas in the Metropolitan Commuter Transportation  
47 District that have limited mass transit options; and ten percent shall  
48 be capital project costs of the Metro-North Commuter Railroad Company,  
49 including but not limited to, parking facilities, rolling stock, capaci-  
50 ty enhancements, accessibility, and expanding transit availability to  
51 areas in the Metropolitan Commuter Transportation District that have  
52 limited mass transit options.

53 4. The authority shall report annually on all receipts and expendi-  
54 tures of the fund. The report shall detail operating expenses of the  
55 central business district tolling program and all fund expenditures  
56 including capital projects. The report shall be readily available to the

1 public, and shall be posted on the authority's website and be submitted  
2 to [~~the governor, the temporary president of the senate, the speaker of~~  
3 ~~the assembly,~~] the mayor and council of the city of New York, and the  
4 [~~metropolitan transportation~~] big apple transit authority board[, ~~and~~  
5 ~~the metropolitan transportation authority capital program review board~~].

6 § 8. Subdivision 5 of section 553-k of the public authorities law is  
7 REPEALED.

8 § 9. Section 555 of the public authorities law, as amended by chapter  
9 655 of the laws of 1978, is amended to read as follows:

10 § 555. Selection of site. Notwithstanding any provisions of any other  
11 statute, the authority in conjunction with the commissioner of parks of  
12 the city or his successor, the commissioner of parks and recreation, and  
13 with the approval of the [~~board of estimate~~] city council of such city  
14 and with the separate approval of the mayor thereof, is hereby author-  
15 ized to select sites in the boroughs of the Bronx and Queens of the city  
16 for the Whitestone bridge project and parkways connecting therewith,  
17 which sites may be in or through existing public parks, and to select  
18 sites for new public parks contiguous to such project or contiguous to  
19 the roads, streets, parkways or avenues connecting with such project. A  
20 site or sites may be selected for any or all of the aforementioned  
21 purposes and thereafter the use thereof shall be allocated by the  
22 commissioner of parks and recreation as herein provided. The property so  
23 selected solely for such project, not already owned by the city, shall  
24 be acquired at the sole expense of the authority in the manner provided  
25 for under this title. The property so selected solely for new public  
26 parks shall be acquired by the city at its sole expense. The cost of the  
27 property so selected for such project, combined with any other aforemen-  
28 tioned purposes the use of which is to be thereafter determined, shall  
29 be divided between the city and the authority as may be determined by a  
30 contract or contracts hereby authorized to be entered into between the  
31 city and the authority, subject to the approval of the [~~board of esti-~~  
32 ~~mate of the~~] city council. So much of the sites so selected and acquired  
33 or such easements or rights of way therein as may be necessary or  
34 convenient for the corporate purposes of the authority may be assigned  
35 by the commissioner of parks and recreation of the city to the authority  
36 for its use so long as its corporate existence shall continue.

37 § 10. Section 557 of the public authorities law, as amended by chapter  
38 576 of the laws of 1964, is amended to read as follows:

39 § 557. Grant of land by the city to the authority. The city shall have  
40 power and authority by resolution of the [~~board of estimate of the~~] city  
41 council to assign to the authority, without consideration, any land  
42 owned by the city on the seventh day of April, nineteen hundred thirty-  
43 three, or thereafter acquired by it, needed or convenient for the  
44 project, including lands released or to be released by the state to the  
45 city pursuant to chapter three hundred seventy-nine of the laws of nine-  
46 teen hundred twenty-nine as amended.

47 § 11. Subdivision 3 of section 557-a of the public authorities law, as  
48 added by chapter 874 of the laws of 1939, is amended to read as follows:

49 3. The city may, by resolution of the [~~board of estimate~~] city  
50 council, or by deed authorized by such a resolution, convey, with or  
51 without consideration, to the authority for the project the use and  
52 occupancy, for so long as its corporate existence shall continue, of any  
53 lands then owned by the city including lands which, by any other law,  
54 are inalienable by the city, and such conveyance may reserve to the city  
55 such rights as shall not restrict the authority in the construction,  
56 reconstruction, operation and maintenance of the project.

§ 12. Subdivision 1 of section 561 of the public authorities law, as amended by section 7 of part 0 of chapter 61 of the laws of 2000, is amended to read as follows:

1. The authority shall have the power and is hereby authorized from time to time to issue its negotiable bonds in conformity with applicable provisions of the uniform commercial code for any corporate purpose or power. The authority shall have power from time to time and whenever it deems refunding advantageous or desirable, to refund, redeem or otherwise pay, including by purchase or tender any bonds by the issuance of new bonds, whether the bonds to be refunded have or have not matured, and may issue bonds partly to refund bonds then outstanding and partly for any other corporate purpose or power. The refunding bonds may be exchanged for the bonds to be refunded, with such cash adjustments as may be agreed, or may be sold and the proceeds applied to the purchase or payment of the bonds to be refunded. The authority may issue general or special obligation bonds. Every issue of general obligation bonds shall be payable out of any moneys or revenues of the authority, subject only to any agreements with the holders of particular bonds pledging any particular tolls or revenues. Every issue of special obligation bonds shall be payable out of any revenues, receipts, monies or assets of the authority, the ~~[metropolitan transportation]~~ big apple transit authority and its subsidiary corporations and the New York city transit authority and its subsidiary corporations identified for such purposes in accordance with agreements with the holders of particular bonds.

§ 13. Section 569-c of the public authorities law, as amended by section 9 of part 0 of chapter 61 of the laws of 2000, is amended to read as follows:

§ 569-c. Transfer and receipt of surplus funds. Notwithstanding any provision of this title or any other provision of law, general, special or local, the authority shall, at the direction of the ~~[metropolitan transportation]~~ big apple transit authority, from time to time transfer and pay over all or any part of its surplus funds to (a) ~~[metropolitan transportation]~~ the big apple transit authority or (b) the New York city transit authority, all in accordance with the provisions of subdivision twelve of section five hundred fifty-three of this title ~~[and the determination of the proportional allocation of such amounts of surplus funds so deposited as between the New York city transit authority and the commuter railroads operated by metropolitan transportation authority shall be governed by the provisions of section twelve hundred nineteen-a of this chapter]~~ and the authority may accept and use any moneys transferred and paid over to it by ~~[metropolitan transportation]~~ the big apple transit authority or the New York city transit authority.

§ 14. This act shall take effect January 1, 2021.

#### PART D

Section 1. Article 5 of the public authorities law is amended by adding a new title 11-E to read as follows:

##### TITLE 11-E

##### BIG APPLE TRANSIT AUTHORITY

##### Section 1349-a. Short title.

##### 1349-b. Definitions.

##### 1349-c. Big apple transit authority.

##### 1349-d. Purposes of the authority.

##### 1349-e. General powers of the authority.

##### 1349-f. Contracts.

1       1349-g. Big apple transit authority small business mentoring  
2           program.  
3       1349-h. Special powers of the authority.  
4       1349-i. Medical emergency services.  
5       1349-j. Transit projects.  
6       1349-k. Excess loss fund.  
7       1349-l. Authority police force.  
8       1349-m. The permanent citizens advisory committee.  
9       1349-n. Big apple transit authority pledge to customers.  
10       1349-o. Expired fare transfer policy.  
11       1349-p. Acquisition and disposition of real property.  
12       1349-q. Acquisition and disposition of real property by  
13           department of transportation.  
14       1349-r. Transit facilities for transit construction fund.  
15       1349-s. Co-operation and assistance of other agencies.  
16       1349-t. Promotion of qualified transportation fringes.  
17       1349-u. Notes, bonds and other obligations of the authority.  
18       1349-v. Capital program plans; approvals; effect of disap-  
19           proval.  
20       1349-w. Submission of strategic operation plan.  
21       1349-x. Financial and operational reports.  
22       1349-y. Mission statement and measurement report.  
23       1349-z. Requirements for certain authority contracts and  
24           related subcontracts.  
25       1349-aa. Reserve funds and appropriations.  
26       1349-bb. Big apple transit authority special assistance fund.  
27       1349-cc. Big apple transit authority dedicated tax fund.  
28       1349-dd. Consolidated financings.  
29       1349-ee. Regulation of certain authority expenditures.  
30       1349-ff. Metropolitan transportation authority finance fund.  
31       1349-gg. New York city transportation assistance fund.  
32       1349-hh. Agreement of the state.  
33       1349-ii. Right of state to require redemption of bonds.  
34       1349-jj. Remedies of noteholders and bondholders.  
35       1349-kk. Notes and bonds as legal investment.  
36       1349-ll. Exemption from taxation.  
37       1349-mm. Actions against the authority.  
38       1349-nn. Annual audit of authority.  
39       1349-oo. Authority budget and financial plan.  
40       1349-pp. Independent audit of authority.  
41       1349-qq. Independent audit by the legislature.  
42       1349-rr. Reporting.  
43       1349-ss. Transfer and receipt of surplus funds.  
44       1349-tt. Title not affected if in part unconstitutional or  
45           ineffective.  
46       1349-uu. Big apple transit authority inspector general.  
47       1349-vv. Management advisory board.  
48       1349-ww. The office of legislative and community input.  
49       1349-xx. Supplemental revenue reporting program.

50       § 1349-a. Short title. This title may be known and may be cited as the  
51       "big apple transit authority act".

52       § 1349-b. Definitions. As used or referred to in this title, unless a  
53       different meaning clearly appears from the context:

54       1. "Authority" shall mean the corporation created by section thirteen  
55       hundred forty-nine-c of this title.

1     2. "Authority facilities" shall mean the authority's transit, rail-  
2 road, omnibus, marine and aviation facilities and operations pursuant to  
3 joint service arrangements.

4     3. "Budget" shall mean the preliminary, final proposed and adopted  
5 final plans of the authority, and each of its agencies.

6     4. "Comptroller" shall mean the comptroller of the city of New York.

7     5. "Equipment" shall mean rolling stock, omnibuses, vehicles, air,  
8 marine or surface craft, motors, boilers, engines, wires, ways, conduits  
9 and mechanisms, machinery, tools, implements, materials, supplies,  
10 instruments and devices of every nature whatsoever used or useful for  
11 transportation purposes or for the generation or transmission of motive  
12 power including but not limited to all power houses, and all apparatus  
13 and all devices for signaling, communications and ventilation as may be  
14 necessary, convenient or desirable for the operation of a transportation  
15 facility.

16     6. "Federal government" shall mean the United States government, and  
17 any officer, department, board, commission, bureau, division, corpo-  
18 ration, agency or instrumentality thereof.

19     7. "Gap" shall mean the difference between projected revenues and  
20 expenses for any given fiscal year based on the existing fare structure.

21     8. "Gap-closing initiative" shall mean any action to reduce a project-  
22 ed gap.

23     9. "Governor" shall mean the governor of the state of New York.

24     10. "Joint service arrangements" shall mean agreements between or  
25 among the authority and any common carrier or freight forwarder, the  
26 state, any state agency, the federal government, any other state or  
27 agency or instrumentality thereof, any public authority of this or any  
28 other state, or any political subdivision or municipality of the state,  
29 relating to property, buildings, structures, facilities, services,  
30 rates, fares, classifications, divisions, allowances or charges (includ-  
31 ing charges between operators of railroad, omnibus, marine and aviation  
32 facilities), or rules or regulations pertaining thereto, for or in  
33 connection with or incidental to transportation in part in or upon rail-  
34 road, omnibus, marine or aviation facilities located within the district  
35 and in part in or upon railroad, omnibus, marine or aviation facilities  
36 located outside the district.

37     11. "Marine and aviation facilities" shall mean equipment and craft  
38 for the transportation of passengers, mail and cargo between points  
39 within the district or pursuant to joint service arrangements, by marine  
40 craft and aircraft of all types including but not limited to hydrofoils,  
41 ferries, lighters, tugs, barges, helicopters, amphibians, seaplanes or  
42 other contrivances now or hereafter used in navigation or movement on  
43 waterways or in the navigation of or flight in airspace. It shall also  
44 mean any marine port or airport facility within the city but outside the  
45 port of New York district as defined in chapter one hundred fifty-four  
46 of the laws of nineteen hundred twenty-one, including but not limited to  
47 terminals, docks, piers, bulkheads, ramps or any facility or real prop-  
48 erty necessary, convenient or desirable for the accommodation of passen-  
49 gers and cargo or the docking, sailing, landing, taking off, accommo-  
50 dation or servicing of such marine craft or aircraft.

51     12. "Mayor" shall mean the mayor of the city of New York.

52     13. "Metropolitan transportation authority" shall mean the corporation  
53 created pursuant to title eleven of this article.

54     14. "Omnibus facilities" shall mean motor vehicles, of the type oper-  
55 ated by carriers subject to the jurisdiction of the public service  
56 commission, engaged in the transportation of passengers and their



1 baggage, express and mail between points within the district or pursuant  
2 to joint service arrangements, and equipment, property, buildings,  
3 structures, improvements, loading or unloading areas, parking areas or  
4 other facilities, necessary, convenient or desirable for the accommo-  
5 dation of such motor vehicles or their passengers, including but not  
6 limited to buildings, structures and areas notwithstanding that portions  
7 may not be devoted to any omnibus purpose other than the production of  
8 revenues available for the costs and expenses of all or any facilities  
9 of the authority.

10 15. "Railroad facilities" shall mean right of way and related track-  
11 age, rails, cars, locomotives, other rolling stock, signal, power, fuel,  
12 communication and ventilation systems, power plants, stations, termi-  
13 nals, storage yards, repair and maintenance shops, yards, equipment and  
14 parts, offices and other real estate or personalty used or held for or  
15 incidental to the operation, rehabilitation or improvement of any rail-  
16 road operating or to operate between points within the district or  
17 pursuant to joint service arrangements, including but not limited to  
18 buildings, structures, and areas notwithstanding that portions thereof  
19 may not be devoted to any railroad purpose other than the production of  
20 revenues available for the costs and expenses of all or any facilities  
21 of the authority.

22 16. "Real property" shall mean lands, structures, franchises and  
23 interests in land, waters, lands under water, riparian rights and air  
24 rights and any and all things and rights included within said term and  
25 includes not only fees simple absolute but also any and all lesser  
26 interests including but not limited to easements, rights of way, uses,  
27 leases, licenses and all other incorporeal hereditaments and every  
28 estate, interest or right, legal or equitable, including terms for years  
29 and liens thereon by way of judgments, mortgages or otherwise.

30 17. "State" shall mean the state of New York.

31 18. "State agency" shall mean any officer, department, board, commis-  
32 sion, bureau, division, public benefit corporation, agency or instrumen-  
33 talities of the state.

34 19. "Transportation facility" shall mean any transit, railroad, omni-  
35 bus, marine or aviation facility and any person, firm, partnership,  
36 association or, corporation which owns, leases or operates any such  
37 facility or any other facility used for service in the transportation of  
38 passengers, United States mail or personal property as a common carrier  
39 for hire and any portion thereof and the rights, leaseholds or other  
40 interest therein together with routes, tracks, extensions, connections,  
41 parking lots, garages, warehouses, yards, storage yards, maintenance and  
42 repair shops, terminals, stations and other related facilities thereof,  
43 the devices, appurtenances, and equipment thereof and power plants and  
44 other instrumentalities used or useful therefor or in connection there-  
45 with.

46 20. "Transportation district" and "district" shall mean the metropol-  
47 itan commuter transportation district created by section twelve hundred  
48 sixty-two of this article.

49 21. "Transportation purpose" shall mean a purpose that directly  
50 supports the missions or purposes of the authority, any of its subsid-  
51 aries, New York city transit authority or its subsidiary, including the  
52 realization of revenues derived from property that is, or is to be used  
53 as, a transportation facility.

54 22. "New York city transit authority" shall mean the corporation  
55 created by section twelve hundred one of this article.

1 23. "Triborough bridge and tunnel authority" shall mean the corpo-  
2 ration created pursuant to title three of article three of this chapter.

3 24. "Inspector general" shall mean the big apple transit authority  
4 inspector general.

5 25. "Revenues" shall mean all monies received by the authority or its  
6 subsidiaries, or New York city transit authority or its subsidiaries, or  
7 Triborough bridge and tunnel authority, as the case may be, from whatev-  
8 er source, derived directly or indirectly from or in connection with the  
9 operations of the respective entity except for any monies transferred to  
10 the metropolitan transportation authority pursuant to section thirteen  
11 hundred forty-nine-h of this title that is not returned to the authority  
12 pursuant to paragraph (c) of subdivision two of section twelve hundred  
13 sixty-six of this chapter.

14 26. "Transit facility" shall have the same meaning as defined in  
15 subdivision fifteen of section twelve hundred of this article.

16 27. "Utilization" shall mean public usage of the subway, bus, railroad  
17 and paratransit services, and bridge and tunnel crossings, of the  
18 authority and its affiliates and subsidiaries as reflected in empirical  
19 data.

20 28. "Big apple transit authority and its affiliates" shall mean the  
21 big apple transit authority, the New York city transit authority, and  
22 the Triborough bridge and tunnel authority, and all their respective  
23 subsidiaries.

24 § 1349-c. Big apple transit authority. 1. (a) There is hereby created  
25 the "big apple transit authority". The authority shall be a body corpo-  
26 rate and politic constituting a public benefit corporation. The authori-  
27 ty shall consist of seven voting members, including a chairperson, and  
28 two non-voting members. Members shall have experience in one or more of  
29 the following areas of expertise: transportation or transit planning;  
30 urban planning, including sustainability and resiliency; advocacy for  
31 individuals with disabilities; demographics, social trends or the needs  
32 of low-income New Yorkers; capital planning or civil engineering;  
33 finance; or another area of expertise central to the purpose of the  
34 authority. The mayor shall appoint four voting members, including the  
35 chairperson, and each member shall be entitled to cast one vote. Each  
36 borough president of the city of New York shall appoint one voting  
37 member who shall be entitled to cast a half vote. The public advocate of  
38 the city of New York shall appoint one voting member who shall be enti-  
39 tled to cast a half vote. The two non-voting members shall be appointed  
40 by the mayor. The first non-voting member shall be a regular mass trans-  
41 it user of the facilities of the authority and be recommended to the  
42 mayor of the city of New York by the permanent citizens advisory commit-  
43 tee established pursuant to section thirteen hundred forty-nine-m of  
44 this title. The second non-voting member shall be recommended to the  
45 mayor by the labor organization representing the majority of employees  
46 of the authority. The chairperson, at such chairperson's direction, may  
47 exclude such non-voting member from attending any portion of a meeting  
48 of the authority or of any committee established pursuant to paragraph  
49 (b) of subdivision three of this section held for the purpose of  
50 discussing negotiations with labor organizations. The chairperson and  
51 each of the members shall be appointed for a term of three years.

52 (b) Each member shall be subject to the conflict of interest board  
53 established by section twenty-six hundred two of the New York city char-  
54 ter as public servants charged with substantial policy discretion.

1 (c) Vacancies occurring otherwise than by expiration of term shall be  
2 filled in the same manner as original appointments for the balance of  
3 the unexpired term.

4 2. The chairperson shall be paid a salary in the amount determined by  
5 the authority; the other members shall not receive a salary or other  
6 compensation. Each member, including the chairperson, shall be entitled  
7 to reimbursement for actual and necessary expenses incurred in the  
8 performance of such member's official duties.

9 3. (a) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the  
10 chairperson shall be the chief executive officer of the authority and  
11 shall be responsible for the discharge of the executive and administra-  
12 tive functions and powers of the authority. The chairperson may appoint  
13 an executive director and such other officials and employees as shall in  
14 such chairperson's judgment be needed to discharge the executive and  
15 administrative functions and powers of the authority.

16 (b) The chairperson shall establish committees to assist such chair-  
17 person in the performance of such chairperson's duties and shall appoint  
18 members of the authority to such committees. Among such committees,  
19 there shall be a committee on operations of the New York city transit  
20 authority, the Manhattan and Bronx surface transit operating authority  
21 and the Staten Island rapid transit operating authority; a committee on  
22 operations of the Triborough bridge and tunnel authority; a committee on  
23 finance; a committee on capital program oversight; and a committee on  
24 safety. In addition to such appointed members, each of the non-voting  
25 members shall serve on the committee on capital program oversight, the  
26 committee on finance, the committee on safety, and the committee on  
27 operations of the Triborough bridge and tunnel authority. The committee  
28 on capital program oversight shall include not less than four members,  
29 and shall include the chairpersons of the committee on operations of the  
30 New York city transit authority, the Manhattan and Bronx surface transit  
31 operating authority and the Staten Island rapid transit operating  
32 authority, and the committee on safety. The committee on safety shall  
33 convene at least once annually and each committee chairperson, that is a  
34 member of the committee on safety, shall report to the committee on  
35 safety any and all initiatives, concerns, improvements, or failures  
36 involving the safety of customers, employees, and the public at large,  
37 in relation to authority facilities and services. The capital program  
38 committee shall, with respect to any approved or proposed capital  
39 program plans:

40 (i) monitor the current and future availability of funds to be  
41 utilized for such plans approved or proposed to be submitted to the  
42 mayor as provided in section thirteen hundred forty-nine-v of this  
43 title;

44 (ii) monitor the contract awards of the big apple transit authority  
45 and the New York city transit authority to ensure that such awards are  
46 consistent with:

47 (A) provisions of law authorizing United States content and New York  
48 state content;

49 (B) collective bargaining agreements;

50 (C) provisions of law providing for participation by minority and  
51 women-owned businesses;

52 (D) New York state labor laws;

53 (E) competitive bidding requirements including those regarding sole  
54 source contracts; and

55 (F) any other relevant requirements established by law;

1 (iii) monitor the award of contracts to determine if such awards are  
2 consistent with the manner in which the work was traditionally performed  
3 in the past provided, however, that any such determination shall not be  
4 admissible as evidence in any arbitration or judicial proceeding;

5 (iv) review the relationship between capital expenditures pursuant to  
6 each such capital program plan and current and future operating budget  
7 requirements;

8 (v) monitor the progress of capital elements described in each capital  
9 program plan approved as provided in section thirteen hundred forty-  
10 nine-v of this title;

11 (vi) monitor the expenditures incurred and to be incurred for each  
12 such element; and

13 (vii) identify capital elements not progressing on schedule, ascertain  
14 responsibility therefor and recommend those actions required or appro-  
15 priate to accelerate their implementation.

16 (c) The capital program committee shall issue a quarterly report on  
17 its activities and findings, and shall in connection with the prepara-  
18 tion of such quarterly report, consult with the city department of  
19 transportation, the mayor, and any other group the committee deems rele-  
20 vant, including public employee organizations, and, at least annually,  
21 with a nationally recognized independent transit engineering firm. Such  
22 report shall be made available to the members of the authority, to the  
23 mayor, and the directors of the municipal assistance corporation for the  
24 city of New York.

25 (d) The chairperson shall ensure that at every meeting of the board  
26 and at every meeting of each committee the public shall be allotted a  
27 period of time, not less than thirty minutes, to speak on any topic on  
28 the agenda.

29 (e) Notwithstanding paragraph (c) of subdivision one of section twen-  
30 ty-eight hundred twenty-four of this chapter or any other provision of  
31 law to the contrary, the chairperson shall not participate in establish-  
32 ing authority policies regarding the payment of salary, compensation and  
33 reimbursement to, nor establish rules for the time and attendance of,  
34 the chief executive officer. The salary of the chairperson, as deter-  
35 mined pursuant to subdivision two of this section, shall also be compen-  
36 sation for all services performed as chief executive officer.

37 4. Notwithstanding any inconsistent provisions of this or any other  
38 law, general, special or local, no officer or employee of the state, or  
39 of any public corporation as defined in the general corporation law,  
40 shall be deemed to have forfeited or shall forfeit such officer or  
41 employee's office or employment or any benefits provided under the  
42 retirement and social security law or under any public retirement system  
43 maintained by the state or any of its subdivisions by reason of such  
44 officer or employee's acceptance of a position of member or chairperson  
45 of the authority; provided, however, a member or chairperson who holds  
46 such other public office or employment shall receive no additional  
47 compensation for services rendered pursuant to this title, but shall be  
48 entitled to reimbursement for such member or chairperson's actual and  
49 necessary expenses incurred in the performance of such services.

50 5. The mayor may remove any member for inefficiency, neglect of duty,  
51 breach of fiduciary duty or misconduct in office after giving the member  
52 a copy of the charges against the member and an opportunity to be heard,  
53 in person or by counsel in the member's defense, upon not less than ten  
54 days' notice. If any member shall be so removed, the mayor shall file a  
55 complete statement of charges made against such member, and his or her  
56 findings thereon, together with a complete record of the proceedings.

6. The authority shall continue so long as it shall have bonds or other obligations outstanding and until its existence shall be terminated by law. Upon the termination of the existence of the authority, all its rights and properties shall pass to and be vested in the city.

7. Whenever the authority causes notices of hearings on proposed changes in services or fares to be posted pursuant to this section or any statute, regulation, or authority policy, or where it voluntarily posts such notices, such notices shall:

(a) be written in a clear and coherent manner using words with common and every day meaning;

(b) be captioned in large point type bold lettering with a title that fairly and accurately conveys the basic nature of such change or changes;

(c) where such change involves a proposed change in levels of fare, include in its title the range of amounts of fare changes under consideration;

(d) contain, to the extent practicable, a concise description of the specific nature of the change or changes, including but not limited to a concise description of those changes that affect the largest number of passengers;

(e) where such change involves a change in the nature of a route, contain, to the extent practicable, a clear graphic illustration of such change or changes; and

(f) where such change involves a partial or complete station closing, such notice shall be posted at the affected station with a clear graphic illustration depicting the nature of any closing for such station.

§ 1349-d. Purposes of the authority. 1. The purposes of the authority shall be the continuance, further development and improvement of commuter transportation and other services related thereto within the city of New York, including but not limited to such transportation by railroad, omnibus, marine and air, in accordance with the provisions of this title. It shall be the further purpose of the authority, consistent with its status as the ex officio board of both the New York city transit authority and the Triborough bridge and tunnel authority, to develop and implement a unified mass transportation policy for the city in an efficient and cost-effective manner that includes the use of design-build contracting on all appropriate projects.

2. It is hereby found and declared that such purposes are in all respects for the benefit of the people of the city of New York and the authority shall be regarded as performing an essential governmental function in carrying out its purposes and in exercising the powers granted by this title.

§ 1349-e. General powers of the authority. Except as otherwise limited by this title, the authority shall have power:

1. to sue and be sued;

2. to have a seal and alter the same at pleasure;

3. to borrow money, to issue negotiable notes, bonds or other obligations and to provide for the rights of the holders thereof, and to finance or refinance all or any part of the costs to the authority or to any other person or entity, public or private, of the planning, design, acquisition, construction, improvement, reconstruction or rehabilitation of any transportation facility;

4. to invest any funds, accounts or other monies not required for immediate use or disbursement, at the discretion of the authority in:

(a) obligations of the state or the United States government;



1 (b) obligations the principal and interest of which are guaranteed by  
2 the state or the United States government;

3 (c) certificates of deposit of banks or trust companies in this state,  
4 secured, if the authority shall so require, by obligations of the United  
5 States or of the state of New York of a market value equal at all times  
6 to the amount of the deposit;

7 (d) banker's acceptances with a maturity of ninety days or less which  
8 are eligible for purchase by the Federal Reserve Banks and whose rating  
9 at the time of purchase is in the highest rating category of two  
10 nationally recognized independent rating agencies, provided, however,  
11 that the amount of banker's acceptances of any one bank shall not exceed  
12 two hundred fifty million dollars;

13 (e) obligations of any bank or corporation created under the laws of  
14 either the United States or any state of the United States maturing  
15 within two hundred seventy days, provided that such obligations receive  
16 the highest rating of two nationally recognized independent rating agen-  
17 cies and, provided further, that no more than two hundred fifty million  
18 dollars may be invested in such obligations of any one bank or corpo-  
19 ration;

20 (f) as to any such moneys held in reserve and sinking funds, other  
21 securities in which the trustee or trustees of any public retirement  
22 system or pension fund has the power to invest the monies thereof pursu-  
23 ant to article four-A of the retirement and social security law, each  
24 such reserve and sinking fund being treated as a separate fund for the  
25 purposes of article four-A of the retirement and social security law;

26 (g) notes, bonds, debentures, mortgages and other evidences of indebt-  
27 edness, issued or guaranteed at the time of the investment by the United  
28 States Postal Service, the federal national mortgage association, the  
29 federal home loan mortgage corporation, the student loan marketing asso-  
30 ciation, the federal farm credit system, or any other United States  
31 government sponsored agency, provided that at the time of the investment  
32 such agency or its obligations are rated and the agency receives, or its  
33 obligations receive, the highest rating of all independent rating agen-  
34 cies that rate such agency or its obligations, provided, however, that  
35 no more than two hundred fifty million dollars or such greater amount as  
36 may be authorized for investment by the state comptroller pursuant to  
37 section ninety-three of the state finance law may be invested in the  
38 obligations of any one agency;

39 (h) general obligation bonds and notes of any state other than the  
40 state, provided that such bonds and notes receive the highest rating of  
41 at least one independent rating agency, and bonds and notes of any coun-  
42 ty, town, city, village, fire district or school district of the state,  
43 provided that such bonds and notes receive either of the two highest  
44 ratings of at least two independent rating agencies;

45 (i) mutual funds registered with the United States securities and  
46 exchange commission whose investments are limited to obligations of the  
47 state described in paragraph (a) of this subdivision, obligations the  
48 principal and interest of which are guaranteed by the state described in  
49 paragraph (b) of this subdivision, and those securities described in  
50 this paragraph and that have received the highest rating of at least one  
51 independent rating agency, provided that the aggregate amount invested  
52 at any one time in all such mutual funds shall not exceed ten million  
53 dollars, and, provided further, that the authority shall not invest such  
54 funds, accounts or other monies in any mutual fund for longer than thir-  
55 ty days; and

1 (j) financial contracts in a foreign currency entered into for the  
2 purpose of minimizing the foreign currency exchange risk of the purchase  
3 price of a contract with a vendor chosen through competitive process for  
4 the acquisition of capital assets for the benefit of the capital program  
5 of the Triborough bridge and tunnel authority or the transit capital  
6 program;

7 5. to make and alter by-laws for its organization and internal manage-  
8 ment, and rules and regulations governing the exercise of its powers and  
9 the fulfillment of its purposes under this title;

10 6. to enter into contracts and leases and to execute all instruments  
11 necessary or convenient;

12 (a) with respect to any lease transaction entered into pursuant to  
13 section 168(f)(8) of the United States Internal Revenue Code or any  
14 successor provisions, the authority shall meet the following standards  
15 and procedures:

16 (i) notice of intention to negotiate shall be published in at least  
17 one newspaper of general circulation, and a copy thereof shall be mailed  
18 to all parties who have requested notification from the authority to  
19 engage in transactions of this type, and such notice shall describe the  
20 nature of the proposed transaction and the factors subject to negoti-  
21 ation, which shall include, but not be limited to, the price to be paid  
22 to the authority;

23 (ii) the authority shall negotiate with those respondents whose  
24 response complies with the requirements set forth in the notice;

25 (iii) the board of the authority shall resolve on the basis of parti-  
26 cularized findings relevant to the factors negotiated that such trans-  
27 action will provide maximum available financial benefits, consistent  
28 with other defined objectives and requirements;

29 (b) the authority shall provide to the mayor, city council, and all  
30 borough presidents of the boroughs in which the leased property is situ-  
31 ated, notice of each lease entered into pursuant to paragraph (a) of  
32 this subdivision and supporting documentation of compliance by the  
33 authority with subparagraphs (i), (ii) and (iii) of paragraph (a) of  
34 this subdivision;

35 (c) paragraphs (a) and (b) of this subdivision shall be of no force  
36 and effect with respect to any lease transaction entered into pursuant  
37 to a commitment approved prior the effective date of this section by the  
38 board of the metropolitan transportation authority;

39 7. to acquire, hold, and dispose of real or personal property in the  
40 exercise of its powers;

41 8. to appoint such officers and employees as it may require for the  
42 performance of its duties, and to fix and determine their qualifica-  
43 tions, duties, and compensation and to retain or employ counsel, audi-  
44 tors, engineers, and private consultants on a contract basis or other-  
45 wise for rendering professional or technical services and advice;

46 9. (a) notwithstanding section one hundred thirteen of the retirement  
47 and social security law or any other general or special law, the author-  
48 ity and any of its subsidiary corporations may continue or provide to  
49 its affected officers and employees any retirement, disability, death or  
50 other benefits provided or required for railroad personnel pursuant to  
51 federal or state law;

52 (b) the authority and any of its public benefit subsidiary corpo-  
53 rations may be a "participating employer" in the New York city employ-  
54 ees' retirement system with respect to one or more classes of officers  
55 and employees of such authority or any such public benefit subsidiary  
56 corporation, as may be provided by resolution of such authority or any

1 such public benefit subsidiary corporation, as the case may be, or any  
2 subsequent amendment thereof, filed with the comptroller and accepted by  
3 such comptroller pursuant to section thirty-one of the retirement and  
4 social security law. In taking any action pursuant to this paragraph,  
5 the authority and any of its public benefit subsidiary corporations  
6 shall consider the coverages and benefits continued or provided pursuant  
7 to paragraph (a) of this subdivision;

8 10. to make plans, surveys, and studies necessary, convenient or  
9 desirable to the effectuation of the purposes and powers of the authori-  
10 ty and to prepare recommendations in regard thereto;

11 11. to enter upon such lands, waters or premises as in the judgment of  
12 the authority as may be necessary, convenient or desirable for the  
13 purpose of making surveys, soundings, borings and examinations to accom-  
14 plish any purpose authorized by this title, the authority being liable  
15 for actual damage done;

16 12. to conduct investigations and hearings in the furtherance of its  
17 general purposes, and in aid thereof have access to any books, records  
18 or papers relevant thereto; and if any person whose testimony shall be  
19 required for the proper performance of the duties of the authority shall  
20 fail or refuse to aid or assist the authority in the conduct of any  
21 investigation or hearing, or to produce any relevant books, records or  
22 other papers, the authority is authorized to apply for process of  
23 subpoena, to issue out of any court of general original jurisdiction  
24 whose process can reach such person, upon due cause shown;

25 13. a copy of any report submitted by the authority pursuant to  
26 sections twenty-eight hundred, twenty-eight hundred one and twenty-eight  
27 hundred two of this chapter shall be forwarded to the mayor and to the  
28 speaker of the city council; and

29 14. to do all things necessary, convenient or desirable to carry out  
30 its purposes and for the exercise of the powers granted in this title.

31 § 1349-f. Contracts. 1. (a) Except as otherwise provided in this  
32 section, all purchase contracts for supplies, materials or equipment  
33 involving an estimated expenditure in excess of one million dollars and  
34 all contracts for public work involving an estimated expenditure in  
35 excess of one million dollars shall be awarded by the authority to the  
36 lowest responsible bidder after obtaining sealed bids in the manner  
37 hereinafter set forth. For purposes hereof, contracts for public work  
38 shall exclude contracts for personal, engineering and architectural, or  
39 professional services. The authority may reject all bids and obtain new  
40 bids in the manner provided by this section when it is deemed in the  
41 public interest to do so or, in cases where two or more responsible  
42 bidders submit identical bids which are the lowest bids, award the  
43 contract to any of such bidders or obtain new bids from such bidders.  
44 Nothing in this paragraph shall obligate the authority to seek new bids  
45 after the rejection of bids or after cancellation of an invitation to  
46 bid. Nothing in this section shall prohibit the evaluation of bids on  
47 the basis of costs or savings including life cycle costs of the item to  
48 be purchased, discounts, and inspection services so long as the invita-  
49 tion to bid reasonably sets forth the criteria to be used in evaluating  
50 such costs or savings. Life cycle costs may include but shall not be  
51 limited to costs or savings associated with installation, energy use,  
52 maintenance, operation and salvage or disposal.

53 (b) Section twenty-eight hundred seventy-nine of this chapter shall  
54 apply to the authority's acquisition of goods or services of any kind,  
55 in the actual or estimated amount of fifteen thousand dollars or more,  
56 provided:

(i) that a contract for services in the actual or estimated amount of one million dollars or less shall not require approval by the board of the authority regardless of the length of the period over which the services are rendered, and provided further that a contract for services in the actual or estimated amount of one million dollars or more shall require approval by the board of the authority regardless of the length of the period over which the services are rendered unless such a contract is awarded to the lowest responsible bidder after obtaining sealed bids; and

(ii) the board of the authority may by resolution adopt guidelines that authorize the award of contracts to small business concerns, to service disabled veteran owned businesses certified pursuant to article seventeen-B of the executive law, or minority or women-owned business enterprises certified pursuant to article fifteen-A of the executive law, or purchases of goods or technology that are recycled or remanufactured, in an amount not to exceed one million dollars without a formal competitive process and without further board approval. The board of the authority shall adopt guidelines which shall be made publicly available for the awarding of such contract without a formal competitive process.

2. (a) Advertisement for bids, when required by this section, shall be published at least once in a newspaper of general circulation in the area served by the authority and in the procurement opportunities newsletter published pursuant to article four-C of the economic development law provided that, notwithstanding the provisions of such article, an advertisement shall only be required for a purchase contract for supplies, materials or equipment when required by this section. Publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the area served or in the procurement opportunities newsletter shall not be required if bids for contracts for supplies, materials or equipment are of a type regularly purchased by the authority and are to be solicited from a list of potential suppliers, if such list is or has been developed consistent with the provisions of subdivision six of this section. Any such advertisement shall contain a statement of:

(i) the time and place where bids received pursuant to any notice requesting sealed bids will be publicly opened and read;

(ii) the name of the contracting agency;

(iii) the contract identification number;

(iv) a brief description of the public work, supplies, materials, or equipment sought, the location where work is to be performed, goods are to be delivered or services provided and the contract term;

(v) the address where bids or proposals are to be submitted;

(vi) the date when bids or proposals are due;

(vii) a description of any eligibility or qualification requirement or preference;

(viii) a statement as to whether the contract requirements may be fulfilled by a subcontracting, joint venture, or co-production arrangement;

(ix) any other information deemed useful to potential contractors; and

(x) the name, address, and telephone number of the person to be contacted for additional information. At least fifteen business days shall elapse between the first publication of such advertisement or the solicitation of bids, as the case may be, and the date of opening and reading of bids.

(b) The authority may designate any officer or employee to open the bids at the time and place bids are to be opened and may designate an officer to award the contract to the lowest responsible bidder. Such

1 designee shall make a record of all bids in such form and detail as the  
2 authority shall prescribe. All bids received shall be publicly opened  
3 and read at the time and place specified in the advertisement or at the  
4 time of solicitation, or to which the opening and reading have been  
5 adjourned by the authority. All bidders shall be notified of the time  
6 and place of any such adjournment.

7 3. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the authority may, by resolution  
8 approved by a two-thirds vote, or by a majority vote with respect to  
9 contracts proposed to be let pursuant to paragraph (a) of this subdivi-  
10 sion, declare that competitive bidding is impractical or inappropriate  
11 because of the existence of any of the circumstances hereinafter set  
12 forth and thereafter the authority may proceed to award contracts with-  
13 out complying with the requirements of subdivision one or two of this  
14 section. In each case where the authority declares competitive bidding  
15 impractical or inappropriate, it shall state the reason therefor in  
16 writing and summarize any negotiations that have been conducted. Except  
17 for contracts awarded pursuant to paragraphs (a), (b), (c) and (e) of  
18 this subdivision, the authority shall not award any contract pursuant to  
19 this subdivision earlier than thirty days from the date on which the  
20 authority declares that competitive bidding is impractical or inappro-  
21 prate. Competitive bidding may only be declared impractical or inappro-  
22 prate where:

23 (a) the existence of an emergency involving danger to life, safety or  
24 property requires immediate action and cannot await competitive bidding  
25 or the item to be purchased is essential to efficient operation or the  
26 adequate provision of service and as a consequence of an unforeseen  
27 circumstance such purchase cannot await competitive bidding;

28 (b) the item to be purchased is available only from a single responsi-  
29 ble source, provided that if bids have not been solicited for such item  
30 pursuant to subdivision one of this section within the preceding twelve  
31 months public notice shall first be given pursuant to subdivision four  
32 of this section;

33 (c) the authority receives no responsive bids or only a single respon-  
34 sive bid in response to an invitation for competitive bids;

35 (d) the authority wishes to experiment with or test a product or tech-  
36 nology or new source for such product or technology or evaluate the  
37 service or reliability of such product or technology;

38 (e) the item is available through an existing contract between a  
39 vendor and: (i) another public authority provided that such other  
40 authority utilized a process of competitive bidding or a process of  
41 competitive requests for proposals to award such contracts; (ii) Nassau  
42 county; (iii) the state of New York; or (iv) the city of New York,  
43 provided that in any case when under this paragraph the authority deter-  
44 mines that obtaining such item thereby would be in the public interest  
45 and sets forth the reasons for such determination. The authority shall  
46 accept sole responsibility for any payment due the vendor as a result of  
47 the authority's order;

48 (f) the authority determines that it is in the public interest to  
49 award contracts pursuant to a process for competitive requests for  
50 proposals as hereinafter set forth. For purposes of this section, a  
51 process for competitive requests for proposals shall mean a method of  
52 soliciting proposals and awarding a contract on the basis of a formal  
53 evaluation of the characteristics, such as quality, cost, delivery sche-  
54 dule and financing of such proposals against stated selection criteria.  
55 Public notice of the requests for proposals shall be given in the same  
56 manner as provided in subdivision four of this section and shall include



1 the selection criteria. In the event the authority makes a material  
2 change in the selection criteria from those previously stated in the  
3 notice, it will inform all proposers of such change and permit proposers  
4 to modify their proposals;

5 (i) except for a contract with a value of one hundred million dollars  
6 or less that is awarded pursuant to this paragraph to the proposer whose  
7 proposal is the lowest cost, the authority may award a contract pursuant  
8 to this paragraph only after a resolution approved by a two-thirds vote  
9 of the board at a public meeting of the authority with such resolution:  
10 (A) disclosing the other proposers and the substance of their proposals;  
11 (B) summarizing the negotiation process including the opportunities, if  
12 any, available to proposers to present and modify their proposals; and  
13 (C) setting forth the criteria upon which the selection was made  
14 provided however that for purposes of this subparagraph the board may,  
15 at its discretion, require such a resolution be approved for contracts  
16 with a value of one hundred million dollars or less;

17 (ii) nothing in this paragraph shall require or preclude (A) negoti-  
18 ations with any proposers following the receipt of responses to the  
19 request for proposals, or (B) the rejection of any or all proposals at  
20 any time. Upon the rejection of all proposals, the authority may solicit  
21 new proposals or bids in any manner prescribed in this section;

22 (g) the authority issues a competitive request for proposals pursuant  
23 to the procedures of paragraph (f) of this subdivision for the purchase  
24 or rehabilitation of rail cars and omnibuses. Any such request may  
25 include among the stated selection criteria the performance of all or a  
26 portion of the contract at sites within the state of New York or the use  
27 of goods produced or services provided within the state of New York,  
28 provided however that in no event shall the authority award a contract  
29 to a manufacturer whose final offer, as expressed in unit cost is more  
30 than ten percent higher than the unit cost of any qualified competing  
31 final offer, if the sole basis for such award is that the higher priced  
32 offer includes a more favorable provision for the performance of the  
33 contract within the state of New York or the use of goods produced or  
34 services provided within the state of New York, and further provided  
35 that the authority's discretion to award a contract to any manufacturer  
36 shall not be so limited if a basis for such award, as determined by the  
37 authority, is superior financing, delivery schedule, life cycle, reli-  
38 ability, or any other factor the authority deems relevant to its oper-  
39 ations;

40 (i) except for a contract with a value of one hundred million dollars  
41 or less that is awarded pursuant to this paragraph to the proposer whose  
42 proposal is the lowest cost, the authority may award a contract pursuant  
43 to this paragraph only after a resolution approved by a vote of not less  
44 than a two-thirds vote of its members then in office at a public meeting  
45 of the authority with such resolution: (A) disclosing the other propo-  
46 sers and the substance of their proposals; (B) summarizing the negoti-  
47 ation process including the opportunities, if any, available to propo-  
48 sers to present and modify their proposals; and (C) setting forth the  
49 criteria upon which the selection was made provided however that for  
50 purposes of this subparagraph the board may, at its discretion, require  
51 such a resolution be approved for contracts with a value of one hundred  
52 million dollars or less;

53 (ii) nothing in this paragraph shall require or preclude: (A) negoti-  
54 ations with any proposers following the receipt of responses to the  
55 request for proposals; or (B) the rejection of any or all proposals at

1 any time. Upon the rejection of all proposals, the authority may solicit  
2 new proposals or bids in any manner prescribed in this section.

3 4. Upon the adoption of a resolution by the authority stating, for  
4 reasons of efficiency, economy, compatibility or maintenance reliabil-  
5 ity, that there is a need for standardization, the authority may estab-  
6 lish procedures whereby particular supplies, materials or equipment are  
7 identified on a qualified products list. Such procedures shall provide  
8 for products or vendors to be added to or deleted from such list and  
9 shall include provisions for public advertisement of the manner in which  
10 such lists are compiled. The authority shall review such list no less  
11 than twice a year for the purpose of making such modifications.  
12 Contracts for particular supplies, materials or equipment identified on  
13 a qualified products list may be awarded by the authority to the lowest  
14 responsible bidder after obtaining sealed bids in accordance with this  
15 section or without competitive sealed bids in instances when the item is  
16 available from only a single source, except that the authority may  
17 dispense with advertising provided that it mails copies of the invita-  
18 tion to bid to all vendors of the particular item on the qualified  
19 products list.

20 5. The authority shall compile a list of potential sources of  
21 supplies, materials or equipment regularly purchased. The authority  
22 shall, by resolution, set forth the procedures it has established to  
23 identify new sources and to notify such new sources of the opportunity  
24 to bid for contracts for the purchase of supplies, materials or equip-  
25 ment. Such procedures shall include, but not be limited to:

26 (a) advertising in trade journals;  
27 (b) cooperation with federal, state and local agencies within its area  
28 of operations;  
29 (c) publication in the state register quarterly; and  
30 (d) procedures established pursuant to subdivision thirteen of section  
31 thirteen hundred forty-nine-j of this title.

32 6. The provisions of this section shall not supersede any other  
33 provisions of law relative to purchases of products or devices manufac-  
34 tured or provided by the blind or other severely handicapped persons, to  
35 the invitation and acceptance of bids from small or minority business  
36 enterprises or to the purchases of supplies, materials or equipment  
37 through the office of general services. Except as may otherwise be  
38 provided by law or as more restrictively defined in the official policy  
39 or bid specifications of the authority, as used in this section the term  
40 "small business" means a small business or similar term, under federal  
41 regulations applicable to projects of the authority which are federally  
42 assisted.

43 7. Notwithstanding any other provisions in this section, the authority  
44 shall be allowed to use an electronic bidding system for the purchase of  
45 goods, materials, and commodities that may inform bidders whether their  
46 bid is the current low bid, and allow bidders to submit new bids before  
47 the date and time assigned for the opening of bids. Such procedure shall  
48 not constitute disclosure of bids in violation of section twenty-eight  
49 hundred seventy-eight of this chapter.

50 8. The provisions of this section shall not apply to any procurement  
51 made by any other public entity not otherwise required by law to award  
52 contracts for such purchases to the lowest responsible bidder if such  
53 purchases are made at the sole cost and expense of such entity.

54 9. (a) Whenever the comptroller pursuant to section twenty-eight  
55 hundred seventy-nine-a of this chapter intends to require supervision in  
56 the form of prior review and approval of a contract or contract amend-

1 ment to be awarded by the authority pursuant to this section, then such  
2 contract or contract amendment shall be submitted to the comptroller by  
3 the authority for approval and shall not be a valid enforceable contract  
4 unless it shall first have been approved by the comptroller but only if  
5 the comptroller has notified the authority of such determination within  
6 thirty days of having received written notice of such contract or  
7 contract amendment either in the authority's annual report or any  
8 revised report;

9 (b) If the comptroller has timely notified the authority as provided  
10 in paragraph (a) of this subdivision that any contract or contract  
11 amendment shall be subject to comptroller prior review and approval, and  
12 such contract or contract amendment has been submitted to the comp-  
13 troller, it shall become valid and enforceable without such approval if  
14 the comptroller has not approved or disapproved it within thirty days of  
15 submission to the comptroller.

16 10. The award of construction contracts by the authority shall not be  
17 subject to the provisions of section one hundred one of the general  
18 municipal law.

19 § 1349-g. Big apple transit authority small business mentoring  
20 program. 1. As used in this section, unless the context requires other-  
21 wise:

22 (a) "Small business" means a business in the construction trades which  
23 (i) is independently owned and operated; (ii) has annual revenues not  
24 exceeding a fiscal limitation of five million dollars or such lesser  
25 amount as established by the authority pursuant to these provisions; and  
26 (iii) meets additional criteria as otherwise established by the chair-  
27 person in consultation with the members of the big apple transit author-  
28 ity small business mentoring program advisory committee. The chair of  
29 the committee shall be the chief diversity officer of the authority. The  
30 authority shall establish a detailed definition in general and specific  
31 to different segments of the construction industry to the extent neces-  
32 sary to reflect differing characteristics of such segments based on the  
33 criteria used by the United States small business administration for  
34 loans to small businesses as set forth in sections 121.301, 121.302,  
35 121.303, 121.304, and 121.305, or for awarding government procurements  
36 as set forth in sections 121.401, 121.402, 121.403, 121.404, 121.405,  
37 121.406, 121.407, 121.408, 121.409, 121.410, 121.411, 121.412, and  
38 121.413 of subpart A of part 121 of chapter I of title 13 of the Code of  
39 Federal Regulations as amended, and such other criteria as determined by  
40 the authority;

41 (b) "Small business mentoring program" means a program established by  
42 the authority pursuant to these provisions to provide small businesses  
43 accepted into the program with the opportunity:

44 (i) for up to four years, to compete for and, where awarded, to  
45 perform certain authority public work contracts to be designated by the  
46 authority for inclusion in this program under this subparagraph, with  
47 the assistance of an authority-provided mentor, which shall be a firm  
48 competitively selected by the authority that has extensive construction  
49 management and mentoring experience, with the mentor to provide the  
50 small business with advice and assistance in competing for and managing  
51 authority public work contracts; and

52 (ii) for a small business mentoring program participant which the  
53 authority has determined has successfully completed the program under  
54 subparagraph (i) of this paragraph, for up to four additional years, (A)  
55 additional opportunities to compete with other designated small busi-  
56 nesses in the program for certain public work contracts to be designated

1 for inclusion under this subparagraph and, where awarded, to perform  
2 such authority public work contracts, with the further assistance of an  
3 authority-provided mentor, which shall be a firm competitively selected  
4 by the authority that has extensive construction management and mentor-  
5 ing experience, with the mentor to provide the small business with  
6 advice and technical assistance in competing for and managing authority  
7 public work contracts, and (B) authority-provided assistance, as deter-  
8 mined by the authority, for such a small business to obtain bonding for  
9 public work contracts that are competitively awarded pursuant to  
10 provisions of law other than this section.

11 (c) "Small business mentoring program contract" means a non-federally  
12 funded authority public work contract designated by the authority, in an  
13 estimated amount of not more than one million dollars for contracts  
14 under subparagraph (i) of paragraph (b) of this subdivision and three  
15 million dollars for contracts under subparagraph (ii) of paragraph (b)  
16 of this subdivision, for which bids or proposals are to be invited and  
17 accepted only from businesses that are enrolled in the small business  
18 mentoring program and have been selected by the authority to compete for  
19 the contract.

20 2. (a) The authority may establish a small business mentoring program.  
21 In connection therewith, the authority may determine the criteria pursu-  
22 ant to which a small business shall be eligible for and selected to  
23 participate in the program under subparagraphs (i) and (ii) of paragraph  
24 (b) of subdivision one of this section, the number of participants to  
25 participate in each of such components of the program, the criteria for  
26 the competitive selection of the firms that will provide small busi-  
27 nesses with mentoring services, the assignment of a mentor to a specific  
28 small business in the small business mentoring program, and the funding  
29 for the program.

30 (b) Under the small business mentoring program, the chairperson or the  
31 chairperson's designee is authorized, notwithstanding any other  
32 provision of law:

33 (i) to designate which eligible public work contracts shall be small  
34 business mentoring program contracts under subparagraphs (i) and (ii) of  
35 paragraph (b) of subdivision one of this section, respectively;

36 (ii) to establish standards for qualifying small business mentoring  
37 program participants to compete for a small business mentoring program  
38 contract, provided that no less than three qualified small businesses in  
39 the program must submit responsive offers to perform the contract;

40 (iii) to determine when bids or proposals for a small business mentor-  
41 ing program contract should be restricted to small business mentoring  
42 program participants which, prior to the receipt of bids or proposals,  
43 have been qualified by the authority for such competition;

44 (iv) to competitively select, designate and contract with one or more  
45 experienced construction management firms that, under the general super-  
46 vision of the authority, will provide mentoring services to the small  
47 businesses participating in the small business mentoring program, and to  
48 assign such mentors one or more designated small businesses participat-  
49 ing in the program;

50 (v) for small business mentoring program contracts, except as set  
51 forth herein, to waive requirements for the solicitation and award of a  
52 public work contract pursuant to sections twelve hundred nine, thirteen  
53 hundred forty-nine-f and twenty-eight hundred seventy-nine of this chap-  
54 ter and any other provision of law;

55 (vi) to assist only small business mentoring program participants that  
56 have been awarded small business mentoring program contracts to obtain

1 any surety bond or contract of insurance required of them in connection  
2 with such contract only notwithstanding any provision of section two  
3 thousand five hundred four of the insurance law to the contrary; and

4 (vii) for small businesses that have been accepted into the small  
5 business mentoring program under subparagraph (ii) of paragraph (b) of  
6 subdivision one of this section, in addition to the benefits of such  
7 program and notwithstanding any other provision of law, to provide tech-  
8 nical assistance in obtaining bids, payment and performance bonding for  
9 authority public work contracts that are not small business mentoring  
10 program contracts, for which the small business is otherwise qualified.

11 3. (a) If the total number of qualified small business mentoring  
12 program participants that respond to a competition and are considered  
13 capable of meeting the specifications and terms of the invitation to  
14 compete is less than three, or if the chairperson or the chairperson's  
15 designee determines that acceptance of the best offer will result in the  
16 payment of an unreasonable price, the authority may reject all offers  
17 and withdraw the designation of the contract as a small business mentor-  
18 ing program contract.

19 (b) If the authority withdraws the designation of contract as a small  
20 business mentoring program contract, the firms, if any, that made offers  
21 shall be notified. Invitations to compete containing the same or rewrit-  
22 ten specifications and terms shall then be re-issued as a small business  
23 mentoring program contract for one or more additional contract period.

24 4. A mentor shall provide services and assistance to a small business  
25 as designated by the authority, which may include the following:

26 (a) provide business training in the skills necessary to operate a  
27 successful construction business and to compete for and perform a public  
28 work contract;

29 (b) provide technical assistance to the small business to assess the  
30 outcome if the small business competes for but is not awarded a  
31 contract;

32 (c) if the small business mentoring program contract is awarded to the  
33 small business, provide guidance, advice and technical assistance to the  
34 small business in the performance of the contract; and

35 (d) provide other technical assistance to the small business to facil-  
36 itate learning, training and other issues which may arise.

37 5. The authority may delegate to the chairperson or the chairperson's  
38 designee, the authority's responsibilities set forth in this title.

39 6. The small business mentoring program contracts authorized by this  
40 legislation shall, for the initial year of the program, be in an aggre-  
41 gate amount of not less than ten million dollars, and shall not exceed  
42 one hundred million dollars, with the maximum amount in future years to  
43 be set by the chairperson.

44 § 1349-h. Special powers of the authority. In order to effectuate the  
45 purposes of this title:

46 1. The authority may acquire, by purchase, gift, grant, transfer,  
47 contract or lease, any transportation facility, wholly or partially  
48 within the city, or any part thereof, or the use thereof, and may enter  
49 into any joint service arrangements as hereinafter provided. Any such  
50 acquisition or joint service arrangement shall be authorized only by  
51 resolution of the authority approved by not less than a majority vote.

52 2. The authority may on such terms and conditions as the authority may  
53 determine necessary, convenient or desirable itself plan, design,  
54 acquire, establish, construct, effectuate, operate, maintain, renovate,  
55 improve, extend, rehabilitate or repair any transportation facility, or  
56 may provide for such planning, design, acquisition, establishment,



1 construction, effectuation, operation, maintenance, renovation, improve-  
2 ment, extension, rehabilitation or repair by contract, lease or other  
3 arrangement on such terms as the authority may deem necessary, conven-  
4 ient or desirable with any person, including but not limited to any  
5 common carrier or freight forwarder, the state, any state agency, the  
6 federal government, any other state or agency or instrumentality there-  
7 of, any public authority of this or any other state, the port of New  
8 York authority or any political subdivision or municipality of the  
9 state. In connection with the operation of any transportation facility,  
10 the authority may plan, design, acquire, establish, construct, effectuate,  
11 operate, maintain, renovate, improve, extend or repair or may  
12 provide by contract, lease or other arrangement for the planning,  
13 design, acquisition, establishment, construction, effectuation, opera-  
14 tion, maintenance, renovation, improvement, extension or repair of any  
15 related services and activities it deems necessary, convenient or desir-  
16 able, including but not limited to the transportation and storage of  
17 freight and the United States mail, feeder and connecting transporta-  
18 tion, parking areas, transportation centers, stations and related facil-  
19 ities.

20 3. (a) Except as directed in paragraph (c) of this subdivision, the  
21 authority shall establish, levy and collect or cause to be established,  
22 levied and collected and, in the case of a joint service arrangement,  
23 join with others in the establishment, levy and collection of such  
24 fares, tolls, rentals, rates, charges and other fees necessary for the  
25 use and operation of any transportation facility and related services  
26 operated by the authority or by a subsidiary corporation of the authori-  
27 ty or under contract, lease or other arrangement, including joint  
28 service arrangements, with the authority. Any such fares, tolls,  
29 rentals, rates, charges or other fees for the transportation of passen-  
30 gers shall be established and changed only if approved by resolution of  
31 the authority adopted by not less than a majority vote and only after a  
32 public hearing, provided however, that fares, tolls, rentals, rates,  
33 charges or other fees for the transportation of passengers on any trans-  
34 portation facility which are in effect at the time that the then owner  
35 of such transportation facility becomes a subsidiary corporation of the  
36 authority or at the time that operation of such transportation facility  
37 is commenced by the authority or is commenced under contract, lease or  
38 other arrangement, including joint service arrangements, with the  
39 authority may be continued in effect without such a hearing. Such fares,  
40 tolls, rentals, rates, charges and other fees shall be established as  
41 may in the judgment of the authority be necessary to maintain the  
42 combined operations of the authority and its subsidiary corporations on  
43 a self-sustaining basis and to ensure that the operations of the author-  
44 ity are such that, at the end of the fiscal year, the results thereof  
45 shall not show a deficit when reported in accordance with generally  
46 accepted accounting principles unless such deficit is offset by funds  
47 withdrawn from reserves therefor. The said operations shall be deemed to  
48 be on a self-sustaining basis as required by this title, when the  
49 authority is able to pay or cause to be paid from revenue and any other  
50 funds or property actually available to the authority and its subsidiary  
51 corporations (i) as the same shall become due, the principal of and  
52 interest on the bonds and notes and other obligations of the authority  
53 and its subsidiaries, and the metropolitan transportation authority,  
54 together with the maintenance of proper reserves therefor, (ii) the cost  
55 and expense of keeping the properties and assets of the authority and  
56 its subsidiary corporations in good condition and repair, and (iii) the

1 capital and operating expenses of the authority and its subsidiary  
2 corporations. The authority may contract with the holders of bonds and  
3 notes with respect to the exercise of the powers authorized by this  
4 section. No acts or activities taken or proposed to be taken by the  
5 authority or any subsidiary of the authority pursuant to the provisions  
6 of this subdivision shall be deemed to be "actions" for the purposes or  
7 within the meaning of article eight of the environmental conservation  
8 law.

9 (b) All fares, tolls, rentals, rates, charges, and other fees estab-  
10 lished, levied, and collected or caused to be established, levied, and  
11 collected by the authority and its affiliates, shall first be trans-  
12 ferred to the metropolitan transportation authority in order to maintain  
13 the metropolitan transportation authority on a self-sustaining basis  
14 unless already pledged to secure, and necessary to satisfy the debt  
15 service or reserve requirements of, bonds, notes or other obligations of  
16 the New York city transit authority or the Triborough bridge and tunnel  
17 authority prior to January first, two thousand twenty-one.

18 (c) In the event that the monthly revenues of the metropolitan trans-  
19 portation authority fall below one hundred twenty-five percent of the  
20 amount necessary to maintain the operations of the metropolitan trans-  
21 portation authority on a self-sustaining basis, as defined by section  
22 twelve hundred sixty-six of this article, the authority shall, at the  
23 direction of the metropolitan transportation authority, establish, levy  
24 and collect or cause to be established, levied and collected, in the  
25 case of a joint service arrangement, and join with others in the estab-  
26 lishment, levy and collection of such fares, tolls, rentals, rates,  
27 charges and other fees as the metropolitan transportation authority may  
28 deem necessary, convenient or desirable for the use and operation of any  
29 transportation facility and related services operated by the authority  
30 or by a subsidiary corporation of the authority or under contract, lease  
31 or other arrangement, including joint service arrangements, with the  
32 authority, until such time that monthly revenues of the metropolitan  
33 transportation authority has exceeded, for three consecutive months, two  
34 hundred percent of the amount necessary to maintain the monthly oper-  
35 ations of the metropolitan transportation authority on a self-sustaining  
36 basis.

37 4. In furtherance of the authority's mandate to develop and implement  
38 a unified mass transportation policy for the city and the exercise of  
39 its powers, including the power to issue notes, bonds and other obli-  
40 gations secured in whole or in part by the revenues of the authority and  
41 its subsidiaries, and New York city transit authority and its subsid-  
42 aries, the authority shall join with the New York city transit authori-  
43 ty and its subsidiaries in connection with any change in the establish-  
44 ment, levy and collection of fares, tolls, rentals, rates, charges and  
45 other fees for the transportation of passengers on any transportation  
46 facilities operated by New York city transit authority and its subsid-  
47 aries. Such fares, tolls, rentals, charges and other fees on transit  
48 facilities shall be established in accordance with the requirements of  
49 sections twelve hundred five and twelve hundred seven-i of this article.

50 5. The authority may establish and, in the case of joint service  
51 arrangements, join with others in the establishment of such schedules  
52 and standards of operations and such other rules and regulations includ-  
53 ing but not limited to rules and regulations governing the conduct and  
54 safety of the public as it may deem necessary, convenient or desirable  
55 for the use and operation of any transportation facility and related  
56 services operated by the authority or under contract, lease or other

1 arrangement, including joint service arrangements, with the authority.  
2 In the case of any conflict between any such rule or regulation of the  
3 authority governing the conduct or the safety of the public and any  
4 local law, ordinance, rule or regulation, such rule or regulation of the  
5 authority shall prevail. Violation of any such rule or regulation of  
6 the authority governing the conduct or the safety of the public in or  
7 upon any facility of the authority shall constitute an offense and shall  
8 be punishable by a fine not exceeding fifty dollars or imprisonment for  
9 not more than thirty days or both or may be punishable by the imposition  
10 of a civil penalty by the transit adjudication bureau established pursu-  
11 ant to the provisions of title nine of this article.

12 6. The authority may acquire, hold, own, lease, establish, construct,  
13 effectuate, operate, maintain, renovate, improve, extend or repair any  
14 transportation facilities through, and cause any one or more of its  
15 powers, duties, functions or activities to be exercised or performed by,  
16 one or more wholly owned subsidiary corporations of the authority, or by  
17 New York city transit authority or any of its subsidiary corporations in  
18 the case of transit facilities and may transfer to or from any such  
19 corporations any moneys, real property or other property for any of the  
20 purposes of this title upon such terms and conditions as shall be agreed  
21 to and subject to such payment or repayment obligations as are required  
22 by law or by any agreement to which any of the affected entities is  
23 subject. The directors or members of each such subsidiary corporation of  
24 the authority corporation shall be the same persons holding the offices  
25 of members of the authority. The chairperson of the board of each such  
26 subsidiary shall be the chairperson of the authority, serving ex officio  
27 and, provided that there is an executive director of the big apple tran-  
28 sit authority, the executive director of such subsidiary shall be the  
29 executive director of the big apple transit authority, serving ex offi-  
30 cio. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the chair-  
31 person shall be the chief executive officer of each such subsidiary and  
32 shall be responsible for the discharge of the executive and administra-  
33 tive functions and powers of each such subsidiary. The chairperson and  
34 executive director, if any, shall be empowered to delegate his or her  
35 functions and powers to one or more officers or employees of each such  
36 subsidiary designated by him or her. Each such subsidiary corporation of  
37 the authority and any of its property, functions and activities shall  
38 have all of the privileges, immunities, tax exemptions and other  
39 exemptions of the authority and of the authority's property, functions  
40 and activities. Each such subsidiary corporation shall be subject to the  
41 restrictions and limitations to which the authority may be subject. Each  
42 such subsidiary corporation of the authority shall be subject to suit in  
43 accordance with section thirteen hundred forty-nine-mm of this title.  
44 The employees of any such subsidiary corporation, except those who are  
45 also employees of the authority, shall not be deemed employees of the  
46 authority.

47 7. If the authority shall determine that one or more of its subsidiary  
48 corporations should be in the form of a public benefit corporation, it  
49 shall create each such public benefit corporation by executing and  
50 filing with the secretary of state a certificate of incorporation, which  
51 may be amended from time to time by filing, which shall set forth the  
52 name of such public benefit subsidiary corporation, its duration, the  
53 location of its principal office, and any or all of the purposes of  
54 acquiring, owning, leasing, establishing, constructing, effectuating,  
55 operating, maintaining, renovating, improving, extending or repairing  
56 one or more facilities of the authority. Each such public benefit

1 subsidiary corporation shall be a body politic and corporate and shall  
2 have all those powers vested in the authority by the provisions of this  
3 title which the authority shall determine to include in its certificate  
4 of incorporation except the power to contract indebtedness.

5 8. Whenever any state, political subdivision, municipality, commis-  
6 sion, agency, officer, department, board, division or person is author-  
7 ized and empowered for any of the purposes of this title to co-operate  
8 and enter into agreements with the authority such state, political  
9 subdivision, municipality, commission, agency, officer, department,  
10 board, division or person shall have the same authorization and power  
11 for any of such purposes to co-operate and enter into agreements with a  
12 subsidiary corporation of the authority.

13 9. Each of the authority and its subsidiaries, and the New York city  
14 transit authority and its subsidiaries, in its own name or in the name  
15 of the city, may apply for and receive and accept grants of property,  
16 money and services and other assistance offered or made available to it  
17 by any person, government or agency, which it may use to meet capital or  
18 operating expenses and for any other use within the scope of its powers,  
19 and to negotiate for the same upon such terms and conditions as the  
20 respective authority may determine to be necessary, convenient or desir-  
21 able.

22 10. Subject to the rights of the holders of any outstanding bonds,  
23 notes or other obligations of the authority, New York city transit  
24 authority and Triborough bridge and tunnel authority, and to facilitate  
25 the efficient financial management of the authority, its subsidiary  
26 corporations, New York city transit authority and its subsidiary corpo-  
27 rations, and Triborough bridge and tunnel authority (the "affiliated  
28 entities"), the authority may, and may permit and direct any affiliated  
29 entity to, transfer revenues, subsidies and other monies or securities  
30 to one or more funds or accounts of another affiliated entity for use by  
31 such other affiliated entity, provided at the time of such transfer it  
32 is reasonably anticipated that the monies and securities so transferred  
33 will be reimbursed, repaid or otherwise provided for by the end of the  
34 next succeeding calendar year if reimbursement or repayment is required  
35 by law or by any agreement to which any of the affected affiliated enti-  
36 ties is subject. Any revenues of an affiliated entity that are trans-  
37 ferred to another affiliated entity, which transfer was not authorized  
38 by a provision of law other than this subdivision, shall be considered  
39 to be required to be repaid to the affiliated entity which was the  
40 source of such revenues by the end of the next succeeding calendar year  
41 following such transfer.

42 11. The authority may lease railroad cars for use in its passenger  
43 service pursuant to the provisions of chapter six hundred thirty-eight  
44 of the laws of nineteen hundred fifty-nine.

45 12. The authority may do all things it deems necessary, convenient or  
46 desirable to manage, control and direct the maintenance and operation of  
47 transportation facilities, equipment or real property operated by or  
48 under contract, lease or other arrangement with the authority and its  
49 subsidiaries, and New York city transit authority and its subsidiaries.  
50 Except as hereinafter specially provided, no municipality or political  
51 subdivision other than the city of New York, including but not limited  
52 to a county, city, village, town or school or other district shall have  
53 jurisdiction over any facilities of the authority and its subsidiaries,  
54 and New York city transit authority and its subsidiaries, or any of  
55 their activities or operations. The local laws, resolutions, ordinances,  
56 rules and regulations of a municipality or political subdivision, here-

1 tofore or hereafter adopted, conflicting with this title or any rule or  
2 regulation of the authority or its subsidiaries, or New York city trans-  
3 it authority or its subsidiaries, shall not be applicable to the activ-  
4 ities or operations of the authority and its subsidiaries, and New York  
5 city transit authority, or the facilities of the authority and its  
6 subsidiaries, and New York city transit authority and its subsidiaries,  
7 except such facilities that are devoted to purposes other than transpor-  
8 tation or transit purposes. Each municipality or political subdivision,  
9 including but not limited to a county, city, village, town or district  
10 in which any facilities of the authority or its subsidiaries, or New  
11 York city transit authority or its subsidiaries are located shall  
12 provide for such facilities police, fire and health protection services  
13 of the same character and to the same extent as those provided for resi-  
14 dents of such municipality or political subdivision.

15 13. The jurisdiction, supervision, powers and duties of the department  
16 of transportation of the state under the transportation law shall not  
17 extend to the authority in the exercise of any of its powers under this  
18 title. The authority may agree with such department for the execution by  
19 such department of any grade crossing elimination project or any grade  
20 crossing separation reconstruction project along any railroad facility  
21 operated by the authority or by one of its subsidiary corporations or  
22 under contract, lease or other arrangement with the authority. Any such  
23 project shall be executed as provided in article ten of the transporta-  
24 tion law and the railroad law, respectively, and the costs of any such  
25 project shall be borne as provided in such laws, except that the author-  
26 ity's share of such costs shall be borne by the state.

27 14. Notwithstanding the provisions of any other law, general, special  
28 or local, or of any agreement entered into in pursuance thereof, relat-  
29 ing to the repayment of any loan or advance made by the city or the  
30 state to the authority or to the New York city transit authority,  
31 neither the authority nor the New York city transit authority shall be  
32 required to repay any such loan or advance heretofore made from or by  
33 reason of the issuance of bonds or notes of either of them or from the  
34 proceeds realized upon such issuance or from any other funds received by  
35 either of them from any source whatever in aid or assistance of the  
36 project or projects for the financing of which such bonds or notes are  
37 issued.

38 15. No project to be constructed upon real property theretofore used  
39 for a transportation purpose, or on an insubstantial addition to such  
40 property contiguous thereto, which will not change in a material respect  
41 the general character of such prior transportation use, nor any acts or  
42 activities in connection with such project, shall be subject to the  
43 provisions of article eight, nineteen, twenty-four, or twenty-five of  
44 the environmental conservation law, or to any local law or ordinance  
45 adopted pursuant to any such article. Nor shall any acts or activities  
46 taken or proposed to be taken by the authority or by any other person or  
47 entity, public or private, in connection with the planning, design,  
48 acquisition, improvement, construction, reconstruction or rehabilitation  
49 of a transportation facility, other than a marine or aviation facility,  
50 be subject to the provisions of article eight of the environmental  
51 conservation law, or to any local law or ordinance adopted pursuant to  
52 any such article if such acts or activities require the preparation of a  
53 statement under or pursuant to any federal law or regulation as to the  
54 environmental impact thereof.

55 16. The authority may, upon suitable notice to and an offer to consult  
56 with an officer designated by the city of New York, occupy the streets



1 of the city of New York for the purpose of doing any work over or under  
2 the same in connection with the improvement, construction, recon-  
3 struction or rehabilitation of a transportation facility without the  
4 consent of or payment to such city.

5 17. The authority and each of its subsidiary corporations shall place  
6 on each transformer and substation which contains polychlorinated biphe-  
7 nyls a symbol so indicating the presence of polychlorinated biphenyls.  
8 Use of a polychlorinated biphenyl mark illustrated in the rules and  
9 regulations promulgated pursuant to the federal Toxic Substances Control  
10 Act shall constitute compliance with the provisions of this subdivision.

11 18. (a) Notwithstanding any other provisions of law or the terms of  
12 any contract, the authority shall establish and implement a no fare  
13 program for transportation for individuals serving as personal care  
14 attendants accompanying an Americans with Disabilities Act paratransit  
15 eligible individual.

16 (b) In order to be eligible for such no fare program the personal care  
17 attendant must show his or her community based personal care attendant  
18 agency issued identification card.

19 (c) In order to be considered accompanying an Americans with Disabili-  
20 ties Act paratransit eligible individual the personal care attendant  
21 shall have the same origin and destination as such paratransit eligible  
22 individual.

23 19. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the authority and any  
24 of its subsidiary corporations shall establish and implement a half fare  
25 rate program for persons with serious mental illness who are eligible to  
26 receive supplemental security income benefits as defined pursuant to  
27 title sixteen of the federal Social Security Act and section two hundred  
28 nine of the social services law.

29 20. The authority shall conduct a campaign of public outreach to  
30 inform the public of the provisions pertaining to assault on employees  
31 as provided by subdivision eleven of section 120.05 of the penal law.

32 § 1349-i. Medical emergency services. The authority is hereby author-  
33 ized and directed to prepare and develop a medical emergency services  
34 program to be implemented at a time to be specified in such program for  
35 the benefit of persons utilizing transportation and other related  
36 services of the authority. Such program may include but not be limited  
37 to the provision for the following: the training of designated employees  
38 in first aid, emergency techniques and procedures, handling and posi-  
39 tioning of stricken commuters, and knowledge of procedures and equipment  
40 used for respiratory and cardiac emergencies. Such program shall be  
41 submitted to the legislature not later than one hundred eighty days  
42 after the effective date of this section.

43 § 1349-j. Transit projects. 1. Subject to the provisions of this  
44 section, the authority is hereby authorized, upon the request of the New  
45 York city transit authority and upon such terms and conditions as shall  
46 be agreed to by the authority (a) to plan, design, acquire, construct,  
47 reconstruct, rehabilitate and improve facilities, equipment, devices and  
48 appurtenances, and property or property rights constituting or to  
49 constitute part of, or used or to be used in connection with the opera-  
50 tion of any transit facility now or hereafter owned or operated by the  
51 New York city transit authority or any of its subsidiaries, each of such  
52 activities and programs being referred to in this section as a "transit  
53 project"; (b) to finance the costs of a transit project by the issuance  
54 of its notes, bonds or lease obligations; and (c) upon the completion of  
55 any transit project or part thereof, to cause the same to be trans-  
56 ferred, leased or subleased to the New York city transit authority or

1 its designated subsidiary or other designee, for consideration. The  
2 terms "facilities", "equipment", "devices and appurtenances", "property"  
3 or "property rights" and "transit facility" shall have the meanings  
4 given to such terms in section twelve hundred of this article. The  
5 authority shall have no obligation to operate or, except as may other-  
6 wise be provided in any lease to which it may be a party as hereinafter  
7 provided, repair or maintain any transit project or part thereof subse-  
8 quent to its completion nor shall it be liable to the transferee, lessee  
9 or sublessee by reason of any warranty, express or implied, in respect  
10 thereof. Warranties furnished in connection with such transit project  
11 shall be assignable and assigned as directed by the New York city trans-  
12 it authority and approved by the authority.

13 2. In connection with any transit project, and in order to effectuate  
14 the purposes of this section, the authority shall, subject to the  
15 provisions of this section, have all of the powers provided elsewhere in  
16 this title, and, in addition, the authority may:

17 (a) issue its notes or bonds to finance all or any part of the costs  
18 of a transit project;

19 (b) finance all or any part of the costs to the authority or to any  
20 other person or entity, public or private, of such transit project  
21 through, or accompanied by, a leasing of such project or any part there-  
22 of by such person or entity to the authority or through or accompanied  
23 by a sale by the authority to any such person or entity and leaseback to  
24 the authority, in each case for subleasing to the New York city transit  
25 authority, its designated subsidiary or other designee for consider-  
26 ation, except that such leasing or leaseback from such person or entity  
27 may be made directly to the New York city transit authority or its  
28 designated subsidiary or other designee with the consent of the authori-  
29 ty;

30 (c) issue its notes or bonds to defease the lien of, refund or other-  
31 wise repay any outstanding notes, bonds or other obligations of the New  
32 York city transit authority which in the judgment of the authority would  
33 otherwise delay, impede or prevent its financing a transit project;

34 (d) accept the notes, bonds, lease, sublease and other contractual  
35 obligations of the New York city transit authority and any of its desig-  
36 nated subsidiaries in payment for a transfer, lease or sublease of a  
37 transit project;

38 (e) accept from the New York city transit authority or its designated  
39 subsidiary or from the city of New York, acting by its mayor alone, a  
40 transfer of title to or the use, occupancy, control or possession of any  
41 real or personal property (or any interest therein) needed or useful for  
42 or in connection with any transit project;

43 (f) obtain security for the payment by the New York city transit  
44 authority or its designated subsidiary of its notes, bonds, lease,  
45 sublease or other contractual obligations, including a pledge of all or  
46 any part of any of their revenues, which pledge may contain covenants  
47 with respect to the charging and fixing of fares, fees and rentals, the  
48 use and disposition of such fares, fees, rentals and other revenues, and  
49 the setting aside of reserves therefrom;

50 (g) with the consent of the New York city transit authority or its  
51 designated subsidiary, use, with or without compensation, its agents,  
52 employees and facilities; and

53 (h) apply for, accept, enter into contracts for, administer and  
54 disburse any federal, state or local aid or assistance, subject to the  
55 terms and conditions thereof, which may be available for any transit  
56 project.

1 3. All of the provisions of this title not inconsistent with the  
2 provisions of this section shall be applicable with respect to any  
3 bonds, notes or lease obligations of the authority issued or entered  
4 into to finance any transit project, or to defease the lien of, refund  
5 or otherwise repay outstanding bonds, notes or other obligations of the  
6 New York city transit authority, subject to the following conditions:

7 (a) such bonds and notes shall be payable as to principal, redemption  
8 premium, if any, and interest and such other obligations shall be paya-  
9 ble, all in the manner more particularly provided by the authority in  
10 the resolution under which the same shall be authorized to be issued;

11 (b) such lease obligations shall be non-recourse obligations limited  
12 to the recovery of the leased property by the lessor and as to the  
13 payments of sums of money coming due thereunder, to proceedings against  
14 the sublessee under any underlying sublease or pursuant to any pledge or  
15 assignment given to secure sums payable under such underlying sublease;

16 (c) no bonds or notes of the authority shall be issued for the purpose  
17 of defeasing the lien of, refunding or otherwise repaying outstanding  
18 bonds, notes or other obligations of the New York city transit authority  
19 unless (i) the city of New York shall have entered into an agreement on  
20 terms satisfactory to the authority to make periodic payments to the New  
21 York city transit authority, and (ii) the New York city transit authori-  
22 ty shall have entered into an agreement on terms satisfactory to the  
23 authority to make periodic payments to the authority, in each case  
24 sufficient to pay, when due, the principal, redemption premium, if any,  
25 and interest upon the bonds or notes of the authority issued to effect  
26 such defeasance, refunding or repayment;

27 (d) notwithstanding and in addition to any provisions for the redemp-  
28 tion of such bonds or notes which may be contained in any contract with  
29 the holders thereof, the city of New York may, upon furnishing suffi-  
30 cient funds therefor, require the authority to redeem as a whole any  
31 issue of such bonds or notes at the time or times and at the place or  
32 places and in accordance with the terms upon which such bonds or notes  
33 are redeemable; and

34 (e) the city of New York shall not be liable on such bonds or notes,  
35 and such bonds or notes shall not be a debt of the city of New York, and  
36 shall contain on the face thereof a statement to such effect.

37 4. The authority shall not undertake any transit project unless the  
38 New York city transit authority or the subsidiary for whose benefit the  
39 transit project is to be undertaken, or both, shall pay or agree to pay,  
40 in the form of a bond, note, lease, sublease or other contractual obli-  
41 gation, in a manner and on terms and conditions satisfactory to the  
42 authority, any portion of the costs to the authority of such transit  
43 project and the financing thereof which is not paid to the authority  
44 from any federal, state or local aid or assistance or which is not paya-  
45 ble from any other moneys made available or payable to the authority by  
46 others for such project.

47 5. Neither the provisions of section one hundred ninety-seven-c of the  
48 New York city charter, relating to a uniform land use review procedure,  
49 nor the provisions of any other local law of the city of New York of  
50 like or similar tenor or import shall apply (a) to the acquisition of  
51 any real property, or any interest therein, for the purposes of any  
52 transit project by the city or by the New York city transit authority or  
53 any of its subsidiaries; (b) to the subsequent transfer of any real  
54 property (or interest therein) so acquired to the authority or its  
55 designee for the purposes of such project or to the transfer to the  
56 authority or its designee for such purposes of any real property (or

1 interest therein) then owned by the city or by the New York city transit  
2 authority or any such subsidiary; nor (c) to the transfer to the author-  
3 ity or its designee for such purposes of the right of use, occupancy,  
4 control or possession of any real property (or interest therein), wheth-  
5 er presently owned or hereafter acquired by the city or by the New York  
6 city transit authority or any such subsidiary; provided in each such  
7 case, however, that if at the time of such proposed acquisition or  
8 transfer the real property which is the subject of such acquisition or  
9 transfer is not then being utilized for a transit or transportation  
10 purpose or is not an insubstantial addition to such property contiguous  
11 thereto; (i) the authority proposing to acquire or receive such property  
12 shall, unless a submission with respect to such property has previously  
13 been made and approved as herein provided, submit to the community board  
14 for the community district in which such property is located, data with  
15 respect to the proposed use of such property and to the design of any  
16 facility proposed to be constructed thereon; (ii) such community board  
17 shall inform the council of the city of New York, with copies to the  
18 city planning commission of the city of New York and the proposing  
19 authority, of its views and recommendations with respect thereto within  
20 forty-five days of such submission, and if the community board shall  
21 fail to so inform such council within such period it shall be deemed to  
22 have recommended the proposal; and (iii) such council shall, within  
23 forty-five days of the recommendation of the community board, approve or  
24 disapprove such acquisition or transfer, and if such council shall fail  
25 to act within such period it shall be deemed to have approved the same.

26 6. In its performance of any transit project, the authority shall not  
27 be deemed the agent or instrumentality of the city of New York or the  
28 New York city transit authority or any of its subsidiaries notwithstand-  
29 ing the fact that title to any real or personal property (or any inter-  
30 est therein) which is the subject of or is a part of such project is  
31 held by or upon completion of such project is to be transferred to such  
32 other entity. In its performance of any transit project, however, the  
33 provisions of section twelve hundred nine of this article shall apply to  
34 the authority as if it were the authority referred to in such section.

35 7. The authority, in addition to the powers provided elsewhere in this  
36 title, shall possess all of the powers, rights and privileges of the New  
37 York city transit authority or its designated subsidiary in connection  
38 with the undertaking by the authority of any transit project. The  
39 authority, upon suitable notice to and an offer to consult with an offi-  
40 cer designated by the city of New York, may occupy the streets of the  
41 city of New York for the purpose of doing any work over or under the  
42 same in connection with any transit project without the consent of or  
43 payment to such city.

44 8. After the transfer, transfer back, lease or sublease to the New  
45 York city transit authority or its designated subsidiary or other desig-  
46 nee of any transit project or part thereof, actions for damages for  
47 injuries to real or personal property or for the destruction thereof, or  
48 for personal injuries or death, based upon the use, condition or state  
49 of such project or part thereof may not be instituted against the  
50 authority, which shall have no liability or responsibility to the trans-  
51 feree, lessee or sublessee or to third parties therefor.

52 9. Except as the authority shall otherwise agree, title to any transit  
53 project or any part thereof or interest therein which shall have been  
54 transferred, leased, or subleased to the New York city transit authority  
55 or its designated subsidiary, shall remain in such transferee, lessee,  
56 or sublessee notwithstanding any provision of title nine of this article

1 or of any lease or other agreement entered into under the provisions of  
2 such title to the contrary.

3 10. The providing of any transit project shall not relieve the city of  
4 New York of its obligations under law and by lease to pay the capital  
5 costs of the New York city transit authority or its subsidiaries.

6 11. No transit project to be constructed upon real property to be used  
7 for a transit or transportation purpose, or on an insubstantial addition  
8 to such property contiguous thereto, which will not change in a material  
9 respect the general character of such prior transit or transportation  
10 use, nor any acts or activities in connection with such project, shall  
11 be subject to the provisions of article eight, nineteen, twenty-four or  
12 twenty-five of the environmental conservation law, or to any local law  
13 or ordinance adopted pursuant to any such article. Nor shall any trans-  
14 it project or any acts or activities in connection therewith taken by  
15 any person or entity, public or private, pursuant to this section be  
16 subject to the provisions of article eight of the environmental conser-  
17 vation law if such project, acts or activities require the preparation  
18 of a statement under or pursuant to any federal law or regulation as to  
19 the environmental impact thereof.

20 12. The provisions of this section and of all agreements undertaken by  
21 the New York city transit authority in accordance therewith shall in all  
22 respects be subject to the rights of the holders of any outstanding  
23 bonds or notes of such authority.

24 13. (a) All contracts for design, construction, services and materials  
25 pursuant to this title of whatever nature and all documents soliciting  
26 bids or proposals therefor shall contain or make reference to the  
27 following provisions:

28 (i) The contractor will not discriminate against employees or appli-  
29 cants for employment because of race, creed, color, national origin,  
30 sex, age, disability, or marital status, and will undertake or continue  
31 existing programs of affirmative action to ensure that minority group  
32 persons and women are afforded equal opportunity without discrimination.  
33 Such programs shall include, but not be limited to, recruitment, employ-  
34 ment, job assignment, promotion, upgrading, demotion, transfer, layoff,  
35 termination, rates of pay or other forms of compensation, and selections  
36 for training or retraining, including apprenticeship and on-the-job  
37 training.

38 (ii) At the request of the New York city transit authority, the big  
39 apple transit authority, and their subsidiaries, the contractor shall  
40 request each employment agency, labor union, or authorized represen-  
41 tative of workers with which it has a collective bargaining or other  
42 agreement or understanding and which is involved in the performance of  
43 the contract with the authority to furnish a written statement that such  
44 employment agency, labor union or representative shall not discriminate  
45 because of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, age, disability or  
46 marital status and that such union or representative will cooperate in  
47 the implementation of the contractor's obligations under this section.

48 (iii) The contractor will state, in all solicitations or advertise-  
49 ments for employees placed by or on behalf of the contractor in the  
50 performance of the contract with the authority, that all qualified  
51 applicants will be afforded equal employment opportunity without  
52 discrimination because of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, age,  
53 disability or marital status.

54 (iv) The contractor will include the provisions of subparagraphs (i),  
55 (ii), and (iii) of this paragraph in every subcontract or purchase order  
56 in such a manner that such provisions will be binding upon each subcon-



1 tractor or vendor as to its work in connection with the contract with  
2 the authority.

3 (b) The authority shall establish procedures and guidelines to ensure  
4 that contractors and subcontractors undertake programs of affirmative  
5 action and equal employment opportunity as required by this subdivision.  
6 Such procedures may require after notice in a bid solicitation, the  
7 submission of an affirmative action program prior to the award of any  
8 contract, or at any time thereafter, and may require the submission of  
9 compliance reports relating to the operation and implementation of any  
10 affirmative action program adopted pursuant to this section. The author-  
11 ity may take appropriate action including contractual sanctions for  
12 non-compliance to effectuate the provisions of this subdivision and  
13 shall be responsible for monitoring compliance with this title.

14 14. (a)(i) In the performance of projects pursuant to this title  
15 minority and women-owned business enterprises shall be given the oppor-  
16 tunity for meaningful participation. The authority provided for in this  
17 title shall establish measures and procedures to secure meaningful  
18 participation and identify those contracts and items of work for which  
19 minority and women-owned business enterprises may best bid to actively  
20 and affirmatively promote and assist their participation in the  
21 projects, so as to facilitate the award of a fair share of contracts to  
22 such enterprises; provided, however, that nothing in this title shall be  
23 construed to limit the ability of the authority to assure that qualified  
24 minority and women-owned business enterprises may participate in the  
25 program.

26 (A) For purposes of this section, minority business enterprise shall  
27 mean any business enterprise which is at least fifty-one per centum  
28 owned by, or in the case of a publicly owned business, at least fifty-  
29 one per centum of the stock of which is owned by citizens or permanent  
30 resident aliens who are African-American, Hispanic, Asian or American  
31 Indian, Pacific Islander or Alaskan natives and such ownership interest  
32 is real, substantial and continuing and have the authority to independ-  
33 ently control the day to day business decisions of the entity for at  
34 least one year; and women-owned business enterprise shall mean any busi-  
35 ness enterprise which is at least fifty-one per centum owned by, or in  
36 the case of a publicly owned business, at least fifty-one per centum of  
37 the stock of which is owned by citizens or permanent resident aliens who  
38 are women, and such ownership interest is real, substantial and continu-  
39 ing and have the authority to independently control the day to day busi-  
40 ness decisions of the entity for at least one year.

41 (B) The provisions of this paragraph shall not be construed to limit  
42 the ability of any minority or women-owned business enterprise to bid on  
43 any contract.

44 (ii) In the implementation of this subdivision, the authority shall  
45 consider compliance by any contractor with the requirements of any  
46 federal, state, or local law concerning minority and women-owned busi-  
47 ness enterprises, which may effectuate the requirements of this subdivi-  
48 sion. If the authority determines that by virtue of the imposition of  
49 the requirements of any such law, in respect to capital project  
50 contracts, the provisions thereof duplicate or conflict with such law,  
51 the authority may waive the applicability of this subdivision to the  
52 extent of such duplication or conflict.

53 (iii) Nothing in this subdivision shall be deemed to require that  
54 overall state and federal requirements for participation of minority and  
55 women-owned business enterprises in programs authorized under this title

1 be applied without regard to local circumstances to all projects or in  
2 all communities.

3 (b) In order to implement the requirements and objectives of this  
4 subdivision, the authority shall establish procedures to monitor the  
5 contractors' compliance with provisions hereof, provide assistance in  
6 obtaining competing qualified minority and women-owned business enter-  
7 prises to perform contracts proposed to be awarded, and take other  
8 appropriate measures to improve the access of minority and women-owned  
9 business enterprises to these contracts.

10 15. (a) In connection with the performance of projects pursuant to  
11 this section, the authority shall, to the extent practicable and not  
12 inconsistent with any federal law, regulation or requirement, promote  
13 the meaningful participation of small business and New York state busi-  
14 ness enterprises in the provision of goods and services that are  
15 produced or manufactured in New York state as part of procurements  
16 undertaken by the authority.

17 (b) The authority shall within one hundred eighty days after the  
18 effective date of this subdivision develop, and review annually there-  
19 after, a plan to effect the purposes of this subdivision.

20 § 1349-k. Excess loss fund. 1. Subject to the provisions of this  
21 section, the authority is authorized to issue bonds and notes, in  
22 accordance with section thirteen hundred forty-nine-u of this title, in  
23 such principal amounts not in excess of the seventy-five million dollar  
24 limitation established in subdivision four of this section as, in the  
25 opinion of the authority, shall be necessary to provide sufficient funds  
26 to meet the capital and reserve requirements of a trust, pooling  
27 arrangement or other entity established for the purpose of providing  
28 reimbursement and funding to the authority and its subsidiaries, the New  
29 York city transit authority and its subsidiaries and Triborough bridge  
30 and tunnel authority for excess or extraordinary losses for damages to  
31 real or personal property or for the destruction thereof or for personal  
32 injuries or death and for certain property damage losses which may be  
33 incurred or sustained by any of them in connection with the use and  
34 operation of their respective facilities and in the conduct of their  
35 respective activities, the trust, pooling arrangement or other entity  
36 established in order to provide such benefits to such participants being  
37 referred to in this section as the "excess loss fund". Prior to the  
38 issuance of any bonds or notes, other than refunding bonds or notes,  
39 authorized by this section, the authority shall make a finding that such  
40 issue is expected to result, on a present value basis, in a lower effec-  
41 tive cost to the participating authorities than funding the requirements  
42 of the excess loss fund solely through the payment of premiums and  
43 assessments by such participating authorities.

44 2. In order to effectuate the purposes of the excess loss fund, the  
45 authority shall, subject to the provisions of this section, have all the  
46 powers provided elsewhere in this title and may:

47 (a) accept the notes, bonds and other contractual obligations of the  
48 excess loss fund for funds provided to it by the authority;

49 (b) obtain security for the payment by the excess loss fund of its  
50 notes, bonds and other contractual obligations issued to the authority,  
51 including a pledge of all or any part of the assets and revenues of the  
52 excess loss fund, including its receipts and rights to receive premiums,  
53 assessments, reimbursements and other payments from the participants in  
54 the excess loss fund, which pledge may contain covenants with respect to  
55 the charging and fixing by actuarial estimates, where appropriate, of

1 premiums, assessments, reimbursements and other payments and the use and  
2 disposition thereof; and

3 (c) enter into contracts with the excess loss fund and with the  
4 participants therein, on such terms and conditions as the parties may  
5 agree, with respect to the payment of premiums, assessments, reimburse-  
6 ments and other payments to the excess loss fund and the nature and  
7 extent of the benefits to be paid by the excess loss fund to such  
8 participants.

9 3. The bonds and notes of the authority authorized by this section  
10 shall not constitute general obligations of the authority, but shall be  
11 special obligations of the authority payable as to principal, redemption  
12 premium, if any, and interest solely from the security, sources of  
13 payment and funds obtained from or on behalf of the excess loss fund,  
14 all in the manner more particularly provided by the authority in the  
15 resolution under which such bonds and notes shall be authorized to be  
16 issued.

17 4. The aggregate principal amount of bonds and notes issued for the  
18 purposes enumerated in subdivision one of this section shall not exceed  
19 seventy-five million dollars, excluding:

20 (a) bonds and notes issued to fund costs of issuance and any reason-  
21 ably required debt service reserve fund for such bonds or notes;

22 (b) an amount equal to any original issue discount from the principal  
23 amount of any bonds or notes issued; and

24 (c) bonds and notes issued to refund or otherwise repay bonds or notes  
25 theretofore issued for such purposes, provided, however, that upon any  
26 such refunding or repayment of the total aggregate principal amount of  
27 outstanding bonds and notes, including for purpose of such calculation  
28 the principal amount of the refunding bonds or notes then to be issued  
29 and excluding the principal amount of the bonds or notes so to be  
30 refunded or repaid and any amounts excluded under paragraph (a) or (b)  
31 of this subdivision, may be greater than seventy-five million dollars,  
32 only if the present value of the aggregate debt service of the refunding  
33 or repayment bonds or notes to be issued shall not exceed the present  
34 value of the aggregate debt service of the bonds or notes so to be  
35 refunded or repaid. For purposes of this subparagraph, the present  
36 values of the aggregate debt service of the refunding or repayment bonds  
37 or notes and of the aggregate debt service of the bonds or notes so to  
38 be refunded or repaid, shall be calculated by utilizing the effective  
39 interest rate of the refunding or repayment bonds or notes, which shall  
40 be that rate arrived at by doubling the semi-annual interest rate,  
41 compounded semi-annually, necessary to discount the debt service  
42 payments on the refunding or repayment bonds or notes from the payment  
43 dates thereof to the date of issue of the refunding or repayment bonds  
44 or notes and to the price bid including estimated accrued interest or  
45 proceeds received by the authority including estimated accrued interest  
46 from the sale thereof.

47 5. The term "excess loss fund" as used in this section shall not  
48 include any trust, pooling arrangements or other entity (a) which  
49 provides or offers to provide reimbursement or funding for losses or  
50 liabilities to any entity other than the authority and its subsidiaries,  
51 the New York city transit authority and its subsidiaries and Triborough  
52 bridge and tunnel authority, or (b) in which any entity other than the  
53 authority and its subsidiaries, the New York city transit authority and  
54 its subsidiaries and Triborough bridge and tunnel authority holds an  
55 equity interest.

1     § 1349-1. Authority police force. 1. The authority is hereby author-  
2 ized and empowered, to provide and maintain an authority police depart-  
3 ment and a uniformed authority police force. Each member of such  
4 uniformed police force shall be a "police officer" for the purposes of  
5 the criminal procedure law, with all of the powers of such police offi-  
6 cers thereunder and subject to the same jurisdictional provisions on the  
7 exercise of that power as set forth in such law. The geographical area  
8 of employment of such police officers for the purposes of the criminal  
9 procedure law shall embrace the city of New York. Such department and  
10 force shall have the power, in and about any or all of the facilities  
11 owned, occupied and/or operated by the authority and its subsidiary  
12 corporations, the New York city transit authority and its subsidiaries,  
13 and the Triborough bridge and tunnel authority, as determined in the  
14 discretion of the authority, to enforce and prevent violation of all  
15 laws and ordinances. Nothing in this section shall confer upon the  
16 authority police force or upon their collective negotiations represen-  
17 tatives exclusive jurisdiction or claim over the exercise of police  
18 power or security work on behalf of the authority and its subsidiary  
19 corporations, the New York city transit authority and its subsidiaries,  
20 and the Triborough bridge and tunnel authority. Nothing in this section  
21 shall limit the authority and its subsidiary corporations, the New York  
22 city transit authority and its subsidiaries, and the Triborough bridge  
23 and tunnel authority from continuing to rely on local police for police  
24 services.

25     2. Initial appointments to such authority police force shall from the  
26 incumbent police officers of the metropolitan transportation authority  
27 at the time of such appointment. The executive director of the authori-  
28 ty, through the chief of police, shall have the power and authority to  
29 appoint and employ such number of police officers as he or she deems  
30 necessary to act as police officers of the authority and to administer  
31 to the officers an oath or affirmation faithfully to perform the duties  
32 of their respective positions or offices. Unless, at the time of  
33 appointment, the person is a police officer of the metropolitan trans-  
34 portation authority, only persons who have never been convicted of a  
35 felony and are citizens of the United States shall be appointed police  
36 officers on the authority police force. After the initial appointments  
37 are made, selection of police officer candidates shall be made pursuant  
38 to an examination process to be determined at the discretion of the  
39 authority and candidates must receive a certificate attesting to satis-  
40 factory completion of an approved municipal police basic training  
41 program, as described in section two hundred nine-q of the general  
42 municipal law. No person shall be eligible for appointment unless such  
43 person is not less than twenty years of age as of the date of appoint-  
44 ment nor more than thirty-five years of age as of the date when the  
45 applicant takes the written examination, provided, however, that time  
46 spent on military duty or on terminal leave, not exceeding a total of  
47 six years, shall be subtracted from the age of any applicant who has  
48 passed his or her thirty-fifth birthday as provided in subdivision ten-a  
49 of section two hundred forty-three of the military law. Upon appoint-  
50 ments made by transferring an entire group of police officers into the  
51 authority police force, thereby eliminating such other group of police  
52 officers, the authority shall recognize any representative previously  
53 chosen by the police officers for the purposes of collective negoti-  
54 ations consistent with the bargaining units already established and  
55 shall also assume and continue to observe any existing labor contracts  
56 covering these police officers including such provisions which relate to

1 the grievance and disciplinary procedures and interest arbitration.  
2 Subsequent to the establishment of the consolidated police force the  
3 authority and the collective bargaining representatives shall be author-  
4 ized to negotiate a merger of the separate bargaining units.

5 3. The authority may appoint a chief and one or more deputy chiefs of  
6 the authority police department who, in the discretion of the authority,  
7 may be selected from the ranks of the authority police force, and assign  
8 powers and duties to them and fix their compensation. The chief shall be  
9 the head of such department. The deputy chief designated by the chief  
10 shall possess all the powers and perform all the duties of the chief  
11 during his or she absence or disability. The authority police force  
12 shall consist of such divisions, supervisors and officers, including but  
13 not limited to police officers, detectives, sergeants, lieutenants and  
14 captains as designated by the authority. Notwithstanding any law or  
15 provision to the contrary, the members of the uniformed authority police  
16 force shall not acquire civil service status or become members of the  
17 New York state and local employees' retirement system, except as set in  
18 this section.

19 4. The authority may, in its sole discretion, establish within the  
20 authority's defined benefit program, a retirement program consistent  
21 with the foregoing. If the authority has not so established such program  
22 in its defined benefit program within one hundred eighty days after  
23 enactment, then the authority shall elect to participate in article  
24 fourteen-B of the retirement and social security law.

25 5. If the authority elects to participate in the New York city employ-  
26 ees' retirement system, such election to participate shall be made by  
27 resolution filed with the comptroller and accepted by him or her pursu-  
28 ant to section thirty-one of the retirement and social security law.

29 6. Nothing contained in this section shall be deemed to diminish,  
30 suspend or abolish an existing benefit inured to a police officer,  
31 transferred from the metropolitan transportation authority police force  
32 and subject to the provisions of this section in and to the rights,  
33 privileges or status previously earned within a pension or retirement  
34 system of which they were a member immediately prior to the enactment of  
35 this section; and any such existing right, privilege or status shall  
36 survive the effect of any decisions or determinations lawfully made in  
37 accordance with the provisions of this section so long as such right,  
38 privilege or status is greater in benefit to that which would be imposed  
39 or imputed to any subject officer as a result of actions of the authori-  
40 ty authorized by this section.

41 § 1349-m. The permanent citizens advisory committee. There is hereby  
42 established a permanent citizens advisory committee. The members of the  
43 committee shall consist of the New York city transit authority advisory  
44 council, as defined in section twelve hundred four-e of this title.

45 § 1349-n. Big apple transit authority pledge to customers. 1. A big  
46 apple transit authority pledge to customers shall be created and adopted  
47 by the big apple transit authority. A copy of such pledge shall be post-  
48 ed on the website of the authority and shall be posted in stations where  
49 the authority makes regular postings. The authority shall post the  
50 pledge in the language or languages it deems necessary and appropriate.

51 2. The big apple transit authority pledge to customers shall be in the  
52 form and manner as prescribed by the authority, include the contact  
53 information of the authority, and include, but not be limited to, the  
54 following:

55 (a) a description of the authority's commitment to provide safe and  
56 reliable services;



1 (b) a description of the authority's commitment to provide timely and  
2 accurate information on its services;

3 (c) a commitment that employees will provide service in a courteous  
4 manner;

5 (d) a description of the authority's commitment to maintain clean  
6 stations, facilities, subways and buses;

7 (e) a description of the authority's policies when it comes to arrang-  
8 ing alternative transportation when service is interrupted;

9 (f) when service is interrupted, a description of the authority's  
10 policies when it comes to considering the comfort of inconvenienced  
11 customers;

12 (g) when service is interrupted due to weather conditions, a  
13 description of the authority's policies on notifying customers; and

14 (h) when service is severely interrupted, a description of the author-  
15 ity's policies on service restoration.

16 3. The authority from time to time may update and amend the big apple  
17 transit authority pledge to customers as it deems necessary and proper  
18 and may adopt rules and regulations for the proper administration of  
19 this section.

20 § 1349-o. Expired fare transfer policy. Notwithstanding any other  
21 provision of law to the contrary, the authority shall, within ninety  
22 days of the effective date of this section, establish an expired fare  
23 transfer policy that may be amended from time to time. Such policy shall  
24 provide any person who purchases a fare the ability to transfer any  
25 remaining balance for two years after such fare is deemed expired.

26 § 1349-p. Acquisition and disposition of real property. 1. In addi-  
27 tion to the powers provided in section thirteen hundred forty-nine-h of  
28 this title to acquire transportation facilities, equipment and real  
29 property, the authority may acquire, by condemnation pursuant to the  
30 eminent domain procedure law, any real property within the city of New  
31 York it may deem necessary, convenient or desirable to effectuate the  
32 purposes of this title, provided however, that any such condemnation  
33 proceedings shall be brought only in the supreme court and the compen-  
34 sation to be paid shall be ascertained and determined by the court with-  
35 out a jury. Notwithstanding the provisions of this subdivision, no real  
36 property may be acquired by the authority by condemnation for purposes  
37 other than a transportation facility unless the governing body of the  
38 city, village or town in which such real property is located shall first  
39 consent to such condemnation.

40 2. Nothing contained in this section shall be construed to prevent the  
41 authority from bringing any proceedings to remove a cloud on title or  
42 such other proceedings as it may, in its discretion, deem proper and  
43 necessary or from acquiring any such property by negotiation or  
44 purchase.

45 3. Where a person entitled to an award in the proceedings to condemn  
46 any real property for any of the purposes of this title remains in  
47 possession of such property after the time of the vesting of title in  
48 the condemnor, the reasonable value of his or her use and occupancy of  
49 such property subsequent to such time as fixed by agreement or by the  
50 court in such proceedings or by any court of competent jurisdiction  
51 shall be a lien against such award subject only to the liens of record  
52 at the time of vesting of title in the condemnor.

53 4. Subject to the provisions of sections thirteen hundred forty-nine-h  
54 and thirteen hundred forty-nine-j of this title, title to all property  
55 acquired under this title shall vest in the authority or one of its

1 subsidiary corporations, or in the New York city transit authority or  
2 one of its subsidiary corporations as the authority directs.

3 5. The authority may, whenever it determines that it is in the inter-  
4 est of the authority, dispose of any real property or property other  
5 than real property, which it determines is not necessary, convenient or  
6 desirable for its purposes.

7 6. The authority may, whenever it shall determine that it is in the  
8 interest of the authority, rent, lease, or grant easements or other  
9 rights in, any land or property of the authority.

10 § 1349-q. Acquisition and disposition of real property by department  
11 of transportation. If funds are made available by the authority for the  
12 payment of the cost and expense of the acquisition thereof, the commis-  
13 sioner of transportation of the state of New York, when requested by the  
14 authority, may acquire such real property in the name of the state as  
15 may be determined from time to time by the authority as being necessary,  
16 convenient or desirable to effectuate the purposes of this title, may  
17 remove the owner or occupant thereof where necessary and obtain  
18 possession and, when requested by the authority, may dispose of any real  
19 property so acquired, all according to the procedure provided in section  
20 thirty of the highway law. The authority shall have the right to possess  
21 and use for its corporate purposes all such real property so acquired.  
22 Claims for the value of the property appropriated and for legal damages  
23 caused by any such appropriation shall be adjusted and determined by  
24 such commissioner with the approval of the authority or by the court of  
25 claims as provided in section thirty of the highway law. When a claim  
26 has been filed with the court of claims, the claimant shall cause a copy  
27 of such claim to be served upon the authority and the authority shall  
28 have the right to be represented and heard before such court. All awards  
29 and judgments arising from such claims shall be paid out of moneys of  
30 the authority. No real property may be acquired pursuant to the  
31 provisions of this section for purposes other than a transportation  
32 facility unless the governing body of the city, village or town in which  
33 such real property is located shall first consent to such acquisition.

34 § 1349-r. Transit facilities for transit construction fund. 1. As  
35 used in this section, unless a different meaning clearly appears from  
36 the context:

37 (a) "City" shall mean the city of New York.

38 (b) "Transit construction fund act" shall mean title nine-A of this  
39 article.

40 (c) "Transit construction fund" shall mean the corporation created by  
41 section twelve hundred twenty-five-c of this article.

42 (d) "Transit facility" shall mean such term as defined from time to  
43 time in section twelve hundred twenty-five-b of this article.

44 2. In addition to the powers provided elsewhere in this title, and to  
45 effectuate the purposes of the transit construction fund act, the  
46 authority may:

47 (a) Plan, design, construct, acquire, extend, reconstruct, rehabili-  
48 tate, modernize and otherwise improve transit facilities in accordance  
49 with the terms and conditions of any lease or other agreement with the  
50 transit construction fund;

51 (b) Occupy the streets of the city of New York in the course of  
52 constructing and thereafter owning a transit facility which consists of  
53 a rapid transit railroad or portion thereof, provided such construction  
54 is carried out in accordance with the terms of a lease or other agree-  
55 ment with the transit construction fund entered into pursuant to the  
56 provisions of the transit construction fund act;

1 (c) Make and execute contracts, leases, subleases, and all other  
2 instruments or agreements deemed necessary or convenient;

3 (d) Authorize the use by the transit construction fund, either with or  
4 without compensation to the authority or any subsidiary of the agents,  
5 employees and facilities of the authority or any subsidiary;

6 (e) Undertake planning, design and feasibility studies in accordance  
7 with the terms and conditions of any agreement with the transit  
8 construction fund or the city; and

9 (f) Do any and all other things deemed necessary or convenient.

10 3. All of the provisions of this title not inconsistent with the  
11 provisions of this section shall be applicable with respect to any bonds  
12 or notes of the authority issued to finance any purpose authorized under  
13 this section or the transit construction fund act, subject to the  
14 following conditions and exceptions:

15 (a) Payment of the principal, redemption premium, if any, and interest  
16 on such bonds and notes shall be made only from monies payable to the  
17 authority from the transit construction fund under a lease or other  
18 agreement entered into pursuant to the provisions of the transit  
19 construction fund act, and any security given by the authority for the  
20 payment of such principal, redemption premium or interest on such bonds  
21 and notes shall be limited to the monies so payable from the transit  
22 construction fund. The authority shall not grant any security interest  
23 in or otherwise encumber any transit facility leased to the transit  
24 construction fund.

25 (b) The provisions of section thirteen hundred forty-nine-aa of this  
26 title, relating to the creation and establishment of and appropriations  
27 and payments to certain debt service reserve funds shall be inapplica-  
28 ble; provided that nothing in this section shall be deemed to prohibit  
29 the creation and establishment of one or more reserve funds for debt  
30 service as authorized by section thirteen hundred forty-nine-u of this  
31 title;

32 (c) In addition to the statement required by subdivision nine of  
33 section thirteen hundred forty-nine-u of this title, such bonds and  
34 notes shall contain on the face thereof a statement to the effect that  
35 the city shall not be liable thereon and that the same shall not be a  
36 debt of the city.

37 4. Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law to the  
38 contrary, or of any agreement entered into in pursuance thereof relating  
39 to the repayment of any loan or advance made by the state to the author-  
40 ity, the authority shall not be required to repay any such loan or  
41 advance from or by reason of the issuance: (a) of bonds or notes of the  
42 authority issued to finance any purpose authorized under this section or  
43 the transit construction fund act, or the proceeds realized upon such  
44 issuance; or (b) from any other funds of the authority derived from the  
45 transit construction fund or from any other source whatever to effectu-  
46 ate the purposes of the transit construction fund act.

47 § 1349-s. Co-operation and assistance of other agencies. 1. To avoid  
48 duplication of effort and in the interests of economy, the authority may  
49 make use of existing studies, surveys, plans, data and other materials  
50 in the possession of any state agency or any municipality or political  
51 subdivision of the state. Each such agency, municipality or subdivision  
52 is hereby authorized to make the same available to the authority and  
53 otherwise to assist it in the performance of its functions. At the  
54 request of the authority, each such agency, municipality or subdivision  
55 which is engaged in highway or other transportation activities or in  
56 land use or development planning, or which is charged with the duty of

1 providing or regulating any transportation facility or any other public  
2 facility, is further authorized to provide the authority with informa-  
3 tion regarding its plans and programs affecting the transportation  
4 district so that the authority may have available to it current informa-  
5 tion with respect thereto. The officers and personnel of such agencies,  
6 municipalities or subdivisions, and of any other government or agency  
7 whatever, may serve at the request of the authority upon such advisory  
8 committees as the authority shall determine to create and such officers  
9 and personnel may serve upon such committees without forfeiture of  
10 office or employment and with no loss or diminution in the compensation,  
11 status, rights and privileges which they otherwise enjoy.

12 2. The authority shall, at the request of any state agency, munici-  
13 pality or political subdivision of the state, engaged in highway or  
14 other transportation activities or in land use or development planning,  
15 provide said state agency, municipality or political subdivision with  
16 all current and relevant information regarding its plans or programs, so  
17 as to enable said agency, municipality or subdivision to properly effec-  
18 tuate said activities or planning.

19 3. To the extent that the provisions of this title authorize the  
20 authority to enter into any agreement or arrangement with, or undertake  
21 any other activity requiring the participation of, the New York city  
22 transit authority or any of its subsidiary corporations in furtherance  
23 of their respective purposes and powers or the Triborough bridge and  
24 tunnel authority in furtherance of its purposes and powers, such enti-  
25 ties are hereby authorized and empowered to enter into and perform such  
26 contract or other arrangement and to undertake such activities.

27 § 1349-t. Promotion of qualified transportation fringes. The authori-  
28 ty shall promote the broad use of qualified transportation fringes,  
29 under section one hundred thirty-two of the federal internal revenue  
30 code, in order to increase the number of participating companies and  
31 employees in such programs. The authority may also study and report on  
32 ways in which programs may be improved so as to increase public partic-  
33 ipation.

34 § 1349-u. Notes, bonds and other obligations of the authority. 1. (a)  
35 The authority shall have power and is hereby authorized from time to  
36 time to issue its bonds, notes and other obligations in such principal  
37 amount as, in the opinion of the authority, shall be necessary, conven-  
38 ient or desirable to effectuate any of its powers and purposes, includ-  
39 ing to provide sufficient funds for achieving its purposes, including  
40 the acquisition, establishment, construction, effectuation, operation,  
41 maintenance, renovation, improvement, extension, rehabilitation or  
42 repair of any transportation facility, the payment of principal, redemp-  
43 tion premium and interest on bonds, notes and other obligations of the  
44 authority, establishment of reserves to secure such bonds, notes and  
45 other obligations, the provision of working capital and all other  
46 expenditures of the authority and its subsidiary corporations, and New  
47 York city transit authority and its subsidiary corporations incident to  
48 and necessary or convenient to carry out their purposes and powers. Such  
49 bonds, notes or other obligations may be issued for an individual trans-  
50 portation facility or issued on a consolidated basis for such groups or  
51 classes of facilities and projects as the authority in its discretion  
52 deems appropriate and be payable from and secured separately or on a  
53 consolidated basis by, among other things, all or any portion of such  
54 revenues and other monies and assets of the authority and its subsidiary  
55 corporations, and New York city transit authority and its subsidiary

1 corporations as the authority determines in accordance with the  
2 provisions of section thirteen hundred forty-nine-dd of this title;

3 (b) The authority shall have power, from time to time, to issue  
4 renewal notes, to issue bonds to refund, redeem or otherwise pay,  
5 including by purchase or tender, notes of the authority and its subsid-  
6 iary corporations, the metropolitan transportation authority, and the  
7 New York city transit authority and its subsidiary corporations and  
8 whenever it deems refunding, redemption or payment expedient, to refund,  
9 redeem or otherwise pay, including by purchase or tender, any bonds of  
10 the authority and its subsidiary corporations, the metropolitan trans-  
11 portation authority, the New York city transit authority and its subsid-  
12 iary corporations and the Triborough bridge and tunnel authority by the  
13 issuance of new bonds, whether the bonds to be refunded, redeemed or  
14 otherwise paid have or have not matured, and to issue bonds partly for  
15 such purpose and partly for any other purpose and to otherwise refund,  
16 redeem, acquire by purchase or tender, or in any other way repay any  
17 outstanding notes, bonds or other obligations of the authority, any of  
18 its subsidiary corporations, the metropolitan transportation authority,  
19 the New York city transit authority, any of its subsidiary corporations  
20 and the Triborough bridge and tunnel authority;

21 (c) Every issue of its notes, bonds or other obligations shall be  
22 general obligations or special obligations. Every issue of general obli-  
23 gations of the authority shall be payable out of any revenues or monies  
24 of the authority, subject only to any agreements with the holders of  
25 particular notes or bonds pledging any particular receipts or revenues.  
26 Every issue of special obligations shall be payable out of any revenues,  
27 receipts, monies or other assets of the authority and its subsidiary  
28 corporations, the New York city transit authority and its subsidiary  
29 corporations and the Triborough bridge and tunnel authority identified  
30 for such purposes in accordance with agreements with the holders of  
31 particular notes, bonds or other obligations. The authority may issue  
32 transportation revenue special obligation bonds, notes or other obli-  
33 gations as provided in section thirteen hundred forty-nine-dd of this  
34 title;

35 2. The authority may from time to time issue its bonds and notes in  
36 such principal amounts as, in the opinion of the authority, shall be  
37 necessary to finance the unfunded pension fund liabilities of the  
38 authority, its affiliates and subsidiaries, provided, however, that in  
39 no event shall the cumulative amounts of bonds and notes issued pursuant  
40 to the authority under this subdivision exceed one billion two hundred  
41 million dollars or sixty percent of such unfunded pension fund liabil-  
42 ities, whichever is less, and provided, further, that no bonds shall be  
43 issued under this subdivision for a term longer than twenty years. The  
44 authority may not issue bonds or notes in any twelve month period in a  
45 cumulative principal amount in excess of forty percent of the total  
46 amount permitted to be issued under this subdivision. Prior to the issu-  
47 ance of any bonds or notes, the authority shall make a finding that such  
48 issue is expected to result, on a present value basis, in a lower effec-  
49 tive cost to the authority than funding the unfunded pension fund  
50 liability solely through the payment of annual amounts to the pension  
51 fund, assuming that the principal component of the unfunded liability  
52 will be amortized over the same number of years as the term of the bonds  
53 or notes and that the interest payable thereon is the actuarial rate of  
54 interest determined by the actuary for the pension fund at the time of  
55 the issuance of such bonds or notes. The aggregate principal amount of  
56 bonds and notes issued for such purposes may be increased to fund costs



1 of issuance and reasonably required debt service or other reserve funds.  
2 Bonds and notes may be issued to refund or otherwise repay bonds or  
3 notes theretofore issued for such purposes; provided, however, that upon  
4 any such refunding or repayment, including for purpose of such calcu-  
5 lation the principal amount of the refunding bonds or notes then to be  
6 issued and excluding the principal amount of the bonds or notes so to be  
7 refunded or repaid and also excluding any amounts used to pay costs of  
8 issuance and reasonably required debt service or other reserve funds,  
9 the present value of the aggregate debt service of the refunding or  
10 repayment bonds or notes to be issued shall not exceed the present value  
11 of the aggregate debt service of the bonds or notes so to be refunded or  
12 repaid. For purposes of the preceding sentence, the present values of  
13 the aggregate debt service of the refunding or repayment bonds or notes  
14 and of the aggregate debt service of the bonds or notes so to be  
15 refunded or repaid shall be calculated by utilizing the effective inter-  
16 est rate of the refunding or repayment bonds or notes, which shall be  
17 that rate arrived at by doubling the semi-annual interest rate,  
18 compounded semi-annually, necessary to discount the debt service  
19 payments on the refunding or repayment bonds or notes from the payment  
20 dates thereof to the date of issue of the refunding or repayment bonds  
21 or notes and to the price bid including estimated accrued interest or  
22 proceeds received by the authority including estimated accrued interest  
23 from the sale thereof. Debt service on the bonds or notes shall be  
24 structured so that the economic benefits thereof shall be relatively  
25 uniform for each full year throughout the term of the bonds or notes.  
26 Beginning with the date of first issuance of bonds under this section,  
27 the authority and its subsidiaries shall make annual payments into the  
28 pension fund in amounts at least equal to the current pension contrib-  
29 ution liability applicable to such year. The net proceeds of the bonds  
30 or notes intended to be invested in non-debt securities may be invested  
31 by the recipient pension fund in a fiscally prudent manner in securities  
32 consistent with any trust indentures and all applicable state and feder-  
33 al law over a reasonable period of time not less than thirty days  
34 following the issuance of the bonds or notes. The operating budget  
35 savings associated with the issuance of pension obligation bonds pursu-  
36 ant to this subdivision shall be dedicated to reducing service elimi-  
37 nations projected to occur within that period.

38 3. The notes, bonds and other obligations shall be authorized by  
39 resolution approved by not less than a majority vote of the whole number  
40 of members of the authority then in office, except that in the event of  
41 a tie vote the chairperson shall cast one additional vote. Such notes,  
42 bonds and other obligations shall bear such date or dates, and shall  
43 mature at such time or times, in the case of any such note or any  
44 renewals thereof not exceeding five years from the date of issue of such  
45 original note, and in the case of any such bond not exceeding fifty  
46 years from the date of issue, as such resolution or resolutions may  
47 provide. The notes, bonds and other obligations shall bear interest at  
48 such rate or rates, be in such denominations, be in such form, either  
49 coupon or registered, carry such registration privileges, be executed in  
50 such manner, be payable in such medium of payment, at such place or  
51 places and be subject to such terms of redemption as such resolution or  
52 resolutions may provide. The notes, bonds and other obligations of the  
53 authority may be sold by the authority, at public or private sale, at  
54 such price or prices as the authority shall determine. No notes or bonds  
55 of the authority may be sold by the authority at private sale, however,  
56 unless such sale and the terms thereof have been approved in writing by

1 (a) the comptroller, where such sale is not to the comptroller, or (b)  
2 the director of the office of management and budget, where such sale is  
3 to the comptroller.

4 4. Any resolution or resolutions authorizing any notes, bonds or any  
5 issue thereof, or any other obligations of the authority, may contain  
6 provisions, which shall be a part of the contract with the holders ther-  
7 eof, as to:

8 (a) pledging all or any part of the revenues of the authority or of  
9 any of its subsidiary corporations or New York city transit authority or  
10 any of its subsidiary corporations or Triborough bridge and tunnel  
11 authority to secure the payment of the notes or bonds or of any issue  
12 thereof, or any other obligations of the authority, subject to such  
13 applicable agreements with bondholders, noteholders, or holders of other  
14 obligations of the authority, the metropolitan transportation authority,  
15 the New York city transit authority and its subsidiary corporations, and  
16 Triborough bridge and tunnel authority;

17 (b) pledging all or any part of the assets of the authority or of any  
18 of its subsidiary corporations or New York city transit authority or any  
19 of its subsidiary corporations or Triborough bridge and tunnel authority  
20 to secure the payment of the notes or bonds or of any issue of notes or  
21 bonds, or any other obligations of the authority, subject to such agree-  
22 ments with noteholders, bondholders, or holders of other obligations of  
23 the authority, the New York city transit authority and its subsidiary  
24 corporations, and Triborough bridge and tunnel authority;

25 (c) the use and disposition of revenues, including fares, tolls,  
26 rentals, rates, charges and other fees, made or received by the authori-  
27 ty, any of its subsidiary corporations, New York city transit authority  
28 or any of its subsidiary corporations, or Triborough bridge and tunnel  
29 authority;

30 (d) the setting aside of reserves or sinking funds and the regulation  
31 and disposition thereof;

32 (e) limitations on the purpose to which the proceeds of sale of notes,  
33 bonds or other obligations of the authority may be applied and pledging  
34 such proceeds to secure the payment of the notes or bonds or of any  
35 issue thereof or of other obligations;

36 (f) limitations on the issuance of additional notes, bonds or other  
37 obligations of the authority; the terms upon which additional notes,  
38 bonds or other obligations of the authority may be issued and secured;  
39 the refunding of outstanding or other notes, bonds or other obligations  
40 of the authority;

41 (g) the procedure, if any, by which the terms of any contract with  
42 noteholders, bondholders, or holders of other obligations of the author-  
43 ity, may be amended or abrogated, the amount of notes, bonds or other  
44 obligations of the authority the holders of which must consent thereto,  
45 and the manner in which such consent may be given;

46 (h) limitations on the amount of monies to be expended by the authori-  
47 ty or any of its subsidiary corporations or New York city transit  
48 authority or any of its subsidiary corporations or Triborough bridge and  
49 tunnel authority for operating, administrative or other expenses of the  
50 authority or any of its subsidiary corporations or New York city transit  
51 authority or any of its subsidiary corporations or Triborough bridge and  
52 tunnel authority;

53 (i) vesting in a trustee or trustees such property, rights, powers and  
54 duties in trust as the authority may determine, which may include any or  
55 all of the rights, powers and duties of the trustee appointed by the  
56 bondholders, noteholders or holders of other obligations of the authori-

1 ty pursuant to this title, and limiting or abrogating the right of the  
2 bondholders, noteholders or holders of other obligations of the authori-  
3 ty to appoint a trustee under this article or limiting the rights,  
4 powers and duties of such trustee; and

5 (j) any other matters, of like or different character, which in any  
6 way affect the security or protection of the notes, bonds or other obli-  
7 gations of the authority.

8 5. In addition to the powers conferred by this section upon the  
9 authority to secure its notes, bonds and other obligations, the authori-  
10 ty shall have power in connection with the issuance of notes, bonds and  
11 other obligations to enter into such agreements as the authority may  
12 deem necessary, convenient or desirable concerning the use or disposi-  
13 tion of the monies or property of the authority, its subsidiary corpo-  
14 rations, New York city transit authority, or any of its subsidiary  
15 corporations, or Triborough bridge and tunnel authority, including the  
16 mortgaging of any such property and the entrusting, pledging or creation  
17 of any other security interest in any such monies or property and the  
18 doing of any act (including refraining from doing any act) which the  
19 authority would have the right to do in the absence of such agreements.  
20 The authority shall have power to enter into amendments of any such  
21 agreements within the powers granted to the authority by this title and  
22 to perform such agreements. The provisions of any such agreements may be  
23 made a part of the contract with the holders of the notes, bonds and  
24 other obligations of the authority.

25 6. Any pledge, mortgage or security instrument made by the authority  
26 shall be valid and binding from the time when the pledge, mortgage or  
27 security instrument is made; the monies or property so pledged, mort-  
28 gaged and entrusted and thereafter received by the authority, or any of  
29 its subsidiary corporations shall immediately be subject to the lien of  
30 such pledge, mortgage or security instrument without any physical deliv-  
31 ery thereof or further act; and the lien of any such pledge, mortgage or  
32 security instrument shall be valid and binding as against all parties  
33 having claims of any kind in tort, contract or otherwise against the  
34 authority, or any of its subsidiary corporations, irrespective of wheth-  
35 er such parties have notice thereof. Neither the resolution nor any  
36 mortgage, security instrument or other instrument by which a pledge,  
37 mortgage lien or other security is created shall need to be recorded or  
38 filed and neither the authority nor, any of its subsidiary corporations  
39 shall be required to comply with any of the provisions of the uniform  
40 commercial code.

41 7. Neither the members of the authority, the New York city transit  
42 authority or the Triborough bridge and tunnel authority nor any person  
43 executing the notes, bonds or other obligations shall be liable  
44 personally on the notes, bonds or other obligations or be subject to any  
45 personal liability or accountability by reason of the issuance thereof.

46 8. The authority, subject to such agreements with the holders of  
47 notes, bonds or other obligations as may then exist, shall have power  
48 out of any funds available therefor to purchase notes, bonds or other  
49 obligations of the authority. The authority may hold, cancel or sell  
50 such bonds, notes and other obligations, subject to and in accordance  
51 with agreements with such holders.

52 9. Neither the state nor the city of New York shall be liable on  
53 notes, bonds or other obligations of the authority and such notes, bonds  
54 and other obligations shall not be a debt of the state or the city of  
55 New York, and such notes, bonds and other obligations shall contain on

1 the face thereof, or in an equally prominent place, a statement to such  
2 effect.

3 10. So long as the authority has any outstanding bonds, notes or other  
4 obligations issued pursuant to this section or any bonds, notes or other  
5 obligations issued or incurred pursuant to section thirteen hundred  
6 forty-nine-j of this title, none of the authority or any of its subsid-  
7 iary corporations, New York city transit authority or any of its subsid-  
8 iary corporations, or Triborough bridge and tunnel authority shall have  
9 the authority to file a voluntary petition under chapter nine of the  
10 federal bankruptcy code or such corresponding chapter, chapters or  
11 sections as may, from time to time, be in effect, and neither any public  
12 officer nor any organization, entity or other person shall authorize the  
13 authority or any of its subsidiary corporations, New York city transit  
14 authority or any of its subsidiary corporations, or Triborough bridge  
15 and tunnel authority to be or become a debtor under chapter nine of the  
16 federal bankruptcy code or said corresponding chapter, chapters or  
17 sections during any such period.

18 11. The term "monies" as used in this section shall include, but not  
19 be limited to, all operating subsidies provided by (i) any public bene-  
20 fit corporation, including without limitation transfers of operating  
21 surplus by Triborough bridge and tunnel authority pursuant to section  
22 twelve hundred nineteen-a of this article, or (ii) any governmental  
23 entity, federal, state or local and shall exclude all funds required to  
24 be transferred to the metropolitan transportation authority pursuant to  
25 section thirteen hundred forty-nine-h of this title.

26 12. Any resolution or agreement authorizing the issuance of bonds,  
27 notes or other obligations pursuant to this section may, in addition,  
28 authorize and provide for the issuance of lease obligations of the  
29 authority which may be issued for the purposes and on the terms and  
30 conditions under which the bonds, notes and other obligations authorized  
31 under this section may be issued, and may be secured in the same manner  
32 as such bonds, notes and other obligations, and which resolution with  
33 respect to such lease obligations, may contain such other provisions  
34 applicable to bonds, notes and other obligations not inconsistent with  
35 the provisions of this section, as the authority may determine.

36 13. The aggregate principal amount of bonds, notes or other obli-  
37 gations issued after the first of January next succeeding the effective  
38 date of this title, by the authority, the Triborough bridge and tunnel  
39 authority and the New York city transit authority to fund projects  
40 contained in capital program plans approved pursuant to section thirteen  
41 hundred forty-nine-v of this title for the capital program authorization  
42 period shall not exceed fifty-five billion four hundred ninety-seven  
43 million dollars. Such aggregate principal amount of bonds, notes or  
44 other obligations or the expenditure thereof shall not be subject to any  
45 limitation contained in any other provision of law on the principal  
46 amount of bonds, notes or other obligations or the expenditure thereof  
47 applicable to the authority, the Triborough bridge and tunnel authority  
48 or the New York city transit authority. The aggregate limitation estab-  
49 lished by this subdivision shall not include: (a) obligations issued to  
50 refund, redeem or otherwise repay, including by purchase or tender,  
51 obligations theretofore issued either by the issuer of such refunding  
52 obligations or by the authority, the New York city transit authority or  
53 the Triborough bridge and tunnel authority; (b) obligations issued to  
54 fund any debt service or other reserve funds for such obligations; (c)  
55 obligations issued or incurred to fund the costs of issuance, the  
56 payment of amounts required under bond and note facilities, federal or

1 other governmental loans, security or credit arrangements or other  
2 agreements related thereto and the payment of other financing, original  
3 issue premiums and related costs associated with such obligations; (d)  
4 an amount equal to any original issue discount from the principal amount  
5 of such obligations or to fund capitalized interest; (e) obligations  
6 incurred pursuant to section twelve hundred seven-m of this article; (f)  
7 obligations incurred to fund the acquisition of certain buses for the  
8 New York city transit authority as identified in a capital program plan  
9 approved pursuant to chapter fifty-three of the laws of nineteen hundred  
10 ninety-two; (g) obligations incurred in connection with the leasing,  
11 selling or transferring of equipment; and (h) bond anticipation notes or  
12 other obligations payable solely from the proceeds of other bonds, notes  
13 or other obligations which would be included in the aggregate principal  
14 amount specified in the first sentence of this subdivision, whether or  
15 not additionally secured by revenues of the authority, or any of its  
16 subsidiary corporations, New York city transit authority, or any of its  
17 subsidiary corporations, or Triborough bridge and tunnel authority.

18 § 1349-v. Capital program plans; approvals; effect of disapproval. 1.  
19 On or before October first next succeeding the effective date of this  
20 section, and every fifth year thereafter, the authority shall submit to  
21 the mayor a capital program plan for the ten-year period commencing  
22 January first of the following year.

23 2. For the period described in subdivision one of this section, the  
24 plan shall contain the capital program for the transit facilities oper-  
25 ated by the New York city transit authority and its subsidiaries and for  
26 the Staten Island rapid transit operating authority.

27 3. The plan shall set system-wide goals and objectives for capital  
28 spending, establish standards for service and operations, and describe  
29 each capital element proposed to be initiated in each of the years  
30 covered by the plan and explain how each proposed element supports the  
31 achievement of the service and operational standards established in the  
32 plan. The plan shall also set forth an estimate of the amount of capital  
33 funding required each year and the expected sources of such funding.  
34 Each plan subsequent to the first such plan and each proposed amendment  
35 or modification thereof shall also describe the current status of each  
36 capital element included in the previously approved plan, if any. The  
37 plan shall be accompanied or supplemented by such supporting materials  
38 as the mayor shall require.

39 4. A "capital element", as used in this section, shall mean either a  
40 category of expenditure itemized in a plan, as hereinafter provided, for  
41 which a specified maximum dollar amount is proposed to be expended, or a  
42 particularly described capital project within one or more categories for  
43 which no maximum expenditure is proposed, but for which an estimate of  
44 expected cost is provided. A capital element shall be deemed to have  
45 been initiated for purposes of this section if in connection with such  
46 element the authority shall certify that:

47 (a) purchase or construction contracts have been entered into, obli-  
48 gating in the aggregate an amount exceeding ten percent of the maximum  
49 or estimated cost of the element as set forth in a plan;

50 (b) financing specific to the project has been undertaken; or

51 (c) in a case where such element is limited to design or engineering,  
52 a contract therefor has been entered into.

53 5. The plan shall itemize the capital elements included in each  
54 section of the plan under the following categories of expenditure: (a)  
55 rolling stock and buses; (b) passenger stations; (c) track; (d) line  
56 equipment; (e) line structures; (f) signals and communications; (g)



1 power equipment, emergency power equipment and substations; (h) shops,  
2 yards, maintenance facilities, depots and terminals; (i) service vehi-  
3 cles; (j) security systems; (k) electrification extensions; and (l)  
4 unspecified, miscellaneous and emergency.

5 6. A capital program plan must be approved only by resolution of the  
6 authority approved by not less than a majority vote. After approval, the  
7 authority must submit the plan to the mayor, who has ninety days to  
8 approve the plan.

9 7. A copy of any capital program plan that has been approved by the  
10 authority and distributed to the mayor shall be simultaneously provided  
11 to the public by the big apple transit authority, via its official or  
12 shared internet website.

13 8. If the mayor takes no action within ninety days after receiving the  
14 plan, the plan shall be deemed to have been approved.

15 9. If the mayor vetoes the plan, the authority may only override the  
16 veto by unanimous vote.

17 10. If the mayor vetoes the plan and the authority does not override  
18 the veto, the authority may thereafter reformulate and resubmit such  
19 plan at any time. Within thirty days of the submission of such reformu-  
20 lated plan, the mayor may notify the authority of its approval, or, if  
21 the reformulated plan is not approved and the mayor has not notified the  
22 authority of his or her disapproval within such period, the reformulated  
23 plan shall be deemed to have been approved.

24 11. No general obligation bonds or notes of the authority, no special  
25 obligation bonds or notes of the authority to finance a transit project,  
26 as such term is defined in section thirteen hundred forty-nine-j of this  
27 title, and no bonds or notes of the Triborough bridge and tunnel authori-  
28 ty to finance a project pursuant to the authorization contained in  
29 paragraph (r) of subdivision nine of section five hundred fifty-three of  
30 this chapter shall be issued to finance the costs of a capital element  
31 unless such capital element and such source of funding was set forth in  
32 a plan approved as provided in this section.

33 12. The disapproval of a capital program plan shall not affect: (a)  
34 the right of the authority, of the Triborough bridge and tunnel authori-  
35 ty, or of the New York city transit authority, or of the subsidiaries of  
36 any of them to initiate and complete any capital element which will be  
37 financed otherwise than through the issuance of the bonds or notes the  
38 issuance of which is prohibited under subdivision seven of this section;  
39 (b) the right of the authority or the Triborough bridge and tunnel  
40 authority to issue bonds or notes to finance a capital element which was  
41 initiated prior to such disapproval in conformity with a previously  
42 approved plan; (c) the right of the New York city transit authority to  
43 issue its bonds, notes, lease, sublease or other contractual obligations  
44 in payment for a transit project initiated prior to such disapproval in  
45 conformity with a previously approved plan; (d) the right of the author-  
46 ity or of the Triborough bridge and tunnel authority to issue bonds or  
47 notes to refund or otherwise repay any of its outstanding bonds or notes  
48 or to fulfill any of their obligations to the holders of any of their  
49 outstanding bonds or notes; or (e) the right of the New York city trans-  
50 it authority to issue its bonds, notes, lease, sublease or other  
51 contractual obligations to refund or otherwise repay any of its  
52 outstanding bonds or notes or to fulfill any of its obligations to the  
53 holders of any of its outstanding bonds or notes.

54 13. Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision eight of this  
55 section, if a source of funding described in an approved plan shall be  
56 unavailable or be available in a lesser amount than that set forth in

1 such plan, the authority and the Triborough bridge and tunnel authority  
2 may issue bonds or notes as necessary to provide the requisite funding  
3 for the capital elements included in the plan to the extent that the  
4 aggregate amount of such bonds or notes to be issued in substitution for  
5 such unavailable amounts shall not exceed the greater of fifty million  
6 dollars or twenty percent of the total amount described in such plan for  
7 either the substitute funding source or the funding source being substi-  
8 tuted for, subject to the limitations set forth in subdivision eleven of  
9 section five hundred fifty-three-e of this chapter and paragraph (a) of  
10 subdivision four of section twelve hundred seven-m of this article.

11 14. (a) The authority may from time to time submit to the mayor amend-  
12 ments or modifications to any ten-year plan theretofore submitted, and  
13 shall submit such an amendment or modification (i) if the estimated cost  
14 of any capital element for which a specified dollar amount was proposed  
15 to be expended exceeds the amount set forth in the approved plan for  
16 such element by more than ten percent, (ii) if with respect to a partic-  
17 ularly described capital element for which only an estimate of projected  
18 cost has been provided in the plan there is a material change in the  
19 description of such element from that contained in the approved plan,  
20 (iii) if a capital element not previously included in the approved plan  
21 is proposed to be undertaken and its cost, together with the cost of  
22 other elements included in category (1) of the plan, exceeds by ten  
23 percent the amount provided for such category (1) elements, (iv) if the  
24 authority shall propose to change by more than one year from the time  
25 when any capital element is proposed to be initiated or the effect of  
26 such change will be to increase the estimated amount of capital funding  
27 required in any year covered by the plan by more than twenty percent, or  
28 (v) if the availability of funding sources changes to the degree to  
29 which the authority or the Triborough bridge and tunnel authority are  
30 precluded from exercising the authorization provided in subdivision nine  
31 of this section and the authority wishes to do so.

32 (b) An amendment or modification may only be approved in two ways: (i)  
33 an amendment or modification shall only be approved by the mayor and  
34 within thirty days of the submission of an amendment or modification the  
35 mayor may notify the authority of its approval of the same; or (ii) if  
36 the amendment or modification is not approved by the mayor within such  
37 thirty day period and the mayor has not notified the authority in writ-  
38 ing of his or her disapproval within such period, the amendment or  
39 modification shall be deemed to have been approved.

40 15. In formulating its capital program plans, the authority shall give  
41 consideration to the physical condition and urgency of need of each of  
42 the several transportation and transit systems involved, to the needs of  
43 all of the communities and areas serviced by these systems, to the  
44 extent to which other capital aid or assistance may be available to each  
45 of these systems, and to the safety, comfort and convenience of its  
46 passengers. In determining the source or method of funding which the  
47 authority is to use to finance the cost of the capital elements included  
48 in its capital program plans, the authority shall, insofar as practica-  
49 ble, give consideration, among other things, to: (a) the potential  
50 impact of each such source or method upon the level of passenger fares;  
51 (b) the relative cost of the several funding alternatives; and (c) the  
52 relative ability of each source or method to provide funding at times  
53 and in amounts estimated to be required by the capital program plan. To  
54 the extent funding is proposed to be obtained through the issuance and  
55 sale of bonds or notes, the authority shall, insofar as practicable and  
56 consistent with the matters set forth in paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) of

1 this subdivision, give preference to the use of funds appropriated or to  
2 be appropriated to the authority by virtue of service contracts with the  
3 director of the office of management and budget entered into pursuant to  
4 the provisions of the transportation systems assistance and financing  
5 act of nineteen hundred eighty-one for purposes of paying the annual  
6 cost of debt service for such bonds or notes.

7 16. On or before the first of October succeeding the effective date of  
8 this subdivision, and on or before October first of every fifth year  
9 thereafter, the authority shall submit to the mayor a twenty-year capi-  
10 tal needs assessment. Such assessment shall begin with the period  
11 commencing on the first of January after such submission, and begin each  
12 assessment with every fifth year thereafter, and describe capital  
13 investments over the succeeding twenty years. Such assessment shall: (a)  
14 set forth broad long-term capital investments to be made throughout the  
15 district; and (b) establish a non-binding basis to be used by the  
16 authority in the planning of strategic investments involving capital  
17 elements in its five-year capital plan. Such assessment shall not  
18 require approval of the mayor and shall be for informational purposes  
19 only.

20 17. For purposes of this section, "broad long-term capital invest-  
21 ments" shall include but not be limited to: system rebuilding, enhance-  
22 ment, and expansion needs; agency needs broken down by capital element  
23 or investment category; and projected future trends and network impli-  
24 cations. Such assessment shall be certified by the chairperson of the  
25 authority and shall be entered into the permanent record of the minutes  
26 of the review board.

27 § 1349-w. Submission of strategic operation plan. 1. On or before the  
28 first of July next succeeding the effective date of this section, the  
29 authority shall submit to the mayor a strategic operation plan for the  
30 bus and subway services of the New York city transit authority and its  
31 subsidiaries and for the Staten Island rapid transit operating authority  
32 for the five year period commencing January first of the following year.  
33 The plan may be amended as required but shall be updated at least annu-  
34 ally. The plan shall include, but need not be limited to, the following:

35 (a) Long-range goals and objectives for the operation of services and  
36 facilities;

37 (b) Planned service and performance standards for each year of the  
38 period covered by the plan; including, in such plan submitted after the  
39 first of July next succeeding the effective date of this section: (i)  
40 standards for determining frequency of service at peak hours and off-  
41 peak hours; (ii) frequency of service at peak and off-peak hours based  
42 on the application of such standards to the current period for each  
43 subway line, bus route or group of bus routes; and (iii) projected  
44 performance for each subway line, bus route or group of bus routes as  
45 measured by reliability indicators commonly utilized within the transit  
46 industry, including such measures as mean distance between failures for  
47 subway cars, planned number of vehicles with air conditioning and  
48 projected reliability of such equipment, planned standards for cleanli-  
49 ness of the interior and exterior of subway cars, buses, and passenger  
50 stations, and other appropriate measures of planned performance influ-  
51 encing the quality of services;

52 (c) Level and structure of fares projected for each year of the period  
53 covered by the plan;

54 (d) Estimated operating and capital resources anticipated to be avail-  
55 able from internal sources as well as from federal, state, regional and  
56 local sources;

1 (e) Estimated operating and capital costs to satisfy planned standards  
2 of performance and service;

3 (f) Strategies to improve productivity; control cost growth; integrate  
4 and coordinate the delivery of services provided by the authority as  
5 well as other public and private transportation providers in the service  
6 area;

7 (g) Specific allocation of operating and capital resources by mode and  
8 operation, including funds, personnel and equipment;

9 (h) Configuration by mode, operation and route of the services to be  
10 provided and the facilities to be operated, identifying major planned  
11 changes in services and routes;

12 (i) Identification of the operating and capital costs as compared to  
13 the revenues anticipated from system users for the big apple transit  
14 authority and its subsidiaries and the New York city transit authority  
15 and its subsidiaries; and

16 (j) An analysis of the relationship between specific planned capital  
17 elements contained in approved capital program plans and the achievement  
18 of planned service and performance standards. Such analysis shall  
19 include the relationship of specific planned capital elements to the  
20 achievement of such service and performance standards for each subway  
21 line, bus route or group of bus routes as appropriate.

22 2. Each annual update of the plan shall include a status report summa-  
23 rizing the extent to which planned service and performance standards  
24 developed for the previous year were achieved, the causes of any failure  
25 to achieve projected standards of service, and corrective measures the  
26 authority intends to take to avoid non-achievement of projected stand-  
27 ards in the next upcoming year.

28 3. The big apple transit authority shall take into consideration any  
29 petitions from local officials for improved services, including how  
30 these service improvements relate to the service and performance stand-  
31 ards described in subdivision two of this section, and shall consult  
32 with appropriate local officials in its preparation and periodic updates  
33 to the operation plan.

34 § 1349-x. Financial and operational reports. The authority shall  
35 submit to the mayor and speaker of the city council, no later than thir-  
36 ty days following the submission of the annual independent audit report  
37 pursuant to section twenty-eight hundred two of this chapter, a complete  
38 detailed report or reports setting forth, to the extent such matters are  
39 not fully addressed in the annual independent audit report, the follow-  
40 ing:

41 1. its financial reports, including:

42 (a) audited financials in accordance with all applicable regulations  
43 and following generally accepted accounting principles as defined in  
44 subdivision ten of section two of the state finance law;

45 (b) grant and subsidy programs;

46 (c) operating and financial risks;

47 (d) current ratings of its bonds issued by recognized municipal bond  
48 rating agencies and notice changes in such ratings; and

49 (e) long-term liabilities, including leases and employee benefit  
50 plans; and

51 2. an assessment of the effectiveness of its internal control struc-  
52 ture and procedures, including:

53 (a) descriptions of the authority and its major units and subsid-  
54 aries;

55 (b) the number of employees, and minority and women employees, for  
56 each;

1     (c) an organizational chart;  
2     (d) its charter, if any and by-laws;  
3     (e) the extent of participation by minority and women-owned enter-  
4     prises in authority contracts and services in accordance with article  
5     fifteen-A of the executive law; and  
6     (f) a listing of material changes in internal operations and programs  
7     during the reporting year.

8     § 1349-y. Mission statement and measurement report. 1. The authority  
9     shall submit to the mayor and speaker of the city council, on or before  
10    the first of October next succeeding the effective date of this title, a  
11    proposed authority mission statement and proposed measurements. The  
12    proposed mission statement and proposed measurements shall have the  
13    following components: a brief mission statement expressing the purpose  
14    and goals of the authority; a description of the stakeholders of the  
15    authority and their reasonable expectations from the authority, which  
16    stakeholders shall include at a minimum: the residents and taxpayers of  
17    the area of the state served by the authority, the persons that use the  
18    services provided by the authority, and the employees of the authority  
19    and any employee organization; the goals of the authority in response to  
20    the needs of each group of stakeholders; and a list of measures by which  
21    performance of the authority and the achievement of its goals may be  
22    evaluated.

23    2. The authority shall thereafter reexamine its mission statement and  
24    measurements on an annual basis and publish on its website self-evalua-  
25    tions based on the stated measures.

26    § 1349-z. Requirements for certain authority contracts and related  
27    subcontracts. 1. Any contractor or subcontractor subject to the posting  
28    requirements of paragraph a of subdivision three-a of section two  
29    hundred twenty of the labor law with respect to a public works contract  
30    of the authority shall:

31    (a) post information conforming to the provisions of subdivision two  
32    of this section in one or more conspicuous places at each major work-  
33    place site where persons who perform work on the contract or subcon-  
34    tract, including management, are most likely to see such postings;  
35    provided that, this requirement may be satisfied by the displaying of  
36    such information with other notices that inform persons of rights under  
37    federal or state laws or rules, human resource policies, or collective  
38    bargaining agreements;

39    (b) post information conforming to the provisions of subdivision two  
40    of this section on an internet and intranet website, if any, of that  
41    person or business organization; provided that, this requirement may be  
42    satisfied by providing on such website a conspicuous hyperlink to the  
43    authority website maintained pursuant to subdivision three of this  
44    section, which hyperlink shall be labeled "Protections for Reporting  
45    Fraud in New York";

46    (c) distribute information specified in subdivision two of this  
47    section to those persons, including employees and managers, who perform  
48    work on the contract; provided that, this requirement may be satisfied  
49    by distributing such information in an employee handbook or through a  
50    specific electronic communication containing the information to a known  
51    electronic mail address maintained by the person; and

52    (d) comply with the provisions of this subdivision, and provide to the  
53    authority satisfactory evidence of such compliance, within ninety days.

54    2. The disclosures required by subdivision one of this section shall:

55    (a) provide the telephone numbers and addresses to report information  
56    of fraud or other illegal activity to the appropriate officers of the



1 inspector general of the authority and the attorney general of the  
2 state;

3 (b) describe in detail conduct prohibited by section one hundred  
4 eighty-nine of the state finance law, and the role of that act in  
5 preventing and detecting fraud and abuse in work paid for by the author-  
6 ity or with funds originating from the authority;

7 (c) notify prospective qui tam plaintiffs on how to file a qui tam  
8 action, including the necessity to contact private counsel skilled in  
9 filing such actions and of the potential for cash rewards in such  
10 actions based on the percentage of the funds recovered by the govern-  
11 ment; and

12 (d) describe prohibitions on employer retaliation against persons who  
13 file or assist actions under article thirteen of the state finance law,  
14 the New York false claims act pursuant to section one hundred ninety-one  
15 of the state finance law, or who report illegal conduct that threatens  
16 the health or safety of the public pursuant to section seven hundred  
17 forty of the labor law.

18 3. No later than forty-five days after the effective date of this  
19 section, the authority shall establish and continuously maintain on its  
20 public website and its intranet site a page that shall provide the  
21 information specified in subdivision two of this section, and that shall  
22 also provide sample statements, displays and other materials suitable  
23 for insertion in employee handbooks or posting at workplaces or on  
24 websites that would satisfy the disclosure requirements of this section.

25 4. On and after the effective date of this section, the authority  
26 shall not enter into any contract described in subdivision one of this  
27 section that does not incorporate the terms of this section.

28 5. Material compliance by a covered person or business organization  
29 that has contracted with the authority under a contract that incorpo-  
30 rates the terms of this section shall be a material condition of payment  
31 for the provision of goods or services.

32 6. The authority is authorized to adopt such rules and regulations as  
33 are necessary to effectuate the purposes of this section.

34 § 1349-aa. Reserve funds and appropriations. The authority may create  
35 and establish one or more reserve funds in accordance with agreements  
36 with bondholders, noteholders or the holders of other obligations of the  
37 authority and may pay into such reserve funds (a) any monies appropri-  
38 ated and made available by the state for the purposes of such funds, (b)  
39 any proceeds of sales of notes, bonds or other obligations to the extent  
40 provided in the resolution of the authority authorizing the issuance  
41 thereof, and (c) any other moneys which may be made available to the  
42 authority for the purpose of such funds from any other source or sourc-  
43 es. In lieu thereof, the authority may provide for the deposit therein  
44 of, or substitute for moneys on deposit therein, a liquidity or credit  
45 facility, surety bond or other similar agreement.

46 § 1349-bb. Big apple transit authority special assistance fund. 1. The  
47 authority shall create and establish a fund to be known as the "big  
48 apple transit authority special assistance fund" which shall be kept  
49 separate from and shall not be commingled with any other moneys of the  
50 authority. The special assistance fund shall consist of two separate  
51 accounts: (i) the "transit account"; and (ii) the "corporate transporta-  
52 tion account".

53 2. Moneys in the transit account may be pledged to the Triborough  
54 bridge and tunnel authority to secure bonds and notes and, if so  
55 pledged, shall be paid to the Triborough bridge and tunnel authority in  
56 such amounts and at such times as necessary to pay or to reimburse that

1 authority for its payment of debt service and reserve requirements on  
2 that portion of special Triborough bridge and tunnel authority bonds and  
3 notes issued by that authority pursuant to section five hundred fifty-  
4 three-d of this chapter for transit projects undertaken for the New York  
5 city transit authority and its subsidiaries. Subject to the provisions  
6 of such pledge, any excess moneys, or in the event there is no such  
7 pledge, any moneys in such account shall, at the direction of the big  
8 apple transit authority, be: (a) deposited into one or more funds or  
9 accounts and used as contemplated by section thirteen hundred forty-  
10 nine-dd of this title; or (b) used for the payment of operating and  
11 capital costs of the New York city transit authority and its subsid-  
12 aries and the Staten Island rapid transit operating authority.

13 3. (a) Moneys in the corporate transportation account shall be pledged  
14 by the authority, or pledged to the Triborough bridge and tunnel author-  
15 ity, to secure bonds, notes or other obligations of the authority or the  
16 Triborough bridge and tunnel authority, as the case may be, and, if so  
17 pledged to the Triborough bridge and tunnel authority, shall be paid to  
18 the Triborough bridge and tunnel authority in such amounts and at such  
19 times as necessary to pay or to reimburse that authority for its payment  
20 of debt service and reserve requirements, if any, on that portion of  
21 special Triborough bridge and tunnel authority bonds and notes issued by  
22 that authority pursuant to section five hundred fifty-three-d of this  
23 chapter. Subject to the provisions of any such pledge, or in the event  
24 there is no such pledge, any excess moneys in the corporate transporta-  
25 tion account may be used by the authority for payment of operating costs  
26 of, and capital costs, including debt service and reserve requirements,  
27 if any, of or for the authority, the New York city transit authority and  
28 their subsidiaries as the authority shall determine.

29 § 1349-cc. Big apple transit authority dedicated tax fund. 1. The  
30 authority shall establish a fund to be known as the "big apple transit  
31 authority dedicated tax fund" which shall be kept separate from and  
32 shall not be commingled with any other moneys of the authority. The fund  
33 shall consist of a "pledged amounts account" and an "operating and capi-  
34 tal costs account" and such other accounts and subaccounts as the  
35 authority may determine.

36 2. Moneys in the fund may be:

37 (a) pledged by the authority to secure and be applied to the payment  
38 of its bonds, notes or other obligations specified by the authority and  
39 issued to finance: (i) transit projects undertaken for the New York city  
40 transit authority and its subsidiaries; and (ii) transportation facili-  
41 ties undertaken for the authority and its subsidiaries; and

42 (b) used for payment of operating costs, and capital costs, including  
43 debt service, reserve requirements, if any, the payment of amounts  
44 required under bond and note facilities or agreements related thereto,  
45 the payment of federal government loans, security or credit arrangements  
46 or other agreements related thereto, and the payment of all costs  
47 related to such obligations, of or for the authority, the New York city  
48 transit authority and their subsidiaries as the authority shall deter-  
49 mine. To the extent moneys in the fund have been pledged by the authori-  
50 ty to secure and pay its bonds, notes or other obligations as herein  
51 provided, moneys deposited into the fund shall first be deposited into  
52 the pledged amounts account to the extent necessary to satisfy the  
53 requirements of any debt service or reserve requirements, if any, of the  
54 resolution authorizing such bonds, notes or other obligations. After  
55 satisfaction of such requirements of the resolution, or if the authority  
56 has not so pledged the moneys in the fund, moneys deposited in the fund

1 shall be directly deposited into the operating and capital costs account  
2 and, subject to the provisions of any resolutions of the authority not  
3 secured by the pledged amounts account, transferred forthwith to or for  
4 the benefit of the New York city transit authority and its subsidiaries  
5 and the Staten Island rapid transit operating authority.

6 3. Any moneys deposited in the fund shall be held in the fund free and  
7 clear of any claim by any person arising out of or in connection with  
8 article thirteen-A of the tax law. Without limiting the generality of  
9 the foregoing and without limiting the rights and duties of the commis-  
10 sioner of taxation and finance under article thirteen-A of the tax law,  
11 or any other person, including the state, a person shall have any right  
12 or claim against the authority, any of its bondholders, the authority or  
13 the commuter transportation authority to any moneys in or distributed  
14 from the fund or in respect of a refund, rebate, credit or reimbursement  
15 of taxes paid under article thirteen-A of the tax law.

16 § 1349-dd. Consolidated financings. 1. Notwithstanding any inconsist-  
17 ent provisions of this law or any other law, general, special or local,  
18 the authority may issue its notes, bonds and other obligations to  
19 finance transportation facilities, including transit projects and  
20 Triborough bridge and tunnel authority projects, utilizing a consol-  
21 idated pledge of all or any portion of the revenues and other moneys and  
22 assets of the authority and its subsidiaries, New York city transit  
23 authority and its subsidiaries, and the Triborough bridge and tunnel  
24 authority, together with those other sources of payment described in  
25 this section. In connection therewith, at its discretion, the authority,  
26 subject to the rights of the holders of notes, bonds or other obli-  
27 gations of the authority, the metropolitan transportation authority, the  
28 New York city transit authority or the Triborough bridge and tunnel  
29 authority, may: (a) agree with the New York city transit authority or  
30 the Triborough bridge and tunnel authority that any such entity shall  
31 deposit all or any portion of the revenues, other monies and assets  
32 received by it or its subsidiaries into one or more funds or accounts;  
33 and (b) deposit or cause to be deposited into one or more funds and  
34 accounts: (i) all or any portion of the revenues, other monies and  
35 assets received by the authority and its subsidiaries; (ii) all or any  
36 portion of the annual operating surplus of the Triborough bridge and  
37 tunnel authority as certified pursuant to paragraph (b) of subdivision  
38 two of section twelve hundred nineteen-a of this article; (iii) all or  
39 any portion of the amounts from the operating and capital costs account  
40 of the metropolitan transportation authority dedicated tax fund required  
41 to be distributed to New York city transit authority under the  
42 provisions of section twelve hundred seventy-c of this title; (iv) all  
43 or any portion of the available monies in the transit account of the  
44 metropolitan transportation authority special assistance fund estab-  
45 lished under the provisions of section twelve hundred seventy-a of this  
46 title available for payment of operating and capital costs of New York  
47 city transit authority and its subsidiaries and Staten Island rapid  
48 transit operating authority as provided in subdivision two of section  
49 twelve hundred seventy-a of this title; (v) all or any portion of the  
50 available moneys in the corporate transportation account of the metro-  
51 politan transportation authority special assistance fund established  
52 under the provisions of section twelve hundred seventy-a of this title  
53 available for use by the authority for payment of operating costs of,  
54 and capital costs, including debt service and reserve requirements, if  
55 any, of or for the authority, the New York city transit authority and  
56 their subsidiaries as provided in paragraph (a) of subdivision four of

1 section twelve hundred seventy-a of this title; and (vi) any other  
2 monies of the authority, its subsidiaries, the New York city transit  
3 authority and its subsidiaries, and the Triborough bridge and tunnel  
4 authority from any source whatsoever.

5 2. Amounts so deposited in such funds or accounts may be: (a) pledged  
6 by the authority to secure, and be applied to, the payment of its bonds,  
7 notes or other obligations issued to finance transportation facilities  
8 undertaken for the authority and its subsidiaries, transportation facil-  
9 ities, including transit projects, undertaken for New York city transit  
10 authority and its subsidiaries, and Triborough bridge and tunnel author-  
11 ity projects undertaken for the Triborough bridge and tunnel authority;  
12 and (b) used for payment of operating costs, and capital costs, includ-  
13 ing debt service, reserve requirements, if any, the payment of amounts  
14 required under bond, note or other financing facilities or agreements,  
15 and the payment of all costs related to such obligations, of or for the  
16 authority and its subsidiaries, and the New York city transit authority  
17 and its subsidiaries as the authority in its full discretion shall  
18 determine. To the extent moneys so deposited have been pledged by the  
19 authority to secure and pay its bonds, notes or other obligations pursu-  
20 ant to this subdivision, such moneys shall first be applied to satisfy  
21 the requirements of any debt service or reserve requirements of the  
22 resolution or resolutions or other contractual arrangements authorizing  
23 such bonds, notes or other obligations. After satisfaction of such  
24 requirements of any such resolution, resolutions, or other contractual  
25 arrangements or if the authority has not so pledged such moneys, such  
26 moneys so deposited, subject to the provisions of any other resolutions  
27 or contractual arrangements of the authority and the New York city tran-  
28 sit authority and applicable provisions of law, may be transferred to or  
29 for the benefit of the authority and its subsidiaries and New York city  
30 transit authority and its subsidiaries. Revenues and other monies of the  
31 authority and its subsidiaries and New York city transit authority and  
32 its subsidiaries, respectively, which are deposited in the funds or  
33 accounts authorized by this section, as reduced by any application of  
34 such revenues or monies to the payment of debt service, reserve require-  
35 ments, if any, and other costs attributable to the funding of the capi-  
36 tal costs of such entity, shall be allocated, credited and distributed  
37 to such source entity. Any other revenues or monies which are deposited  
38 in the funds or accounts authorized by this section which are required  
39 by law to be allocated or paid to the authority or its subsidiaries or  
40 New York city transit authority or its subsidiaries, shall be allocated  
41 or paid to the entity to which it is required to be allocated or paid by  
42 law after reduction by an amount equal to the portion thereof applied to  
43 the payment of debt service, reserve requirements, if any, and other  
44 costs attributable to the funding of the capital costs of such entity.  
45 In determining the amount of debt service, reserve requirements, if any,  
46 and other costs attributable to the authority and its subsidiaries and  
47 the New York city transit authority and its subsidiaries, the authority  
48 shall make such calculation based upon the percentage of the proceeds of  
49 the bonds, notes and other obligations expended for the capital costs  
50 attributable to each such entity. The authority may utilize any interim  
51 allocation of such distributions, provided that within ninety days after  
52 the end of each calendar year, the authority shall certify that the  
53 aggregate amount of moneys transferred to each of the authority and its  
54 subsidiaries, and the New York city transit authority and its subsid-  
55 aries in respect of such calendar year, taking into account any intera-  
56 gency repayments or reimbursements anticipated to be made in the next

1 succeeding calendar year, is not less than the amounts required to be  
2 paid or transferred to such entities.

3 3. For the purpose of appropriately aligning and allocating the ulti-  
4 mate responsibility for debt service among and between the authority and  
5 its subsidiaries, New York city transit authority and its subsidiaries,  
6 or the Triborough bridge and tunnel authority, each being an "affiliated  
7 group", and except as otherwise authorized or required by law, in  
8 connection with the application of revenues, subsidies or other moneys  
9 or securities of an affiliated group to pay the debt service attribut-  
10 able to bonds, notes or other obligations which provide funding of the  
11 capital costs of another affiliated group or to refund or redeem bonds,  
12 notes or other obligations, the proceeds of which were used to fund the  
13 capital costs of another affiliated group, the affiliated group for  
14 whose benefit debt service is paid or obligations refunded or redeemed,  
15 shall repay, through payments, adjustments or other form of reconcil-  
16 iation, such amounts to the affiliated group that made such payments not  
17 later than the end of the next succeeding fiscal year; provided, howev-  
18 er, that in connection with any refunding or redemption of bonds, notes  
19 or other obligations, such repayment, adjustments or other form of  
20 reconciliation shall be completed within the period of the applicable  
21 capital program plan.

22 § 1349-ee. Regulation of certain authority expenditures. The authori-  
23 ty shall implement policies as appropriate to minimize unwarranted  
24 expenses and to protect against abuses in connection with (i) the grant-  
25 ing of any privileges or benefits having financial value, other than  
26 wage payments or expense reimbursements, to members or staff of the  
27 authority, or any subsidiary or other authority created by the authori-  
28 ty; and (ii) the full-time and part-time assignment and use of automob-  
29 iles owned or leased by the authority, or any subsidiary or other  
30 authority created by the authority, and the use by authority employees  
31 and board members of livery vehicles, as defined in section one hundred  
32 twenty-one-e of the vehicle and traffic law.

33 § 1349-ff. Metropolitan transportation authority finance fund. 1. The  
34 authority shall establish a fund to be known as the "metropolitan trans-  
35 portation authority finance fund" which shall be kept separate from and  
36 shall not be commingled with any other moneys of the authority.

37 2. Moneys in the fund may be: (a) pledged by the authority to secure  
38 and be applied to the payment of the bonds, notes or other obligations  
39 of the authority issued on or after the effective date of this section  
40 to finance capital projects of the authority and its subsidiaries and  
41 the New York city transit authority and any subsidiaries; or (b) used  
42 for payment of capital costs, including debt service, reserve require-  
43 ments, if any, the payment of amounts required under bond and note  
44 facilities or agreements related thereto, the payment of federal govern-  
45 ment loans, security or credit arrangements or other agreements related  
46 thereto, and the payment of all costs related to such obligations, of or  
47 for the authority, the New York city transit authority and their subsid-  
48 aries as the authority shall determine. Subject to the provisions of  
49 any such pledge, or in the event there is no such pledge, any excess  
50 moneys in this fund may be used by the authority for payment of operat-  
51 ing costs of, and capital costs, including debt service and reserve  
52 requirements, if any, of or for the authority, the New York city transit  
53 authority and their subsidiaries as the authority shall determine. To  
54 the extent moneys in the fund have been pledged by the authority to  
55 secure and pay the bonds, notes or other obligations of the authority  
56 issued to finance capital projects of the authority and its subsidiaries



1 and the New York city transit authority and any subsidiaries as herein  
2 provided, moneys deposited into the fund shall be deposited to the  
3 extent necessary to satisfy the requirements of any debt service or  
4 reserve requirements, if any, of the resolution authorizing such bonds,  
5 notes or other obligations.

6 3. Any moneys deposited in the fund shall be held in the fund free and  
7 clear of any claim by any person arising out of or in connection with  
8 article twenty-three of the tax law. Without limiting the generality of  
9 the foregoing and without limiting the rights and duties of the commis-  
10 sioner of taxation and finance under article twenty-three of the tax  
11 law, a person shall have any right or claim against the authority, any  
12 of their bondholders, any of the authority's other subsidiaries or the  
13 New York city transit authority or any subsidiary to any moneys in or  
14 distributed from the fund or in respect of a refund, rebate, credit or  
15 reimbursement of taxes paid under article twenty-three of the tax law.

16 § 1349-gg. New York city transportation assistance fund. 1. The  
17 authority shall create and establish a fund to be known as the "New York  
18 city transportation assistance fund" which shall be kept separate from  
19 and shall not be commingled with any other moneys of the authority. The  
20 New York city transportation assistance fund shall consist of three  
21 separate accounts: (i) the "subway action plan account"; (ii) the "outer  
22 borough transportation account"; and (iii) the "general transportation  
23 account".

24 2. Moneys in the subway action plan account shall be used for the  
25 exclusive purpose of funding the operating and capital costs of the  
26 metropolitan transportation authority's New York city subway action  
27 plan. Such funds may be used for infrastructure including construction,  
28 reconstruction, reconditioning and preservation of transportation  
29 systems, facilities and equipment, acquisition of property, and for  
30 operating costs including personal services, non-personal services,  
31 fringe benefits, and contractual services. Funds may also be used to pay  
32 or to reimburse the authority for its payment of debt service and  
33 reserve requirements on that portion of authority bonds and notes issued  
34 by the authority for capital costs of the metropolitan transportation  
35 authority's New York city subway action plan.

36 3. Moneys in the outer borough transportation account shall be used  
37 for the exclusive purpose of funding the operating and capital costs of  
38 metropolitan transportation authority facilities, equipment and services  
39 in the counties of Bronx, Kings, Queens and Richmond, and any projects  
40 improving transportation connections from such counties to New York  
41 county. Such funds may be used for infrastructure including  
42 construction, reconstruction, reconditioning and preservation of trans-  
43 portation systems, facilities and equipment, acquisition of property,  
44 and for operating costs including personal services, non-personal  
45 services, fringe benefits, and contractual services. Funds may also be  
46 used to fund a toll reduction program for any crossings under the juris-  
47 isdiction of the metropolitan transportation authority or its subsidiaries  
48 or affiliates. Funds may also be used to pay or to reimburse the author-  
49 ity for its payment of debt service and reserve requirements on that  
50 portion of authority bonds and notes that have been issued by the  
51 authority specifically for the authorized purpose of this account.  
52 Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, final approval of the use of  
53 any funds paid into the outer borough transportation account shall be  
54 approved by the mayor.

55 4. Moneys in the general transportation account shall be used for  
56 funding the operating and capital costs of the metropolitan transporta-

tion authority. Such funds may be used for infrastructure including construction, reconstruction, reconditioning and preservation of transportation systems, facilities and equipment, acquisition of property, and for operating costs including personal services, non-personal services, fringe benefits, and contractual services. Funds may also be used to pay or to reimburse the authority for its payment of debt service and reserve requirements on that portion of authority bonds and notes that have been issued by the authority specifically for the purposes of this account.

5. Any revenues deposited in the subway action plan account, the outer borough transportation account, or the general transportation account pursuant to subdivision one of this section shall be used exclusively for the purposes described, respectively, in subdivisions two, three, and four of this section. Such revenues shall only supplement and shall not supplant any federal, state, or local funds expended by the metropolitan transportation authority, such authority's affiliates or subsidiaries for such respective purposes.

6. Any revenues deposited into the New York city transportation assistance fund pursuant to subdivision one of this section shall not be diverted into the general fund of the state, any other fund maintained for the support of any other governmental purpose, or for any other purpose not authorized by subdivisions two, three and four of this section.

7. The authority shall report on the receipt and uses of all funds received by the New York city transportation assistance fund, and in each of its accounts, to the director of the budget, the temporary president of the senate, and the speaker of the assembly, on an annual basis no later than the first day of February.

§ 1349-hh. Agreement of the state. The state does hereby pledge to and agree with the authority and its subsidiaries, the New York city transit authority and its subsidiaries, and the Triborough bridge and tunnel authority, and the holders of any notes, bonds or other obligations, including lease obligations, issued or incurred under this title, that the state shall not limit or alter the denial of authority under subdivision nine of section thirteen hundred forty-nine-u of this title, or the rights and powers vested in the authority and its subsidiaries, the New York city transit authority and its subsidiaries, and the Triborough bridge and tunnel authority by this title to fulfill the terms of any agreements made by any of them with the holders thereof, or in any way impair the rights and remedies of such holders until such notes, bonds or other obligations, including lease obligations, together with the interest thereon, with interest on any unpaid installments of interest, and all costs and expenses for which the authority or its subsidiaries, the New York city transit authority and its subsidiaries, and the Triborough bridge and tunnel authority is liable in connection with any action or proceeding by or on behalf of such holders, are fully met and discharged. The authority and its subsidiaries, the New York city transit authority and its subsidiaries, and the Triborough bridge and tunnel authority are each authorized to include this pledge and agreement of the state in any agreement with the holders of such notes, bonds or other obligations, including lease obligations.

§ 1349-ii. Right of state to require redemption of bonds. Notwithstanding, and in addition to any provisions for the redemption of bonds which may be contained in any contract with the holders of the bonds, the state may, upon furnishing sufficient funds therefor, require the authority to redeem, prior to maturity, as a whole, any issue of bonds

1 on any interest payment date not less than twenty years after the date  
2 of the bonds of such issue at one hundred five per centum of their face  
3 value and accrued interest or at such lower redemption price as may be  
4 provided in the bonds in case of the redemption thereof as a whole on  
5 the redemption date. Notice of such redemption shall be published in at  
6 least two newspapers publishing and circulating respectively in the  
7 cities of Albany and New York at least twice, the first publication to  
8 be at least thirty days before the date of redemption.

9 § 1349-jj. Remedies of noteholders and bondholders. 1. In the event  
10 that the authority shall default in the payment of principal of or  
11 interest on any issue of notes or bonds after the same shall become due,  
12 whether at maturity or upon call for redemption, and such default shall  
13 continue for a period of thirty days, or in the event that the authority  
14 shall fail or refuse to comply with the provisions of this title or  
15 shall default in any agreement made with the holders of any issue of  
16 notes or bonds, the holders of twenty-five per centum in aggregate prin-  
17 cipal amount of the notes or bonds of such issue then outstanding, by  
18 instrument or instruments filed in the office of the clerk of any county  
19 in which the authority operates and has an office and proved or acknowl-  
20 edged in the same manner as a deed to be recorded, may appoint a trustee  
21 to represent the holders of such notes or bonds for the purposes  
22 provided by this section.

23 2. Such trustee may, and upon written request of the holders of twen-  
24 ty-five per centum in principal amount of such notes or bonds then  
25 outstanding, shall, in his or her own name:

26 (a) by suit, action or proceeding in accordance with the civil prac-  
27 tice law and rules, enforce all rights of the noteholders or bondhold-  
28 ers, including the right to require the authority to collect fares,  
29 tolls, rentals, rates, charges and other fees adequate to carry out any  
30 agreement as to, or pledge of, such fares, tolls, rentals, rates, charg-  
31 es and other fees and to require the authority to carry out any other  
32 agreements with the holders of such notes or bonds and to perform its  
33 duties under this title;

34 (b) bring suit upon such notes or bonds;

35 (c) by action or suit, require the authority to account as if it were  
36 the trustee of an express trust for the holders of such notes or bonds;

37 (d) by action or suit, enjoin any acts or things which may be unlawful  
38 or in violation of the rights of the holders of such notes or bonds; and

39 (e) declare all such notes or bonds due and payable, and if all  
40 defaults shall be made good, then, with the consent of the holders of  
41 twenty-five per centum of the principal amount of such notes or bonds  
42 then outstanding, to annul such declaration and its consequences.

43 3. Such trustee shall in addition to the foregoing have and possess  
44 all of the powers necessary or appropriate for the exercise of any func-  
45 tions specifically set forth herein or incident to the general represen-  
46 tation of bondholders or noteholders in the enforcement and protection  
47 of their rights.

48 4. The supreme court shall have jurisdiction of any suit, action or  
49 proceeding by the trustee on behalf of such noteholders or bondholders.  
50 The venue of any such suit, action or proceeding shall be laid in the  
51 county in which the instrument or instruments are filed in accordance  
52 with subdivision one of this section.

53 5. Before declaring the principal of notes or bonds due and payable,  
54 the trustee shall first give thirty days' notice, in writing, to the  
55 mayor, the authority, the comptroller and the public advocate.

1     § 1349-kk. Notes and bonds as legal investment. The notes and bonds of  
2 the authority are hereby made securities in which all public officers  
3 and bodies of the state and all municipalities and political subdivi-  
4 sions, all insurance companies and associations and all other persons  
5 carrying on an insurance business, all banks, bankers, trust companies,  
6 savings banks and savings associations, including savings and loan asso-  
7 ciations, building and loan associations, investment companies and other  
8 persons carrying on a banking business, all administrators, guardians,  
9 executors, trustees and other fiduciaries, and all other persons whatso-  
10 ever who are now or who may hereinafter be authorized to invest in bonds  
11 or other obligations of the state, may properly and legally invest  
12 funds, including capital, in their control or belonging to them.  
13 Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, the bonds of the authority  
14 are also hereby made securities which may be deposited with and shall be  
15 received by all public officers and bodies of this state and all munici-  
16 palties and political subdivisions for any purpose for which the depos-  
17 it of bonds or other obligations of the state is now or may hereinafter  
18 be authorized.

19     § 1349-ll. Exemption from taxation. It is hereby found, determined and  
20 declared that the creation of the authority and the carrying out of its  
21 purposes is, in all respects, for the benefit of the people of the city  
22 of New York and for the improvement of their health, welfare and pros-  
23 perity and is a public purpose, and that the authority shall be perform-  
24 ing an essential governmental function in the exercise of the powers  
25 conferred upon it by this title. Without limiting the generality of the  
26 following provisions of this section, property owned by the authority,  
27 property leased by the authority and used for transportation purposes,  
28 and property used for transportation purposes by or for the benefit of  
29 the authority exclusively pursuant to the provisions of a joint service  
30 arrangement or of a joint facilities agreement or trackage rights agree-  
31 ment shall all be exempt from taxation and special ad valorem levies.  
32 The authority shall be required to pay no fees, taxes or assessments,  
33 whether state or local, including but not limited to fees, taxes or  
34 assessments on real estate, franchise taxes, sales taxes or other excise  
35 taxes, upon any of its property, or upon the use thereof, or upon its  
36 activities in the operation and maintenance of its facilities or on any  
37 fares, tolls, rentals, rates, charges or other fees, revenues or other  
38 income received by the authority and the bonds of the authority and the  
39 income therefrom shall at all times be exempt from taxation, except for  
40 gift and estate taxes and taxes on transfers. This section shall consti-  
41 tute a covenant and agreement with the holders of all bonds issued by  
42 the authority. The terms "taxation" and "special ad valorem levy" shall  
43 have the same meanings as defined in section one hundred two of the real  
44 property tax law and the term "transportation purposes" shall have the  
45 same meaning as used in titles two-A and two-B of article four of such  
46 law.

47     § 1349-mm. Actions against the authority. 1. As a condition to the  
48 consent of the state to suits against the authority, in every action  
49 against the authority for damages, for injuries to real or personal  
50 property or for the destruction thereof, or for personal injuries or  
51 death, the complaint shall contain an allegation that at least thirty  
52 days have elapsed since the demand, claim or claims upon which such  
53 action is founded were presented to a member of the authority or other  
54 officer designated for such purpose and that the authority has neglected  
55 or refused to make an adjustment or payment thereof.

2. An action against the authority founded on tort, except an action for wrongful death, shall not be commenced more than fifteen months after the cause of action therefor shall have accrued, nor unless a notice of claim shall have been served on the authority within the time limited by and in compliance with all the requirements of section fifty-e of the general municipal law. An action against the authority for wrongful death shall be commenced in accordance with the notice of claim and time limitation provisions of title eleven of article nine of this chapter.

3. The authority shall be liable, and shall assume the liability to the extent that it shall save harmless any duly appointed officer or employee of the authority, for the negligence of such officer or employee, in the operation of a vehicle or other facility of transportation owned or otherwise under the jurisdiction and control of the authority in the discharge of a duty imposed upon such officer or employee at the time of the accident, injury or damages complained of, while otherwise acting in the performance of his or her duties and within the scope of his or her employment.

4. The authority may require any person, presenting for settlement an account or claim for any cause whatever against the authority, to be sworn before a member, counsel or an attorney, officer or employee of the authority designated for such purpose, concerning such account or claim and when so sworn to answer orally as to any facts relative to such account or claim. The authority shall have power to settle or adjust all claims in favor of or against the authority.

5. The rate of interest to be paid by the authority upon any judgment for which it is liable shall not exceed four per centum per annum.

6. The provisions of this section which relate to the requirement for service of a notice of claim shall not apply to a subsidiary corporation of the authority. In all other respects, each subsidiary corporation of the authority shall be subject to the provisions of this section as if such subsidiary corporation were separately named herein, provided, however, that a subsidiary corporation of the authority which is a stock corporation shall not be subject to the provisions of this section except with respect to those causes of action arising on and after the first day of the twelfth calendar month following that calendar month in which such stock corporation becomes a subsidiary corporation of the authority.

§ 1349-nn. Annual audit of authority. The comptroller shall conduct an annual audit of the books and records of the authority and its subsidiary corporations. Such audit shall include a complete and thorough examination of such authority's receipts, disbursements, revenues and expenses during the prior fiscal year in accordance with the categories or classifications established by such authority for its own operating and capital outlay purposes; assets and liabilities at the end of its last fiscal year including the status of reserve, depreciation, special or other funds and including the receipts and payments of these funds; schedule of bonds and notes outstanding at the end of its fiscal year and their redemption dates, together with a statement of the amounts redeemed and incurred during such fiscal year; operations, debt service and capital construction during the prior fiscal year.

The comptroller, upon completion of such audit, shall within sixty days thereafter, report to the mayor and city council of his or her findings, conclusions and recommendations thereof.

§ 1349-oo. Authority budget and financial plan. 1. In addition to the requirements of section twenty-eight hundred two of this chapter, each



1 authority budget and plan shall be posted on its website and shall: (a)  
2 present information relating to the authority and each of its agencies  
3 in a clear and consistent manner and format; (b) be prepared in accord-  
4 ance with generally accepted accounting principles, except as otherwise  
5 consented to by the comptroller upon a showing of good cause; (c) be  
6 based on reasonable assumptions and methods of estimation; (d) include  
7 estimates of projected operating revenues and expenses; (e) identify any  
8 planned transaction that would shift resources, from any source, from  
9 one fiscal year to another, and the amount of any reserves; and (f)  
10 contain a summary in plain English of the principal information in the  
11 budget and conclusions to be drawn from it.

12 2. The authority shall prepare and make available for public  
13 inspection on its website information that details the sources of data  
14 and the assumptions and methods of estimation used to calculate all  
15 operating and capital budget projections, consistent with generally  
16 accepted budgetary practices.

17 3. The authority shall establish, at least annually, the quarterly  
18 revenue and expense targets for the authority, and for each subsidiary  
19 or other authority created by the authority itself and for which it  
20 reports financial data.

21 4. The authority shall prepare and make available for public  
22 inspection on its website: (a) within sixty days of the release of the  
23 adopted budget and any updates to the budget, except updates released  
24 within ninety days of the close of the fiscal year, monthly projections  
25 for the current fiscal year of all revenues and expenses, staffing for  
26 the authority and each of its agencies, and utilization for each of the  
27 authority's agencies that operate transportation systems, including  
28 bridges and tunnels; (b) within sixty days after the close of each quar-  
29 ter, a comparison of actual revenues and expenses, actual staffing and  
30 actual utilization to planned or projected levels for each of the  
31 authority's agencies that operate transportation systems, including  
32 bridges and tunnels, with an explanation of each material variance and  
33 its budgetary impact; and (c) within ninety days after the close of each  
34 quarter, the status of each gap-closing initiative with a projected  
35 value greater than one million dollars in any given fiscal year; the  
36 status of capital projects by capital element, including but not limited  
37 to commitments, expenditures and completions; and an explanation of  
38 material variances from the plan, cost overruns and delays.

39 5. Financial information required to be submitted by the authority  
40 pursuant to paragraphs d and e of subdivision one of section thirteen  
41 hundred forty-nine-x of this title shall be presented in a format  
42 consistent with the budget and plan, in downloadable, searchable format.

43 § 1349-pp. Independent audit of authority. The independent auditor  
44 retained by the authority shall not provide to the authority, contempo-  
45 raneously with the audit, unless it shall have previously received writ-  
46 ten approval by the audit committee, any non-audit service, including:

- 47 1. routine bookkeeping or other services;
- 48 2. financial information systems design and implementation;
- 49 3. appraisal or valuation services, fairness opinions, or contribu-  
50 tion-in-kind reports;
- 51 4. actuarial services;
- 52 5. outsourcing services;
- 53 6. authority management functions or human resources;
- 54 7. broker or dealer, investment advisor or investment banking  
55 services; and
- 56 8. legal services and expert services unrelated to the audit.

1     § 1349-qg. Independent audit by the legislature. After the submission  
2 of the annual independent audit report to the legislature pursuant to  
3 section twenty-eight hundred two of this chapter, and after review of  
4 such report, the temporary president of the senate and the speaker of  
5 the assembly may commission an auditing firm, every two years, to  
6 conduct an independent audit of the authority, including its subsid-  
7 aries. The temporary president of the senate and the speaker of the  
8 assembly shall set the scope of such audit and determine the terms of  
9 the request for proposal for such audit. Such audit shall be performed  
10 for the second year after the effective date of this section. The  
11 authority shall fully cooperate with and assist in such an audit.

12     § 1349-rr. Reporting. The authority shall post on its website on or  
13 before the first of May, the law firms retained by the authority which  
14 in the past year received payment for services in such year.

15     § 1349-ss. Transfer and receipt of surplus funds. Notwithstanding any  
16 provision of this title or any other provision of law, general, special  
17 or local, the authority may from time to time transfer and pay over to  
18 New York city transit authority or Triborough bridge and tunnel authori-  
19 ty all or any part of its surplus funds; and may accept and use any  
20 moneys transferred and paid over to it by New York city transit authori-  
21 ty or Triborough bridge and tunnel authority.

22     § 1349-tt. Title not affected if in part unconstitutional or ineffec-  
23 tive. If any provision of any section of this title or the application  
24 thereof to any person or circumstance shall be adjudged invalid by a  
25 court of competent jurisdiction, such order or judgment shall be  
26 confined in its operation to the controversy in which it was rendered,  
27 and shall not affect or invalidate the remainder of any provision of any  
28 section of this title or the application of any part thereof to any  
29 other person or circumstance and to this end the provisions of each  
30 section of this title are hereby declared to be severable.

31     § 1349-uu. Big apple transit authority inspector general. 1. There is  
32 hereby created in the big apple transit authority an office of big apple  
33 transit authority inspector general. The inspector general shall be  
34 appointed by the mayor with the advice and consent of the city council.  
35 The inspector general shall, prior to his or her appointment, have had  
36 at least ten years experience in the management of transportation  
37 services, in auditing and investigation of governmental operations, or  
38 in services related to management and productivity improvement. The term  
39 of office of the inspector general shall be five years from the effec-  
40 tive date of appointment, and he or she shall serve at the pleasure of  
41 the mayor. The salary of the inspector general shall be determined by  
42 the authority board.

43     2. The inspector general shall annually submit to the board of the big  
44 apple transit authority a budget request for the operation of the  
45 office. If the board disapproves any portion of such request and the  
46 commissioner determines such disapproval to be unreasonable, such  
47 commissioner shall withhold from payments due such authority, the amount  
48 so determined to be unreasonable and transfer such amount to the office  
49 of the big apple transit authority inspector general.

50     3. The inspector general shall have full and unrestricted access to  
51 all records, information, data, reports, plans, projections, matters,  
52 contracts, memoranda, correspondence and any other materials of the big  
53 apple transit authority and its affiliates, or any other agency that may  
54 come under the control of the authority, or within their custody or  
55 control.

1 4. The inspector general, notwithstanding the provisions of this  
2 title, title nine of this article and title three of article three of  
3 this chapter, shall have the following functions, powers and duties:

4 (a) to receive and investigate complaints from any source or upon his  
5 or her own initiative concerning alleged abuses, frauds and service  
6 deficiencies, including deficiencies in the maintenance and operation of  
7 facilities, relating to the authority and its affiliates;

8 (b) to initiate such reviews as he or she may deem appropriate of the  
9 operations of the authority and its affiliate subsidiaries, in order to  
10 identify areas in which performance might be improved and available  
11 funds used more effectively;

12 (c) to recommend remedial actions to be taken by the authority and its  
13 affiliates, to overcome or correct operating or maintenance deficiencies  
14 and inefficiencies that he or she determines to exist;

15 (d) to make available to appropriate law enforcement officials infor-  
16 mation and evidence that relate to criminal acts that he or she may  
17 obtain in carrying out his or her duties;

18 (e) to subpoena witnesses, administer oaths or affirmations, take  
19 testimony and compel the production of such books, papers, records and  
20 documents as he or she may deem to be relevant to any inquiry or inves-  
21 tigation undertaken pursuant to this section and to delegate such powers  
22 to a duly authorized deputy inspector general;

23 (f) to monitor the implementation by the authority and its subsid-  
24 aries, the Triborough bridge and tunnel authority and the New York city  
25 transit authority and its subsidiaries of recommendations made by the  
26 inspector general or other audit agencies; and

27 (g) to do all things necessary to carry out the functions, powers and  
28 duties set forth in this section.

29 5. The inspector general shall cooperate, consult and coordinate with  
30 the state public transportation safety board with regard to any activity  
31 concerning the operations of the big apple transit authority. With  
32 respect to any accident on the facilities of the big apple transit  
33 authority, the primary responsibility for investigation shall be that of  
34 the board which shall share its findings with the big apple transit  
35 authority inspector general.

36 6. The inspector general shall make annual public reports on his or  
37 her findings and recommendations. Such a report shall be filed in the  
38 office of the mayor and with the city council on or before the first day  
39 of February for the preceding year. The big apple transit authority and  
40 its applicable constituent agencies shall prepare a response to the  
41 annual report and to any and all other final reports made by the inspec-  
42 tor general within thirty days of receipt, which time may be extended by  
43 the inspector general in his or her discretion, indicating whether such  
44 authority intends to implement the recommendations in such reports, and,  
45 if not, an explanation of why not. In addition, the big apple transit  
46 authority and its applicable constituent agencies shall give quarterly  
47 reports to the inspector general outlining the status of each of the  
48 recommendations made by the inspector general in his or her final  
49 reports. Copies of all such reports shall be sent to the mayor and the  
50 speaker of the city council.

51 7. To effectuate the purposes of this section, the inspector general  
52 may request from any department, board, bureau, commission, office or  
53 other agency of the state, or of any of its political subdivisions, such  
54 cooperation, assistance, services and data as shall enable him or her to  
55 carry out his or her functions, powers and duties hereunder, and such  
56 departments, boards, bureaus, commissions, offices or other agencies of

1 the state are authorized and directed to provide such cooperation,  
2 assistance, services and data.

3 § 1349-vv. Management advisory board. 1. There is hereby created in  
4 the office of the big apple transit authority inspector general a  
5 management advisory board, consisting of thirteen members appointed by  
6 the mayor, of whom two shall be appointed upon nomination by the city  
7 council. All members shall serve for a term of three years. One of the  
8 members appointed to the management advisory board directly by the mayor  
9 shall be designated by the mayor to serve as its chairman.

10 2. All members of the management advisory board shall be residents of  
11 the city and shall be persons with substantial experience in the manage-  
12 ment of private enterprises, in the delivery of public services, or in  
13 labor or labor-management relations.

14 3. The management advisory board shall assist the big apple transit  
15 authority inspector general in identifying ways to improve services,  
16 reduce costs and increase the efficiency of the authority and its  
17 subsidiaries, the Triborough bridge and tunnel authority or the New York  
18 city transit authority and its subsidiaries.

19 4. No later than April first, two thousand twenty-one, succeeding the  
20 effective date of this section, and annually thereafter, the management  
21 advisory board shall submit to the mayor and the city council a report  
22 on its activities during the previous year.

23 5. The office of the big apple transit authority inspector general  
24 shall provide the management advisory board with such staff support as  
25 may be required for the performance of its duties.

26 6. Members of the management advisory board shall serve without  
27 compensation, but shall be reimbursed for expenses reasonably incurred  
28 in the performance of their duties.

29 § 1349-ww. The office of legislative and community input. 1. The  
30 chairperson of the authority shall establish the office of legislative  
31 and community input for the purpose of communicating information to, and  
32 receiving comments, concerns and recommendations from, members of the  
33 city council, and members of the permanent citizens advisory committee  
34 to the authority, as defined in section thirteen hundred forty-nine-m of  
35 this title, on the following:

36 (a) the operations of the rapid transit and omnibus facilities of the  
37 authority, including but not limited to:

38 (i) the quality of service provided on any rapid transit, and omnibus  
39 line or route;

40 (ii) the frequency of operating service on the authority's mass trans-  
41 it facilities;

42 (iii) the maintenance and condition of the authority's mass transit  
43 facilities, including but not limited to, rapid transit and buses, fare  
44 collection systems and sound systems; and

45 (iv) proposed service changes, including any reductions or expansion  
46 of services, as it relates to the authority's mass transit facilities;  
47 and

48 (b) any proposed, submitted and/or approved capital program plan, its  
49 components, elements and projects, and associated expenditures. Any such  
50 comments, concerns and recommendations relating to the capital program  
51 plan, its components, elements and projects, and associated expenditures  
52 shall be taken into consideration in the development of the current and  
53 each successive capital program plan and/or any amendment to such plan.

54 2. The office shall establish a process to ensure timely notification  
55 of the receipt of, and response to, comments, concerns, and recommenda-

tions by members of the legislature or members of the permanent citizens advisory committee to the authority.

3. The chair and office shall prepare a report containing the following information:

(a) a compilation of the comments, concerns, and recommendations received by the office;

(b) how these comments, concerns or recommendations were or will be addressed, such as the authority's response by the incorporation or initiation of system and operational adjustments, improvements or expansions if applicable; and

(c) how these comments, concerns or recommendations were or will be addressed, such as the authority's response by changing or amending the capital plan, as well as providing status updates on the progress of such plan.

4. Such report shall, on a biannual basis commencing September first, two thousand twenty, succeeding the effective date of this section, be submitted to the mayor, the speaker of the city council and be posted on the authority's website and also be made readily available to the public.

§ 1349-xx. Supplemental revenue reporting program. 1. On or before the first of January next succeeding the effective date of this section, the authority shall develop a supplemental revenue reporting program. Such program shall provide a detailed accounting of the amount spent from supplemental revenues on actions, measures or projects undertaken to reduce major incidents that have been found to cause delays to the New York city subway system, including but not limited to: track incidents; signal failure; persons on the track; police and medical activity; structural and electrical problems; and broken traincar equipment. The information described in this subdivision, including the spending details and the associated category of major incident, shall be updated quarterly and be prominently posted together on the authority's website.

2. For purposes of this section, "supplemental revenues" shall include any funds appropriated by the state or the city of New York to support the NYC subway action plan approved by the board of the authority.

§ 2. This act shall take effect January 1, 2021.

## PART E

Section 1. Article 5 of the public authorities law is amended by adding a new title 11-F to read as follows:

### TITLE 11-F

#### COMMUTER TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

Section 1349-aaaa. Short title.

1349-bbbb. Definitions.

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1 1349-kkkk. Medical emergency services plan; implementation on  
2 Long Island Rail Road.  
3 1349-llll. Long Island Rail Road commuter council.  
4 1349-mmmm. Metro-North rail commuter council.  
5 1349-nnnn. Medical emergency services plan; implementation on  
6 Metro-North Commuter Railroad Company.  
7 1349-oooo. Excess loss fund.  
8 1349-pppp. Authority police force.  
9 1349-qqqq. The permanent citizens advisory committee.  
10 1349-rrrr. Commuter transportation authority pledge to custom-  
11 ers.  
12 1349-ssss. Expired fare transfer policy.  
13 1349-tttt. Acquisition and disposition of real property.  
14 1349-uuuu. Acquisition and disposition of real property by  
15 department of transportation.  
16 1349-vvvv. Cooperation and assistance of other agencies.  
17 1349-www. Promotion of qualified transportation fringes.  
18 1349-xxxx. Notes, bonds and other obligations of the authority.  
19 1349-yyyy. Capital program plans; approvals; effect of disap-  
20 proval.  
21 1349-zzzz. Submission of strategic operation plan.  
22 1349-aaaa. Financial and operational reports.  
23 1349-bbbbb. Mission statement and measurement report.  
24 1349-cccc. Requirements for certain authority contracts and  
25 related subcontracts.  
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28 1349-ffff. Regulation of certain authority expenditures.  
29 1349-gggg. Agreement of the state.  
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31 1349-iiiii. Remedies of noteholders and bondholders.  
32 1349-jjjj. Notes and bonds as legal investment.  
33 1349-kkkk. Exemption from taxation.  
34 1349-lllll. Actions against the authority.  
35 1349-mmmmm. Annual audit of the authority.  
36 1349-nnnnn. Authority budget and financial plan.  
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38 1349-ppppp. Independent audit by the legislature.  
39 1349-qqqqq. Reporting.  
40 1349-rrrrr. Station operation and maintenance.  
41 1349-sssss. Transfer and receipt of surplus funds.  
42 1349-ttttt. Title not affected if in part unconstitutional or  
43 ineffective.  
44 1349-uuuuu. Commuter transportation authority inspector general.  
45 1349-vvvvv. Management advisory board.  
46 1349-www. Transition-election to withdraw from the metropol-  
47 itan commuter transportation district.  
48 1349-xxxxx. The office of legislative and community input.  
49 1349-yyyyy. Debarment.  
50 1349-zzzzz. Right to share employees.

51 § 1349-aaaa. Short title. This title may be known and may be cited as  
52 the "Metropolitan Commuter Authority Act".

53 § 1349-bbbb. Definitions. As used or referred to in this title, unless  
54 a different meaning clearly appears from the context:

55 1. "Authority" shall mean the corporation created by section thirteen  
56 hundred forty-nine-cccc of this title.

1 2. "Authority facilities" shall mean the authority's railroad, omni-  
2 bus, marine and aviation facilities and operations pursuant to joint  
3 service arrangements.

4 3. "Budget" shall mean the preliminary, final proposed and adopted  
5 final plans of the authority, and each of its agencies.

6 4. "Comptroller" shall mean the comptroller of the state of New York.

7 5. "Equipment" shall mean rolling stock, omnibuses, vehicles, air,  
8 marine or surface craft, motors, boilers, engines, wires, ways, conduits  
9 and mechanisms, machinery, tools, implements, materials, supplies,  
10 instruments and devices of every nature whatsoever used or useful for  
11 transportation purposes or for the generation or transmission of motive  
12 power including but not limited to all power houses, and all apparatus  
13 and all devices for signaling, communications and ventilation as may be  
14 necessary, convenient or desirable for the operation of a transportation  
15 facility.

16 6. "Federal government" shall mean the United States of America, and  
17 any officer, department, board, commission, bureau, division, corpo-  
18 ration, agency or instrumentality thereof.

19 7. "Gap" shall mean the difference between projected revenues and  
20 expenses for any given fiscal year based on the existing fare structure.

21 8. "Gap-closing initiative" shall mean any action to reduce a project-  
22 ed gap.

23 9. "Joint service arrangements" shall mean agreements between or among  
24 the authority and any common carrier or freight forwarder, the state,  
25 any state agency, the federal government, any other state or agency or  
26 instrumentality thereof, any public authority of this or any other  
27 state, or any political subdivision or municipality of the state, relat-  
28 ing to property, buildings, structures, facilities, services, rates,  
29 fares, classifications, divisions, allowances or charges, including  
30 charges between operators of railroad, omnibus, marine and aviation  
31 facilities, or rules or regulations pertaining thereto, for or in  
32 connection with or incidental to transportation in part in or upon rail-  
33 road, omnibus, marine or aviation facilities located within the district  
34 and in part in or upon railroad, omnibus, marine or aviation facilities  
35 located outside the district.

36 10. "Marine and aviation facilities" shall mean equipment and craft  
37 for the transportation of passengers, mail and cargo between points  
38 within the district or pursuant to joint service arrangements, by marine  
39 craft and aircraft of all types including but not limited to hydrofoils,  
40 ferries, lighters, tugs, barges, helicopters, amphibians, seaplanes or  
41 other contrivances now or hereafter used in navigation or movement on  
42 waterways or in the navigation of or flight in airspace. It shall also  
43 mean any marine port or airport facility within the transportation  
44 district but outside the port of New York district as defined in chapter  
45 one hundred fifty-four of the laws of nineteen hundred twenty-one,  
46 including but not limited to terminals, docks, piers, bulkheads, ramps  
47 or any facility or real property necessary, convenient or desirable for  
48 the accommodation of passengers and cargo or the docking, sailing, land-  
49 ing, taking off, accommodation or servicing of such marine craft or  
50 aircraft.

51 11. "Omnibus facilities" shall mean motor vehicles, of the type oper-  
52 ated by carriers subject to the jurisdiction of the public service  
53 commission, engaged in the transportation of passengers and their  
54 baggage, express and mail between points within the district or pursuant  
55 to joint service arrangements, and equipment, property, buildings,  
56 structures, improvements, loading or unloading areas, parking areas or

1 other facilities, necessary, convenient or desirable for the accommo-  
2 dation of such motor vehicles or their passengers, including but not  
3 limited to buildings, structures and areas notwithstanding that portions  
4 shall not be devoted to any omnibus purpose other than the production of  
5 revenues available for the costs and expenses of all or any facilities  
6 of the authority.

7 12. "Railroad facilities" shall mean right of way and related track-  
8 age, rails, cars, locomotives, other rolling stock, signal, power, fuel,  
9 communication and ventilation systems, power plants, stations, termi-  
10 nals, storage yards, repair and maintenance shops, yards, equipment and  
11 parts, offices and other real estate or personal property used or held  
12 for or incidental to the operation, rehabilitation or improvement of any  
13 railroad operating or to operate between points within the district or  
14 pursuant to joint service arrangements, including but not limited to  
15 buildings, structures, and areas notwithstanding that portions thereof  
16 shall not be devoted to any railroad purpose other than the production  
17 of revenues available for the costs and expenses of all or any facili-  
18 ties of the authority.

19 13. "Real property" shall mean lands, structures, franchises and  
20 interests in land, waters, lands under water, riparian rights and air  
21 rights and any and all things and rights included within said term and  
22 includes not only fees simple absolute but also any and all lesser  
23 interests including but not limited to easements, rights of way, uses,  
24 leases, licenses and all other incorporeal hereditaments and every  
25 estate, interest or right, legal or equitable, including terms for years  
26 and liens thereon by way of judgments, mortgages or otherwise.

27 14. "State" shall mean the state of New York.

28 15. "State agency" shall mean any officer, department, board, commis-  
29 sion, bureau, division, public benefit corporation, agency or instrumen-  
30 talities of the state.

31 16. "Transportation facility" shall mean any transit, railroad, omni-  
32 bus, marine or aviation facility and any person, firm, partnership,  
33 association or, corporation which owns, leases or operates any such  
34 facility or any other facility used for service in the transportation of  
35 passengers, United States mail or personal property as a common carrier  
36 for hire and any portion thereof and the rights, leaseholds or other  
37 interest therein together with routes, tracks, extensions, connections,  
38 parking lots, garages, warehouses, yards, storage yards, maintenance and  
39 repair shops, terminals, stations and other related facilities thereof,  
40 the devices, appurtenances, and equipment thereof and power plants and  
41 other instrumentalities used or useful therefor or in connection there-  
42 with.

43 17. "Transportation district" and "district" shall mean the metropol-  
44 itan commuter transportation district created by section twelve hundred  
45 sixty-two of this article.

46 18. "Transportation purpose" shall mean a purpose that directly  
47 supports the missions or purposes of the authority, any of its subsid-  
48 iaries, including the realization of revenues derived from property that  
49 is, or is to be used as, a transportation facility.

50 19. "New York city transit authority" shall mean the corporation  
51 created by section twelve hundred one of this article.

52 20. "Triborough bridge and tunnel authority" shall mean the corpo-  
53 ration created by section five hundred fifty-two of this chapter.

54 21. "Inspector general" shall mean the commuter transportation author-  
55 ity inspector general.

22. "Revenues" shall mean all monies received by the authority or its subsidiaries from whatever source, derived directly or indirectly from or in connection with the operations of the respective entity except for any monies transferred to the metropolitan transportation authority pursuant to section thirteen hundred forty-nine-h of this title that is not returned to the authority pursuant to paragraph (c) of subdivision two of section twelve hundred sixty-six of this chapter.

23. "Transit facility" shall mean rapid transit railroad, omnibus line or any other facility or any railroad used for local service in the transportation of passengers as common carriers for hire or in the transportation of the United States mail or personal property, and any portion thereof and the rights, leaseholds or other interests therein, together with the devices and appurtenances, facilities and equipment thereof and power plants and other instrumentalities used or useful therefor or in connection therewith.

24. "Utilization" shall mean public usage of buses and railroads as reflected in empirical data.

§ 1349-cccc. Commuter transportation authority. 1. (a) (i) There is hereby created the "commuter transportation authority". The authority shall be a body corporate and politic constituting a public benefit corporation. The authority shall consist of a chairperson, seven other voting members, and four non-voting members, as described in subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph, appointed by the governor and with the advice and consent of the senate. Any member appointed shall have experience in one or more of the following areas of expertise: transportation, public administration, business management, finance, accounting, law, engineering, land use, urban and regional planning, management of large capital projects, labor relations, or have experience in some other area of activity central to the mission of the authority. Each voting member other than the chairperson shall be appointed after selection from a written list of three recommendations from the chief executive officer of the county in which such member is required to reside pursuant to the provisions of this subdivision. Of the members appointed on recommendation of the chief executive officer of a county, one such member shall be, at the time of appointment: a resident of the county of Nassau; one a resident of the county of Suffolk; one a resident of the county of Westchester; one a resident of the county of Dutchess; one a resident of the county of Orange; one a resident of the county of Putnam; and one a resident of the county of Rockland. The term of any member who is a resident of a county that has withdrawn from the metropolitan commuter transportation district pursuant to section twelve hundred seventy-nine-b of this article shall terminate upon the effective date of such county's withdrawal from such district. The chairperson and each of the members shall be appointed for a term of six years. The members from the counties of Dutchess, Orange, Putnam and Rockland shall cast one collective vote.

(ii) There shall be four non-voting members, as referred to in subparagraph (i) of this paragraph. The first non-voting member shall be a regular user of the facilities of the authority and be recommended to the governor by the Metro-North commuter council. The second non-voting member shall be a regular mass transit user of the facilities of the authority and be recommended to the governor by the Long Island Rail Road commuter council. The third non-voting member shall be recommended to the governor by the labor organization representing the majority of employees of the Long Island Rail Road. The fourth non-voting member shall be recommended to the governor by the labor organization repres-

1 enting the majority of employees of the Metro-North Commuter Railroad  
2 Company. The chairperson of the authority, at their direction, may  
3 exclude such non-voting member from attending any portion of a meeting  
4 of the authority or of any committee established pursuant to paragraph  
5 (b) of subdivision four of this section held for the purpose of discuss-  
6 ing negotiations with labor organizations.

7 (b) Vacancies occurring otherwise than by expiration of term shall be  
8 filled in the same manner as original appointments for the balance of  
9 the unexpired term.

10 2. The chairperson and the first vice chairperson shall be paid a  
11 salary in the amount determined by the authority; the other members  
12 shall not receive a salary or other compensation. Each member, includ-  
13 ing the chairperson and the first vice chairperson, shall be entitled to  
14 reimbursement for actual and necessary expenses incurred in the perform-  
15 ance of his or her official duties.

16 3. (a) A majority of the whole number of members of the authority then  
17 in office shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business  
18 or the exercise of any power of the authority. Except as otherwise spec-  
19 ified in this title, for the transaction of any business or the exercise  
20 of any power of the authority, the authority shall have power to act by  
21 a majority vote of the members present at any meeting at which a quorum  
22 is in attendance and except further, that in the event of a tie vote the  
23 chairperson shall cast one additional vote.

24 (b) For purposes of determining the presence of a quorum, and for  
25 purposes of participation on any committee or subcommittee, those  
26 members who collectively cast a single vote pursuant to the provisions  
27 of paragraph (a) of subdivision one of this section shall be considered  
28 to be a single member, and the presence of such member shall be deter-  
29 mined as provided in this subdivision. Except as otherwise provided in a  
30 by-law adopted as hereinafter provided, such single member constituting  
31 those members entitled to a collective vote shall be deemed present as a  
32 single member for purposes of a quorum if one or more of the members  
33 then in office entitled to cast such collective vote is present, and  
34 such collective vote shall be cast in accordance with the majority  
35 agreement of the members entitled to a collective vote who are present  
36 or in the event a single member entitled to a collective vote is present  
37 it shall be cast by that member. To evidence the existence of such  
38 majority agreement among the members entitled to a collective vote, each  
39 such member shall be polled as to his or her vote and such poll shall be  
40 recorded in the minutes. In the event a majority vote is not achieved by  
41 the members entitled to a collective vote who are present, then the vote  
42 shall not be cast. Nothing herein shall limit the right of an individual  
43 member to participate in board meetings or in other activities of the  
44 authority when the other members then in office entitled to collectively  
45 cast a vote are not present. At any meeting of the authority at which  
46 there is a quorum including all the members then in office entitled to  
47 cast a collective vote, the authority may adopt a by-law or by-laws  
48 regulating the casting of such collective vote, provided all members  
49 then in office entitled to cast a collective vote affirmatively approve  
50 such by-law or by-laws. Any action taken by the authority in accordance  
51 with any such by-law or by-laws adopted pursuant to the provisions of  
52 this paragraph shall take effect in the same manner as any other action  
53 of the authority. Any such by-law or by-laws shall not provide for the  
54 casting of any fractional vote. Nor shall such a by-law or by-laws  
55 provide for the amendment, repeal or adoption in the future of such a



1 by-law or by-laws in a manner other than that set forth in this para-  
2 graph.

3 (c) No provision of paragraph (b) of this subdivision relating to the  
4 adoption of certain by-laws by the authority shall affect the manner in  
5 which by-laws of the authority are adopted concerning any subject other  
6 than the voting and presence for quorum purposes of the members from the  
7 counties of Dutchess, Putnam, Orange and Rockland.

8 4. (a) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the  
9 chairperson shall be the chief executive officer of the authority and  
10 shall be responsible for the discharge of the executive and administra-  
11 tive functions and powers of the authority. The chairperson may appoint  
12 an executive director and such other officials and employees as shall in  
13 his or her judgment be needed to discharge the executive and administra-  
14 tive functions and powers of the authority.

15 (b) The chairperson shall establish committees to assist in the  
16 performance of their duties and shall appoint members of the authority  
17 to such committees. Among such committees, there shall be: (i) a commit-  
18 tee on operations of the Long Island Rail Road and the metropolitan  
19 suburban bus authority; (ii) a committee on operations of the Metro-  
20 North commuter railroad; (iii) a committee on finance; (iv) a committee  
21 on capital program oversight; and (v) a committee on safety. The commit-  
22 tee on capital program oversight shall include not less than four  
23 members, and shall include the chairpersons of the committee on oper-  
24 ations of the Long Island Rail Road and the metropolitan suburban bus  
25 authority, the committee on operations of the Metro-North commuter rail-  
26 road, and the committee on safety. The committee on safety shall convene  
27 at least once annually and each committee chairperson, that is a member  
28 of the committee on safety, shall report to the committee on safety any  
29 and all initiatives, concerns, improvements, or failures involving the  
30 safety of: (i) customers; (ii) employees; and (iii) the public at large,  
31 in relation to authority facilities and services. The capital program  
32 committee shall, with respect to any approved or proposed capital  
33 program plans: (i) monitor the current and future availability of funds  
34 to be utilized for such plans; (ii) monitor the contract awards of the  
35 commuter transportation authority to ensure that such awards are  
36 consistent with: (A) provisions of law authorizing United States content  
37 and New York state content; (B) collective bargaining agreements; (C)  
38 provisions of law providing for participation by minority and women-  
39 owned businesses; (D) New York state labor laws; (E) competitive bidding  
40 requirements including those regarding sole source contracts; and (F)  
41 any other relevant requirements established by law; (iii) monitor the  
42 award of contracts to determine if such awards are consistent with the  
43 manner in which the work was traditionally performed in the past  
44 provided, however, that any such determination shall not be admissible  
45 as evidence in any arbitration or judicial proceeding; (iv) review the  
46 relationship between capital expenditures pursuant to each such capital  
47 program plan and current and future operating budget requirements; (v)  
48 monitor the progress of capital elements described in each capital  
49 program plan; (vi) monitor the expenditures incurred and to be incurred  
50 for each such element; and (vii) identify capital elements not progress-  
51 ing on schedule, ascertain responsibility therefor and recommend those  
52 actions required or appropriate to accelerate their implementation. The  
53 capital program committee shall issue a quarterly report on its activ-  
54 ities and findings, and shall in connection with the preparation of such  
55 quarterly report, consult with the division of the budget, the depart-  
56 ment of transportation, the governor, and any other group the committee

1 deems relevant, including public employee organizations, and, at least  
2 annually, with a nationally recognized independent transit engineering  
3 firm. Such report shall be made available to the members of the authori-  
4 ty, to the governor, and the directors of the municipal assistance  
5 corporation for the city of New York.

6 (c) The chairperson shall ensure that at every meeting of the board  
7 and at every meeting of each committee the public shall be allotted a  
8 period of time, not less than thirty minutes, to speak on any topic on  
9 the agenda.

10 (d) Notwithstanding paragraph (c) of subdivision one of section twen-  
11 ty-eight hundred twenty-four of this chapter or any other provision of  
12 law to the contrary, the chairperson shall not participate in establish-  
13 ing authority policies regarding the payment of salary, compensation and  
14 reimbursement to, nor establish rules for the time and attendance of,  
15 the chief executive officer. The salary of the chairperson, as deter-  
16 mined pursuant to subdivision two of this section, shall also be compen-  
17 sation for all services performed as chief executive officer.

18 5. The authority shall be a "state agency" for the purposes of  
19 sections seventy-three and seventy-four of the public officers law.

20 6. Notwithstanding any inconsistent provisions of this or any other  
21 law, general, special or local, no officer or employee of the state, or  
22 of any public corporation, shall be deemed to have forfeited or shall  
23 forfeit his or her office or employment or any benefits provided under  
24 the retirement and social security law or under any public retirement  
25 system maintained by the state by reason of their acceptance of member-  
26 ship on or chairpersonship of the authority; provided, however, a member  
27 or chairperson who holds such other public office or employment shall  
28 receive no additional compensation for services rendered pursuant to  
29 this title, but shall be entitled to reimbursement for their actual and  
30 necessary expenses incurred in the performance of such services.

31 7. The governor may remove any member for inefficiency, neglect of  
32 duty, breach of fiduciary duty or misconduct in office after giving the  
33 member a copy of the charges against the member and an opportunity to be  
34 heard, in person or by counsel in the member's defense, upon not less  
35 than ten days' notice. If any member shall be so removed, the governor  
36 shall file in the office of the department of state a complete statement  
37 of charges made against such member, and his or her findings thereon,  
38 together with a complete record of the proceedings.

39 8. The authority shall continue so long as it shall have bonds or  
40 other obligations outstanding and until its existence shall be termi-  
41 nated by law. Upon the termination of the existence of the authority,  
42 all its rights and properties shall pass to and be vested in the state.

43 9. Whenever the authority causes notices of hearings on proposed  
44 changes in services or fares to be posted pursuant to this section or  
45 any statute, regulation, or authority policy, or where it voluntarily  
46 posts such notices, such notices shall: (a) be written in a clear and  
47 coherent manner using words with common and every day meaning; (b) be  
48 captioned in large point type bold lettering with a title that fairly  
49 and accurately conveys the basic nature of such change or changes; (c)  
50 where such change involves a proposed change in levels of fare, include  
51 in its title the range of amounts of fare changes under consideration;  
52 (d) contain, to the extent practicable, a concise description of the  
53 specific nature of the change or changes, including but not limited to a  
54 concise description of those changes that affect the largest number of  
55 passengers; (e) where such change involves a change in the nature of a  
56 route, contain, to the extent practicable, a clear graphic illustration

1 of such change or changes; and (f) where such change involves a partial  
2 or complete station closing, such notice shall be posted at the affected  
3 station with a clear graphic illustration depicting the nature of any  
4 closing for such station.

5 § 1349-dddd. Purposes of the authority. 1. The purposes of the author-  
6 ity shall be the continuance, further development and improvement of  
7 commuter transportation and other services related thereto within the  
8 metropolitan commuter transportation district, except within the city of  
9 New York, including but not limited to such transportation by railroad,  
10 omnibus, marine and air, in accordance with the provisions of this  
11 title, in an efficient and cost-effective manner that includes the use  
12 of design-build contracting on all appropriate projects.

13 2. It is hereby found and declared that such purposes are in all  
14 respects for the benefit of the people of the state of New York and the  
15 authority shall be regarded as performing an essential governmental  
16 function in carrying out its purposes and in exercising the powers  
17 granted by this title.

18 § 1349-eeee. State of emergency; boarding of a commuter transportation  
19 by domestic companion animals. 1. For the purposes of this section:

20 (a) "Commuter transportation" means commuter transportation, and other  
21 related services and facilities, operated by the authority or any of its  
22 subsidiaries, including but not limited to such transportation by rail-  
23 road, omnibus, marine and air, in accordance with this title.

24 (b) "Domestic companion animal" means a companion animal or pet as  
25 defined in section three hundred fifty of the agriculture and markets  
26 law and shall also mean any other domesticated animal normally main-  
27 tained in or near the household of the owner or person who cares for  
28 such other domesticated animal. "Domestic companion animal" shall not  
29 include a "farm animal", as defined in section three hundred fifty of  
30 the agriculture and markets law.

31 2. (a) In the event that a state of emergency has been declared and an  
32 evacuation of any region of the state is in progress, the owner of a  
33 domestic companion animal shall be permitted to board any commuter  
34 transportation with such domestic companion animal so long as that  
35 animal is under the owner's control by use of a leash or tether, or is  
36 properly confined in an appropriate container or by other suitable  
37 means, provided that such boarding is authorized by and consistent with  
38 the provisions of state disaster emergency plans or local state of emer-  
39 gency plans pertaining to the needs of animals and individuals with an  
40 animal under their care. The provisions of this section shall only apply  
41 to the owners of domestic companion animals who are evacuating from a  
42 region of the state affected by an emergency or disaster, or a local  
43 state of emergency, as defined in section twenty-four of the executive  
44 law.

45 (b) A domestic companion animal may be refused permission to board any  
46 commuter transportation, even if the animal is under the owner's control  
47 or properly confined in accordance with this subdivision if there is  
48 reasonable cause to believe that, due to attendant circumstances,  
49 permitting the animal to board would pose a health or safety hazard.

50 3. All passengers with service animals shall be given priority seating  
51 on all means of transportation regulated by this title in accordance  
52 with the federal "Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990", 42 U.S.C.  
53 s.12101 et seq. For the purposes of this section, "service animal" shall  
54 have the same meaning as set forth in the federal "Americans with Disa-  
55 bilities Act of 1990", 42 U.S.C. s.12101 et seq. and any regulations  
56 under such act.

1 4. All passengers on any commuter transportation shall be provided  
2 seating before a domestic companion animal may be placed in a seat.

3 5. The authority is authorized and directed to promulgate and enforce  
4 such rules and regulations as shall be necessary for the implementation  
5 of this section.

6 § 1349-ffff. General powers of the authority. Except as otherwise  
7 limited by this title, the authority shall have power:

8 1. To sue and be sued;

9 2. To have a seal and alter the same at pleasure;

10 3. To borrow money, to issue negotiable notes, bonds or other obli-  
11 gations and to provide for the rights of the holders thereof, and to  
12 finance or refinance all or any part of the costs to the authority or to  
13 any other person or entity, public or private, of the planning, design,  
14 acquisition, construction, improvement, reconstruction or rehabilitation  
15 of any transportation facility;

16 4. To invest any funds, accounts or other monies not required for  
17 immediate use or disbursement, at the discretion of the authority, in:

18 (a) obligations of the state or the United States government;

19 (b) obligations the principal and interest of which are guaranteed by  
20 the state or the United States government;

21 (c) certificates of deposit of banks or trust companies in this state,  
22 secured, if the authority shall so require, by obligations of the United  
23 States or of the state of New York of a market value equal at all times  
24 to the amount of the deposit;

25 (d) banker's acceptances with a maturity of ninety days or less which  
26 are eligible for purchase by the Federal Reserve Banks and whose rating  
27 at the time of purchase is in the highest rating category of two  
28 nationally recognized independent rating agencies, provided, however,  
29 that the amount of banker's acceptances of any one bank shall not exceed  
30 two hundred fifty million dollars;

31 (e) obligations of any bank or corporation created under the laws of  
32 either the United States or any state of the United States maturing  
33 within two hundred seventy days, provided that such obligations receive  
34 the highest rating of two nationally recognized independent rating agen-  
35 cies and, provided further, that no more than two hundred fifty million  
36 dollars may be invested in such obligations of any one bank or corpo-  
37 ration;

38 (f) as to any such moneys held in reserve and sinking funds, other  
39 securities in which the trustee or trustees of any public retirement  
40 system or pension fund has the power to invest the monies thereof pursu-  
41 ant to article four-A of the retirement and social security law, each  
42 such reserve and sinking fund being treated as a separate fund for the  
43 purposes of article four-A of the retirement and social security law;

44 (g) notes, bonds, debentures, mortgages and other evidences of indebt-  
45 edness, issued or guaranteed at the time of the investment by the United  
46 States Postal Service, the federal national mortgage association, the  
47 federal home loan mortgage corporation, the student loan marketing asso-  
48 ciation, the federal farm credit system, or any other United States  
49 government sponsored agency, provided that at the time of the investment  
50 such agency or its obligations are rated and the agency receives, or its  
51 obligations receive, the highest rating of all independent rating agen-  
52 cies that rate such agency or its obligations, provided, however, that  
53 no more than two hundred fifty million dollars or such greater amount as  
54 may be authorized for investment by the state comptroller by section  
55 ninety-eight of the state finance law may be invested in the obligations  
56 of any one agency;

1 (h) general obligation bonds and notes of any state other than the  
2 state, provided that such bonds and notes receive the highest rating of  
3 at least one independent rating agency, and bonds and notes of any coun-  
4 ty, town, city, village, fire district or school district of the state,  
5 provided that such bonds and notes receive either of the two highest  
6 ratings of at least two independent rating agencies;

7 (i) mutual funds registered with the United States securities and  
8 exchange commission whose investments are limited to obligations of the  
9 state described in paragraph (a) of this subdivision, obligations the  
10 principal and interest of which are guaranteed by the state described in  
11 paragraph (b) of this subdivision, and those securities described in  
12 paragraph (h) of this subdivision and that have received the highest  
13 rating of at least one independent rating agency, provided that the  
14 aggregate amount invested at any one time in all such mutual funds shall  
15 not exceed ten million dollars, and, provided further, that the authori-  
16 ty shall not invest such funds, accounts or other monies in any mutual  
17 fund for longer than thirty days; and

18 (j) financial contracts in a foreign currency entered into for the  
19 purpose of minimizing the foreign currency exchange risk of the purchase  
20 price of a contract with a vendor chosen through competitive process for  
21 the acquisition of capital assets for the benefit of the transportation  
22 capital program;

23 5. To make and alter by-laws for its organization and internal manage-  
24 ment, and rules and regulations governing the exercise of its powers and  
25 the fulfillment of its purposes under this title;

26 6. (a) To enter into contracts and leases and to execute all instru-  
27 ments necessary or convenient;

28 (b) With respect to any lease transaction entered into pursuant to  
29 section 168(f)(8) of the United States internal revenue code or any  
30 successor provisions, the authority shall meet the following standards  
31 and procedures:

32 (i) notice of intention to negotiate shall be published in at least  
33 one newspaper of general circulation, and a copy thereof shall be mailed  
34 to all parties who have requested notification from the authority to  
35 engage in transactions of this type. Such notice shall describe the  
36 nature of the proposed transaction and the factors subject to negoti-  
37 ation, which shall include, but not be limited to, the price to be paid  
38 to the authority;

39 (ii) the authority shall negotiate with those respondents whose  
40 response complies with the requirements set forth in the notice; and

41 (iii) the board of the authority shall resolve on the basis of parti-  
42 cularized findings relevant to the factors negotiated that such trans-  
43 action will provide maximum available financial benefits, consistent  
44 with other defined objectives and requirements;

45 (c) The authority shall provide to the governor, the temporary presi-  
46 dent of the senate, the speaker of the assembly, the minority leader of  
47 the senate and the minority leader of the assembly notice of each lease  
48 entered into pursuant to paragraph (b) of this subdivision and support-  
49 ing documentation of compliance by the authority with subparagraphs (i),  
50 (ii) and (iii) of paragraph (b) of this subdivision;

51 7. To acquire, hold and dispose of real or personal property in the  
52 exercise of its powers;

53 8. To appoint such officers and employees as it may require for the  
54 performance of its duties, and to fix and determine their qualifica-  
55 tions, duties, and compensation and to retain or employ counsel, audi-



1 tors, engineers and private consultants on a contract basis or otherwise  
2 for rendering professional or technical services and advice;

3 9. (a) Notwithstanding section one hundred thirteen of the retirement  
4 and social security law or any other general or special law, the author-  
5 ity and any of its subsidiary corporations may continue or provide to  
6 its affected officers and employees any retirement, disability, death or  
7 other benefits provided or required for railroad personnel pursuant to  
8 federal or state law;

9 (b) The authority and any of its public benefit subsidiary corpo-  
10 rations may be a participating employer in the New York state employees'  
11 retirement system with respect to one or more classes of officers and  
12 employees of such authority or any such public benefit subsidiary corpo-  
13 ration, as may be provided by resolution of such authority or any such  
14 public benefit subsidiary corporation, as the case may be, or any subse-  
15 quent amendment thereof, filed with the comptroller and accepted by him  
16 or her pursuant to section thirty-one of the retirement and social secu-  
17 rity law. In taking any action pursuant to this paragraph, the authority  
18 and any of its public benefit subsidiary corporations shall consider the  
19 coverages and benefits continued or provided pursuant to paragraph (a)  
20 of this subdivision;

21 10. To make plans, surveys, and studies necessary, convenient or  
22 desirable to the effectuation of the purposes and powers of the authori-  
23 ty and to prepare recommendations in regard thereto;

24 11. To enter upon such lands, waters or premises as in the judgment of  
25 the authority may be necessary, convenient or desirable for the purpose  
26 of making surveys, soundings, borings and examinations to accomplish any  
27 purpose authorized by this title. The authority shall be liable for  
28 actual damage done due to the entering upon such lands, waters or prem-  
29 ises and any activities taken thereon;

30 12. The authority may conduct investigations and hearings in the  
31 furtherance of its general purposes, and in aid thereof have access to  
32 any books, records or papers relevant thereto. If any person whose  
33 testimony shall be required for the proper performance of the duties of  
34 the authority shall fail or refuse to aid or assist the authority in the  
35 conduct of any investigation or hearing, or to produce any relevant  
36 books, records or other papers, the authority is authorized to apply for  
37 process of subpoena, to issue out of any court of general original  
38 jurisdiction whose process can reach such person, upon due cause shown;

39 13. A copy of any report submitted by the authority pursuant to  
40 sections twenty-eight hundred, twenty-eight hundred one and twenty-eight  
41 hundred two of this chapter shall be forwarded to the mayor of the city  
42 of New York and to the chairperson of the board of supervisors and to  
43 the county executive, if any, of each county within the district; and

44 14. To do all things necessary, convenient or desirable to carry out  
45 its purposes and for the exercise of the powers granted in this title.

46 § 1349-gggg. Contracts. 1. The provisions of this section shall not  
47 apply to:

48 (a) the award of any contract of the authority if the bid documents  
49 for such contract so provide and such bid documents are issued within  
50 sixty days of the effective date of this section; or

51 (b) for a period of one hundred eighty days after the effective date  
52 of this section, the award of any contract for which an invitation to  
53 bid, solicitation, request for proposal, or any similar document has  
54 been issued by the authority prior to the effective date of this  
55 section.

2. (a) Except as otherwise provided in this section, all purchase contracts for supplies, materials or equipment involving an estimated expenditure in excess of one million dollars and all contracts for public work involving an estimated expenditure in excess of one million dollars shall be awarded by the authority to the lowest responsible bidder after obtaining sealed bids in the manner hereinafter set forth. For purposes hereof, contracts for public work shall exclude contracts for personal, engineering and architectural, or professional services. The authority may reject all bids and obtain new bids in the manner provided by this section when it is deemed in the public interest to do so or, in cases where two or more responsible bidders submit identical bids which are the lowest bids, award the contract to any of such bidders or obtain new bids from such bidders. Nothing in this paragraph shall obligate the authority to seek new bids after the rejection of bids or after cancellation of an invitation to bid. Nothing in this section shall prohibit the evaluation of bids on the basis of costs or savings including life cycle costs of the item to be purchased, discounts, and inspection services so long as the invitation to bid reasonably sets forth the criteria to be used in evaluating such costs or savings. Life cycle costs may include but shall not be limited to costs or savings associated with installation, energy use, maintenance, operation and salvage or disposal.

(b) Section twenty-eight hundred seventy-nine of this chapter shall apply to the authority's acquisition of goods or services of any kind, in the actual or estimated amount of fifteen thousand dollars or more, provided: (i) that a contract for services in the actual or estimated amount of one million dollars or less shall not require approval by the board of the authority regardless of the length of the period over which the services are rendered, and provided further that a contract for services in the actual or estimated amount of one million dollars or more shall require approval by the board of the authority regardless of the length of the period over which the services are rendered unless such a contract is awarded to the lowest responsible bidder after obtaining sealed bids; and (ii) the board of the authority may by resolution adopt guidelines that authorize the award of contracts to small business concerns, to service disabled veteran owned businesses certified pursuant to article seventeen-B of the executive law, or minority or women-owned business enterprises certified pursuant to article fifteen-A of the executive law, or purchases of goods or technology that are recycled or remanufactured, in an amount not to exceed one million dollars without a formal competitive process and without further board approval. The board of the authority shall adopt guidelines which shall be made publicly available for the awarding of such contract without a formal competitive process.

(c)(i) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (a) of this subdivision, the authority shall establish guidelines governing the qualifications of bidders entering into contracts for its project to bring the Long Island Rail Road into Grand Central Terminal, referred to as the "East Side Access Project" for the purposes of this section. The bidding may be restricted to those who have qualified prior to the receipt of bids according to standards fixed by the authority; provided, however, that the award of contracts shall, to the extent not inconsistent with this paragraph, be in accordance with paragraph (a) of this subdivision.

(ii) In determining whether a prospective bidder qualifies for the inclusion on a list of prequalified bidders for the East Side Access

1 Project, the authority shall consider: (A) the experience and past  
2 performance of the prospective bidder; (B) the prospective bidder's  
3 ability to undertake work, including but not limited to whether it  
4 participates in state approved apprenticeship programs and whether it  
5 utilizes employees who are represented by labor organizations; (C) the  
6 financial capability and responsibility of the prospective bidder; and  
7 (D) the records of the prospective bidder in complying with existing  
8 labor standards. The authority may also consider such other factors as  
9 it deems appropriate.

10 3. (a) Advertisement for bids, when required by this section, shall be  
11 published at least once in a newspaper of general circulation in the  
12 area served by the authority and in the procurement opportunities news-  
13 letter published pursuant to article four-C of the economic development  
14 law provided that, notwithstanding the provisions of article four-C of  
15 the economic development law, an advertisement shall only be required  
16 for a purchase contract for supplies, materials or equipment when  
17 required by this section. Publication in a newspaper of general circu-  
18 lation in the area served or in the procurement opportunities newsletter  
19 shall not be required if bids for contracts for supplies, materials or  
20 equipment are of a type regularly purchased by the authority and are to  
21 be solicited from a list of potential suppliers, if such list is or has  
22 been developed consistent with the provisions of subdivision six of this  
23 section. Any such advertisement shall contain a statement of: (i) the  
24 time and place where bids received pursuant to any notice requesting  
25 sealed bids will be publicly opened and read; (ii) the name of the  
26 contracting agency; (iii) the contract identification number; (iv) a  
27 brief description of the public work, supplies, materials, or equipment  
28 sought, the location where work is to be performed, goods are to be  
29 delivered or services provided and the contract term; (v) the address  
30 where bids or proposals are to be submitted; (vi) the date when bids or  
31 proposals are due; (vii) a description of any eligibility or qualifica-  
32 tion requirement or preference; (viii) a statement as to whether the  
33 contract requirements may be fulfilled by a subcontracting, joint  
34 venture, or co-production arrangement; (ix) any other information deemed  
35 useful to potential contractors; and (x) the name, address, and tele-  
36 phone number of the person to be contacted for additional information.  
37 At least fifteen business days shall elapse between the first publica-  
38 tion of such advertisement or the solicitation of bids, as the case may  
39 be, and the date of opening and reading of bids.

40 (b) The authority may designate any officer or employee to open the  
41 bids at the time and place bids are to be opened and may designate an  
42 officer to award the contract to the lowest responsible bidder. Such  
43 designee shall make a record of all bids in such form and detail as the  
44 authority shall prescribe. All bids received shall be publicly opened  
45 and read at the time and place specified in the advertisement or at the  
46 time of solicitation, or to which the opening and reading have been  
47 adjourned by the authority. All bidders shall be notified of the time  
48 and place of any such adjournment.

49 4. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the authority may, by resolution  
50 approved by a two-thirds vote of its members then in office, or by a  
51 majority vote of its members with respect to contracts proposed to be  
52 let pursuant to paragraph (a) of this subdivision declare that compet-  
53 itive bidding is impractical or inappropriate because of the existence  
54 of any of the circumstances hereinafter set forth and thereafter the  
55 authority may proceed to award contracts without complying with the  
56 requirements of subdivision two or three of this section. In each case

1 where the authority declares competitive bidding impractical or inappro-  
2 priate, it shall state the reason therefor in writing and summarize any  
3 negotiations that have been conducted. Except for contracts awarded  
4 pursuant to paragraphs (a), (b), (c) and (e) of this subdivision, the  
5 authority shall not award any contract pursuant to this subdivision  
6 earlier than thirty days from the date on which the authority declares  
7 that competitive bidding is impractical or inappropriate. Competitive  
8 bidding may only be declared impractical or inappropriate where:

9 (a) the existence of an emergency involving danger to life, safety or  
10 property requires immediate action and cannot await competitive bidding  
11 or the item to be purchased is essential to efficient operation or the  
12 adequate provision of service and as a consequence of an unforeseen  
13 circumstance such purchase cannot await competitive bidding;

14 (b) the item to be purchased is available only from a single responsi-  
15 ble source, provided that if bids have not been solicited for such item  
16 pursuant to subdivision two of this section within the preceding twelve  
17 months, public notice shall first be given pursuant to subdivision three  
18 of this section;

19 (c) the authority receives no responsive bids or only a single respon-  
20 sive bid in response to an invitation for competitive bids;

21 (d) the authority wishes to experiment with or test a product or tech-  
22 nology or new source for such product or technology or evaluate the  
23 service or reliability of such product or technology;

24 (e) the item is available through an existing contract between a  
25 vendor and: (i) another public authority provided that such other  
26 authority utilized a process of competitive bidding or a process of  
27 competitive requests for proposals to award such contracts; (ii) Nassau  
28 county; (iii) the state of New York; or (iv) the city of New York,  
29 provided that in any case when under this paragraph the authority deter-  
30 mines that obtaining such item thereby would be in the public interest  
31 and sets forth the reasons for such determination. The authority shall  
32 accept sole responsibility for any payment due the vendor as a result of  
33 the authority's order; or

34 (f) the authority determines that it is in the public interest to  
35 award contracts pursuant to a process for competitive requests for  
36 proposals as hereinafter set forth. For purposes of this section, a  
37 process for competitive requests for proposals shall mean a method of  
38 soliciting proposals and awarding a contract on the basis of a formal  
39 evaluation of the characteristics, such as quality, cost, delivery sche-  
40 dule and financing of such proposals against stated selection criteria.  
41 Public notice of the requests for proposals shall be given in the same  
42 manner as provided in subdivision three of this section and shall  
43 include the selection criteria. In the event the authority makes a mate-  
44 rial change in the selection criteria from those previously stated in  
45 the notice, it will inform all proposers of such change and permit  
46 proposers to modify their proposals;

47 (i) The authority may award a contract pursuant to this paragraph only  
48 after a resolution approved by a two-thirds vote of its members then in  
49 office at a public meeting of the authority with such resolution: (A)  
50 disclosing the other proposers and the substance of their proposals; (B)  
51 summarizing the negotiation process including the opportunities, if any,  
52 available to proposers to present and modify their proposals; and (C)  
53 setting forth the criteria upon which the selection was made.

54 (ii) Nothing in this paragraph shall require or preclude: (A) negoti-  
55 ations with any proposers following the receipt of responses to the  
56 request for proposals; or (B) the rejection of any or all proposals at

1 any time. Upon the rejection of all proposals, the authority may solicit  
2 new proposals or bids in any manner prescribed in this section.

3 (g) The authority issues a competitive request for proposals pursuant  
4 to the procedures of paragraph (f) of this subdivision for the purchase  
5 or rehabilitation of rail cars and omnibuses. Any such request may  
6 include among the stated selection criteria the performance of all or a  
7 portion of the contract at sites within the state of New York or the use  
8 of goods produced or services provided within the state of New York,  
9 provided however that in no event shall the authority award a contract  
10 to a manufacturer whose final offer, as expressed in unit cost is more  
11 than ten percent higher than the unit cost of any qualified competing  
12 final offer, if the sole basis for such award is that the higher priced  
13 offer includes more favorable provision for the performance of the  
14 contract within the state of New York or the use of goods produced or  
15 services provided within the state of New York, and further provided  
16 that the authority's discretion to award a contract to any manufacturer  
17 shall not be so limited if a basis for such award, as determined by the  
18 authority, is superior financing, delivery schedule, life cycle, reli-  
19 ability, or any other factor the authority deems relevant to its oper-  
20 ations;

21 (i) The authority may award a contract pursuant to this paragraph only  
22 after a resolution approved by a vote of not less than a two-thirds vote  
23 of its members then in office at a public meeting of the authority with  
24 such resolution; (A) disclosing the other proposers and the substance of  
25 their proposals; (B) summarizing the negotiation process including the  
26 opportunities, if any, available to proposers to present and modify  
27 their proposals; and (C) setting forth the criteria upon which the  
28 selection was made.

29 (ii) Nothing in this paragraph shall require or preclude: (A) negoti-  
30 ations with any proposers following the receipt of responses to the  
31 request for proposals; or (B) the rejection of any or all proposals at  
32 any time. Upon the rejection of all proposals, the authority may solicit  
33 new proposals or bids in any manner prescribed in this section.

34 5. Upon the adoption of a resolution by the authority stating, for  
35 reasons of efficiency, economy, compatibility or maintenance reliabil-  
36 ity, that there is a need for standardization, the authority may estab-  
37 lish procedures whereby particular supplies, materials or equipment are  
38 identified on a qualified products list. Such procedures shall provide  
39 for products or vendors to be added to or deleted from such list and  
40 shall include provisions for public advertisement of the manner in which  
41 such lists are compiled. The authority shall review such list no less  
42 than twice a year for the purpose of making such modifications.  
43 Contracts for particular supplies, materials or equipment identified on  
44 a qualified products list may be awarded by the authority to the lowest  
45 responsible bidder after obtaining sealed bids in accordance with this  
46 section or without competitive sealed bids in instances when the item is  
47 available from only a single source, except that the authority may  
48 dispense with advertising provided that it mails copies of the invita-  
49 tion to bid to all vendors of the particular item on the qualified  
50 products list.

51 6. The authority shall compile a list of potential sources of  
52 supplies, materials or equipment regularly purchased. The authority  
53 shall, by resolution, set forth the procedures it has established to  
54 identify new sources and to notify such new sources of the opportunity  
55 to bid for contracts for the purchase of supplies, materials or equip-  
56 ment. Such procedures shall include, but not be limited to: (a) adver-



1 tising in trade journals; (b) cooperation with federal, state and local  
2 agencies within its area of operations; (c) publication in the state  
3 register quarterly; and (d) procedures established pursuant to subdivi-  
4 sion thirteen of section thirteen hundred forty-nine-j of this article.

5 7. The provisions of this section shall not supersede any other  
6 provisions of law relative to purchases of products or devices manufac-  
7 tured or provided by the blind or other severely handicapped persons, to  
8 the invitation and acceptance of bids from small or minority business  
9 enterprises or to the purchases of supplies, materials or equipment  
10 through the office of general services. Except as may otherwise be  
11 provided by law or as more restrictively defined in the official policy  
12 or bid specifications of the authority, the term "small business" means  
13 a small business or similar term, under federal regulations applicable  
14 to projects of the authority which are federally assisted.

15 8. Notwithstanding any other provisions in this section, the authority  
16 shall be allowed to use an electronic bidding system for the purchase of  
17 goods, materials, and commodities that may inform bidders whether their  
18 bid is the current low bid and allow bidders to submit new bids before  
19 the date and time assigned for the opening of bids. Such procedure shall  
20 not constitute disclosure of bids in violation of section twenty-eight  
21 hundred seventy-eight of this chapter.

22 9. The provisions of this section shall not apply to any procurement  
23 made by any other public entity not otherwise required by law to award  
24 contracts for such purchases to the lowest responsible bidder if such  
25 purchases are made at the sole cost and expense of such entity.

26 10. (a) Whenever the comptroller pursuant to section twenty-eight  
27 hundred seventy-nine-a of this chapter intends to require supervision in  
28 the form of prior review and approval of a contract or contract amend-  
29 ment to be awarded by the authority pursuant to this section, then such  
30 contract or contract amendment shall be submitted to the comptroller by  
31 the authority for approval and shall not be a valid enforceable contract  
32 unless it shall first have been approved by the comptroller but only if  
33 the comptroller has notified the authority of such determination within  
34 thirty days of having received written notice of such contract or  
35 contract amendment either in the authority's annual report or any  
36 revised report.

37 (b) If the comptroller has timely notified the authority as provided  
38 in paragraph (a) of this subdivision that any contract or contract  
39 amendment shall be subject to comptroller prior review and approval, and  
40 such contract or contract amendment has been submitted to the comp-  
41 troller, it shall become valid and enforceable without such approval if  
42 the comptroller has not approved or disapproved it within thirty days of  
43 submission to the comptroller.

44 11. The award of construction contracts by the authority shall not be  
45 subject to the provisions of section one hundred one of the general  
46 municipal law.

47 § 1349-hhhh. Commuter transportation authority small business mentor-  
48 ing program. 1. As used in this section, unless the context requires  
49 otherwise:

50 (a) "authority" means commuter transportation authority and its  
51 subsidiaries;

52 (b) "chairperson" means the chairperson of the authority and its  
53 subsidiaries and affiliates;

54 (c) "small business" means a business in the construction trades  
55 which: (i) is independently owned and operated; (ii) has annual revenues  
56 not exceeding a fiscal limitation of five million dollars or such lesser

1 amount as established by the authority pursuant to these provisions; and  
2 (iii) meets additional criteria as otherwise established by the chair-  
3 person in consultation with the members of the commuter transportation  
4 small business mentoring program advisory committee. The chair of the  
5 committee shall be the chief diversity officer of the authority. The  
6 authority shall establish a detailed definition in general and specific  
7 to different segments of the construction industry to the extent neces-  
8 sary to reflect differing characteristics of such segments based on the  
9 criteria used by the United States small business administration for  
10 loans to small businesses as set forth in Sections 121.301 through  
11 121.305, or for awarding government procurements as set forth in  
12 Sections 121.401 through 121.413, of Subpart A of Part 121 of Chapter I  
13 of Title 13 of the Code of Federal Regulations as amended, and such  
14 other criteria as determined by the authority;

15 (d) "small business mentoring program" is a program established by the  
16 authority pursuant to these provisions to provide small businesses  
17 accepted into the program with the opportunity:

18 (i) for up to four years, to compete for and, where awarded, to  
19 perform certain authority public work contracts to be designated by the  
20 authority for inclusion in this program under this subparagraph, with  
21 the assistance of an authority-provided mentor, which shall be a firm  
22 competitively selected by the authority that has extensive construction  
23 management and mentoring experience, with the mentor to provide the  
24 small business with advice and assistance in competing for and managing  
25 authority public work contracts; and

26 (ii) for a small business mentoring program participant which the  
27 authority has determined has successfully completed the program under  
28 subparagraph (i) of this paragraph, for up to four additional years: (A)  
29 additional opportunities to compete with other designated small busi-  
30 nesses in the program for certain public work contracts to be designated  
31 for inclusion under this subparagraph and, where awarded, to perform  
32 such authority public work contracts, with the further assistance of an  
33 authority-provided mentor, which shall be a firm competitively selected  
34 by the authority that has extensive construction management and mentor-  
35 ing experience, with the mentor to provide the small business with  
36 advice and technical assistance in competing for and managing authority  
37 public work contracts; and (B) authority-provided assistance, as deter-  
38 mined by the authority, for such a small business to obtain bonding for  
39 public work contracts that are competitively awarded pursuant to  
40 provisions of law other than this section;

41 (e) "small business mentoring program contract" means a non-federally  
42 funded authority public work contract designated by the authority, in an  
43 estimated amount of not more than one million dollars for contracts  
44 under subparagraph (i) of paragraph (d) of this subdivision and three  
45 million dollars for contracts under subparagraph (ii) of paragraph (d)  
46 of this subdivision, for which bids or proposals are to be invited and  
47 accepted only from businesses that are enrolled in the small business  
48 mentoring program and have been selected by the authority to compete for  
49 the contract.

50 2. (a) Pursuant to these provisions, the authority may establish a  
51 small business mentoring program. In connection therewith, the authority  
52 may determine the criteria pursuant to which a small business shall be  
53 eligible for and selected to participate in the program under subpara-  
54 graphs (i) and (ii) of paragraph (d) of subdivision one of this section,  
55 the number of participants to participate in each such components of the  
56 program, the criteria for the competitive selection of the firms that

1 will provide small businesses with mentoring services, the assignment of  
2 a mentor to a specific small business in the small business mentoring  
3 program, and the funding for the program.

4 (b) Under the small business mentoring program, the chairperson or the  
5 chairperson's designee is authorized, notwithstanding any other  
6 provision of law:

7 (i) to designate which eligible public work contracts shall be small  
8 business mentoring program contracts under subparagraphs (i) and (ii) of  
9 paragraph (d) of subdivision one of this section, respectively;

10 (ii) to establish standards for qualifying small business mentoring  
11 program participants to compete for a small business mentoring program  
12 contract, provided that no less than three qualified small businesses in  
13 the program submit responsive offers to perform the contract;

14 (iii) to determine when bids or proposals for a small business mentor-  
15 ing program contract should be restricted to small business mentoring  
16 program participants which, prior to the receipt of bids or proposals,  
17 have been qualified by the authority for such competition;

18 (iv) to competitively select, designate and contract with one or more  
19 experienced construction management firms that, under the general super-  
20 vision of the authority, will provide mentoring services to the small  
21 businesses participating in the small business mentoring program, and to  
22 assign such mentors one or more designated small businesses participat-  
23 ing in the program;

24 (v) for small business mentoring program contracts, except as set  
25 forth herein, to waive requirements for the solicitation and award of a  
26 public work contract pursuant to sections thirteen hundred forty-nine-  
27 gggg and twenty-eight hundred seventy-nine of this chapter and any other  
28 provision of law;

29 (vi) to assist only small business mentoring program participants that  
30 have been awarded small business mentoring program contracts to obtain  
31 any surety bond or contract of insurance required of them in connection  
32 with such contract only notwithstanding any provision of section two  
33 thousand five hundred four of the insurance law to the contrary; and

34 (vii) for small businesses that have been accepted into the small  
35 business mentoring program under subparagraph (ii) of paragraph (d) of  
36 subdivision one of this section, in addition to the benefits of such  
37 program and notwithstanding any other provision of law, to provide tech-  
38 nical assistance in obtaining bids, payment and performance bonding for  
39 authority public work contracts that are not small business mentoring  
40 program contracts, for which the small business is otherwise qualified.

41 3. (a) If the total number of qualified small business mentoring  
42 program participants that respond to a competition and are considered  
43 capable of meeting the specifications and terms of the invitation to  
44 compete is less than three, or if the chairperson or the chairperson's  
45 designee determines that acceptance of the best offer will result in the  
46 payment of an unreasonable price, the authority may reject all offers  
47 and withdraw the designation of the contract as a small business mentor-  
48 ing program contract.

49 (b) If the authority withdraws the designation of contract as a small  
50 business mentoring program contract, the firms, if any, that made offers  
51 shall be notified. Invitations to compete containing the same or rewrit-  
52 ten specifications and terms shall then be re-issued as a small business  
53 mentoring program contract for one or more additional contract period.

54 4. A mentor shall provide services and assistance to a small business  
55 as designated by the authority, which may include the following:

1 (a) provide business training in the skills necessary to operate a  
2 successful construction business and to compete for and perform a public  
3 work contract;

4 (b) provide technical assistance to the small business to assess the  
5 outcome if the small business competes for but is not awarded a  
6 contract;

7 (c) if the small business mentoring program contract is awarded to the  
8 small business, provide guidance, advice and technical assistance to the  
9 small business in the performance of the contract; and

10 (d) provide other technical assistance to the small business to facil-  
11 itate learning, training and other issues which may arise.

12 5. The authority may delegate to the chairperson or the chairperson's  
13 designee the authority's responsibilities set forth herein.

14 6. The small business mentoring program contracts authorized by this  
15 legislation shall, for the initial year of the program, be in an aggre-  
16 gate amount of not less than ten million dollars, and shall not exceed  
17 one hundred million dollars, with the maximum amount in future years to  
18 be set by the chairperson.

19 § 1349-iiii. Special powers of the authority. In order to effectuate  
20 the purposes of this title:

21 1. The authority may acquire, by purchase, gift, grant, transfer,  
22 contract or lease, any transportation facility other than a transit  
23 facility wholly or partially within the metropolitan commuter transpor-  
24 tation district, or any part thereof, or the use thereof, and may enter  
25 into any joint service arrangements as hereinafter provided. Any such  
26 acquisition or joint service arrangement shall be authorized only by  
27 resolution of the authority approved by not less than a majority vote of  
28 the whole number of members of the authority then in office, except that  
29 in the event of a tie vote the chairperson shall cast one additional  
30 vote.

31 2. The authority may on such terms and conditions as the authority may  
32 determine necessary, convenient or desirable itself plan, design,  
33 acquire, establish, construct, effectuate, operate, maintain, renovate,  
34 improve, extend, rehabilitate or repair any transportation facility  
35 other than a transit project, or may provide for such planning, design,  
36 acquisition, establishment, construction, effectuation, operation, main-  
37 tenance, renovation, improvement, extension, rehabilitation or repair by  
38 contract, lease or other arrangement on such terms as the authority may  
39 deem necessary, convenient or desirable with any person, including but  
40 not limited to any common carrier or freight forwarder, the state, any  
41 state agency, the federal government, any other state or agency or  
42 instrumentality thereof, any public authority of this or any other  
43 state, the port of New York authority or any political subdivision or  
44 municipality of the state. In connection with the operation of any  
45 transportation facility, the authority may plan, design, acquire, estab-  
46 lish, construct, effectuate, operate, maintain, renovate, improve,  
47 extend or repair or may provide by contract, lease or other arrangement  
48 for the planning, design, acquisition, establishment, construction,  
49 effectuation, operation, maintenance, renovation, improvement, extension  
50 or repair of any related services and activities it deems necessary,  
51 convenient or desirable, including but not limited to the transportation  
52 and storage of freight and the United States mail, feeder and connecting  
53 transportation, parking areas, transportation centers, stations and  
54 related facilities.

55 3. (a) Except as directed in paragraph (c) of this subdivision, the  
56 authority may establish, levy and collect or cause to be established,

1 levied and collected and, in the case of a joint service arrangement,  
2 join with others in the establishment, levy and collection of such  
3 fares, tolls, rentals, rates, charges and other fees as it may deem  
4 necessary, convenient or desirable for the use and operation of any  
5 transportation facility and related services operated by the authority  
6 or by a subsidiary corporation of the authority or under contract, lease  
7 or other arrangement, including joint service arrangements, with the  
8 authority. Any such fares, tolls, rentals, rates, charges or other fees  
9 for the transportation of passengers shall be established and changed  
10 only if approved by resolution of the authority adopted by not less than  
11 a majority vote of the whole number of members of the authority then in  
12 office, with the chairperson having one additional vote in the event of  
13 a tie vote, and only after a public hearing, provided however, that  
14 fares, tolls, rentals, rates, charges or other fees for the transporta-  
15 tion of passengers on any transportation facility which are in effect at  
16 the time that the then owner of such transportation facility becomes a  
17 subsidiary corporation of the authority or at the time that operation of  
18 such transportation facility is commenced by the authority or is  
19 commenced under contract, lease or other arrangement, including joint  
20 service arrangements, with the authority may be continued in effect  
21 without such a hearing. Such fares, tolls, rentals, rates, charges and  
22 other fees shall be established as may in the judgment of the authority  
23 be necessary to maintain the combined operations of the authority and  
24 its subsidiary corporations on a self-sustaining basis. The said oper-  
25 ations shall be deemed to be on a self-sustaining basis as required by  
26 this title, when the authority is able to pay or cause to be paid from  
27 revenue and any other funds or property actually available to the  
28 authority and its subsidiary corporations: (i) as the same shall become  
29 due, the principal of and interest on the bonds and notes and other  
30 obligations of the authority and its subsidiaries and the metropolitan  
31 transportation authority, together with the maintenance of proper  
32 reserves therefor; (ii) the cost and expense of keeping the properties  
33 and assets of the authority and its subsidiary corporations in good  
34 condition and repair; and (iii) the capital and operating expenses of  
35 the authority and its subsidiary corporations. The authority may  
36 contract with the holders of bonds and notes with respect to the exer-  
37 cise of the powers authorized by this section. No acts or activities  
38 taken or proposed to be taken by the authority or any subsidiary of the  
39 authority pursuant to the provisions of this subdivision shall be deemed  
40 to be "actions" for the purposes or within the meaning of article eight  
41 of the environmental conservation law.

42 (b) All fares, tolls, rentals, rates, charges, and other fees estab-  
43 lished, levied, and collected or caused to be established, levied, and  
44 collected, shall first be transferred to the metropolitan transportation  
45 authority in order to maintain the metropolitan transportation authority  
46 on a self-sustaining basis unless already pledged to secure, and neces-  
47 sary to satisfy the debt service or reserve requirements of, bonds,  
48 notes or other obligations of the authority prior to January first, two  
49 thousand twenty-one.

50 (c) In the event that the monthly revenues of the metropolitan trans-  
51 portation authority fall below one hundred twenty-five percent of the  
52 amount necessary to maintain the operations of the metropolitan trans-  
53 portation authority on a self-sustaining basis, as defined by section  
54 twelve hundred sixty-six of this article, the authority shall, at the  
55 direction of the metropolitan transportation authority, establish, levy  
56 and collect or cause to be established, levied and collected, in the



1 case of a joint service arrangement, and join with others in the estab-  
2 lishment, levy and collection of such fares, tolls, rentals, rates,  
3 charges and other fees as the metropolitan transportation authority may  
4 deem necessary, convenient or desirable for the use and operation of any  
5 transportation facility and related services operated by the authority  
6 or by a subsidiary corporation of the authority or under contract, lease  
7 or other arrangement, including joint service arrangements, with the  
8 authority, until such time that monthly revenues of the metropolitan  
9 transportation authority has exceeded, for three consecutive months, two  
10 hundred percent of the amount necessary to maintain the operations of  
11 the metropolitan transportation authority on a self-sustaining basis.

12 4. The authority may establish and, in the case of joint service  
13 arrangements, join with others in the establishment of such schedules  
14 and standards of operations and such other rules and regulations includ-  
15 ing but not limited to rules and regulations governing the conduct and  
16 safety of the public as it may deem necessary, convenient or desirable  
17 for the use and operation of any transportation facility and related  
18 services operated by the authority or under contract, lease or other  
19 arrangement, including joint service arrangements, with the authority.  
20 Such rules and regulations governing the conduct and safety of the  
21 public shall be filed with the department of state in the manner  
22 provided by section one hundred two of the executive law. In the case of  
23 any conflict between any such rule or regulation of the authority  
24 governing the conduct or the safety of the public and any local law,  
25 ordinance, rule or regulation, such rule or regulation of the authority  
26 shall prevail. Violation of any such rule or regulation of the authority  
27 governing the conduct or the safety of the public in or upon any facili-  
28 ty of the authority shall constitute an offense and shall be punishable  
29 by a fine not exceeding fifty dollars or imprisonment for not more than  
30 thirty days or both or may be punishable by the imposition of a civil  
31 penalty by the transit adjudication bureau established pursuant to the  
32 provisions of title nine of this article.

33 5. (a) The authority may acquire, hold, own, lease, establish,  
34 construct, effectuate, operate, maintain, renovate, improve, extend or  
35 repair any transportation facilities through, and cause any one or more  
36 of its powers, duties, functions or activities to be exercised or  
37 performed by, one or more wholly owned subsidiary corporations of the  
38 authority, and may transfer to or from any such corporations any moneys,  
39 real property or other property for any of the purposes of this title  
40 upon such terms and conditions as shall be agreed to and subject to such  
41 payment or repayment obligations as are required by law or by any agree-  
42 ment to which any of the affected entities is subject. The directors or  
43 members of each such subsidiary corporation of the authority corporation  
44 shall be the same persons holding the offices of members of the authori-  
45 ty. The chairperson of the board of each such subsidiary shall be the  
46 chairperson of the authority, serving ex officio and, provided that  
47 there is an executive director of the commuter transportation authority,  
48 the executive director of such subsidiary shall be the executive direc-  
49 tor of the commuter transportation authority, serving ex officio.  
50 Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the chairperson  
51 shall be the chief executive officer of each such subsidiary and shall  
52 be responsible for the discharge of the executive and administrative  
53 functions and powers of each such subsidiary. The chairperson and execu-  
54 tive director, if any, shall be empowered to delegate his or her func-  
55 tions and powers to one or more officers or employees of each such  
56 subsidiary designated by him or her. Each such subsidiary corporation of

1 the authority and any of its property, functions and activities shall  
2 have all of the privileges, immunities, tax exemptions and other  
3 exemptions of the authority and of the authority's property, functions  
4 and activities. Each such subsidiary corporation shall be subject to the  
5 restrictions and limitations to which the authority may be subject. Each  
6 such subsidiary corporation of the authority shall be subject to suit in  
7 accordance with section thirteen hundred forty-nine-11111 of this title.  
8 The employees of any such subsidiary corporation, except those who are  
9 also employees of the authority, shall not be deemed employees of the  
10 authority.

11 (b) If the authority shall determine that one or more of its subsid-  
12 iary corporations should be in the form of a public benefit corporation,  
13 it shall create each such public benefit corporation by executing and  
14 filing with the secretary of state a certificate of incorporation, which  
15 may be amended from time to time by filing, which shall set forth the  
16 name of such public benefit subsidiary corporation, its duration, the  
17 location of its principal office, and any or all of the purposes of  
18 acquiring, owning, leasing, establishing, constructing, effectuating,  
19 operating, maintaining, renovating, improving, extending or repairing  
20 one or more facilities of the authority. Each such public benefit  
21 subsidiary corporation shall be a body politic and corporate and shall  
22 have all those powers vested in the authority by the provisions of this  
23 title which the authority shall determine to include in its certificate  
24 of incorporation except the power to contract indebtedness.

25 (c) Whenever any state, political subdivision, municipality, commis-  
26 sion, agency, officer, department, board, division or person is author-  
27 ized and empowered for any of the purposes of this title to co-operate  
28 and enter into agreements with the authority such state, political  
29 subdivision, municipality, commission, agency, officer, department,  
30 board, division or person shall have the same authorization and power  
31 for any of such purposes to co-operate and enter into agreements with a  
32 subsidiary corporation of the authority.

33 6. Each of the authority and its subsidiaries, in its own name or in  
34 the name of the state, may apply for and receive and accept grants of  
35 property, money and services and other assistance offered or made avail-  
36 able to it by any person, government or agency, which it may use to meet  
37 capital or operating expenses and for any other use within the scope of  
38 its powers, and to negotiate for the same upon such terms and conditions  
39 as the respective authority may determine to be necessary, convenient or  
40 desirable.

41 7. The authority may lease railroad cars for use in its passenger  
42 service pursuant to the provisions of chapter six hundred thirty-eight  
43 of the laws of nineteen hundred fifty-nine.

44 8. (a) The authority may do all things it deems necessary, convenient  
45 or desirable to manage, control and direct the maintenance and operation  
46 of transportation facilities, equipment or real property operated by or  
47 under contract, lease or other arrangement with the authority and its  
48 subsidiaries. Except as hereinafter specially provided, no municipality  
49 or political subdivision, including but not limited to a county, city,  
50 village, town or school or other district shall have jurisdiction over  
51 any facilities of the authority and its subsidiaries, or any of their  
52 activities or operations. The local laws, resolutions, ordinances, rules  
53 and regulations of a municipality or political subdivision, heretofore  
54 or hereafter adopted, conflicting with this title or any rule or regu-  
55 lation of the authority or its subsidiaries, shall not be applicable to  
56 the activities or operations of the authority and its subsidiaries, or

1 the facilities of the authority and its subsidiaries, except such facil-  
2 ities that are devoted to purposes other than transportation or transit  
3 purposes. Each municipality or political subdivision, including but not  
4 limited to a county, city, village, town or district in which any facil-  
5 ities of the authority or its subsidiaries are located shall provide for  
6 such facilities police, fire and health protection services of the same  
7 character and to the same extent as those provided for residents of such  
8 municipality or political subdivision.

9 (b) The jurisdiction, supervision, powers and duties of the department  
10 of transportation of the state under the transportation law shall not  
11 extend to the authority in the exercise of any of its powers under this  
12 title. The authority may agree with such department for the execution by  
13 such department of any grade crossing elimination project or any grade  
14 crossing separation reconstruction project along any railroad facility  
15 operated by the authority or by one of its subsidiary corporations or  
16 under contract, lease or other arrangement with the authority. Any such  
17 project shall be executed as provided in article ten of the transporta-  
18 tion law and the railroad law, and the costs of any such project shall  
19 be borne as provided in such laws, except that the authority's share of  
20 such costs shall be borne by the state.

21 9. Upon approval by the commissioner of transportation of the state of  
22 New York of detailed plans and specifications, which approval may be  
23 based upon considerations of relative need and the timing of  
24 construction, the authority is authorized to design, construct, main-  
25 tain, operate, improve and reconstruct a highway bridge crossing Long  
26 Island sound, as follows:

27 (a) Upon: (i) the enactment by the state of Connecticut of legislation  
28 having like effect as the provisions of this paragraph and the granting  
29 of the consent of the congress of the United States of America to the  
30 interstate compact thereby created; and (ii) in conformity with recom-  
31 mendations of the New York-Connecticut bi-state bridge study commission,  
32 the authority is authorized, in cooperation with any duly designated  
33 agency or agencies of the state of Connecticut, to design, construct,  
34 maintain, operate, improve and reconstruct a highway bridge crossing  
35 Long Island sound from a point in the vicinity of the city of Bridgeport  
36 in the state of Connecticut to a point in the vicinity of the village of  
37 Port Jefferson in the state of New York, together with approaches to  
38 such bridge; and to contract from time to time with such agency or agen-  
39 cies of the state of Connecticut with respect to all matters affecting  
40 these authorizations, including, without limitation, the sharing of all  
41 capital, operational and maintenance expense, except that the capital  
42 expense of the original construction of such bridge, other than the  
43 expense of acquiring the needed real property, shall be in the ratio of  
44 fifty per centum for the authority and fifty per centum for such agency  
45 or agencies of the state of Connecticut, the manner and by whom the work  
46 of design, construction, reconstruction, improvement, maintenance and  
47 operation is to be performed or contracted to others for performance,  
48 the tolls, fees and other charges to be imposed from time to time for  
49 the use of such bridge, and the sharing of revenues derived from the  
50 imposition of such tolls, fees and charges, except that net revenues  
51 remaining after deduction of operational and maintenance expense of such  
52 bridge shall be in the ratio of fifty per centum for the authority and  
53 fifty per centum for the state of Connecticut or for such agency or  
54 agencies of the state of Connecticut. Subject to the limitations imposed  
55 upon the authority by the provisions of the said contracts, that portion  
56 of the said bridge and its approaches situate and lying within the

1 territorial boundaries of the state of New York shall be deemed a  
2 "transportation facility" of the authority for all the purposes of this  
3 title, but tolls, fees and other charges imposed for the use of such  
4 bridge shall not be deemed to have been imposed "for the transportation  
5 of passengers" within the intendment of subdivision three of this  
6 section.

7 (b) If funds are made available by the authority for the payment of  
8 the cost and expense of the acquisition thereof, the commissioner of  
9 transportation of the state of New York, when requested by the authori-  
10 ty, may acquire in the name of the state such real property lying within  
11 the territorial boundaries of the state as may be determined from time  
12 to time by the authority to be necessary, convenient or desirable to  
13 carry out the authorizations set forth in paragraph (a) of this subdivi-  
14 sion and this paragraph, may remove the owner or occupant thereof where  
15 necessary and obtain possession and, when requested by the authority,  
16 may dispose of any real property so acquired, all according to the  
17 procedures provided in section thirty of the highway law. The authority  
18 shall have the right to possess and use for its corporate purposes all  
19 such real property so acquired, all according to the procedures provided  
20 in section thirty of the highway law. The authority shall have the right  
21 to possess and use for its corporate purposes all such real property so  
22 acquired. Claims for the value of the property appropriated and for  
23 legal damages caused by any such appropriation shall be adjusted and  
24 determined by the commissioner of transportation with the approval of  
25 the authority or by the court of claims as provided in section thirty of  
26 the highway law. When a claim has been filed with the court of claims,  
27 the claimant shall cause a copy of such claim to be served upon the  
28 authority and the authority shall have the right to be represented and  
29 heard before such court. All awards and judgments arising from such  
30 claims shall be paid out of moneys of the authority.

31 (c) The authority, acting independently or jointly or in cooperation  
32 with such agency or agencies of the state of Connecticut, may also apply  
33 for and accept, upon condition or otherwise, from the duly authorized  
34 agencies of the federal government, and of the governments of the states  
35 of Connecticut and New York, such underwater and overwater grants of  
36 real property, licenses or permits as shall be necessary, convenient or  
37 desirable to carry out the authorizations set forth in paragraphs (a)  
38 and (b) of this subdivision.

39 (d) The provisions of chapter four hundred forty-two of the laws of  
40 nineteen hundred sixty-five, and of any agreement entered into in  
41 pursuance thereof, relating to the repayment of a loan made by the state  
42 to the authority for the purchase of the Long Island Rail Road shall be  
43 inapplicable to: (i) the construction of such bridges and their  
44 approaches; (ii) bonds, notes or other obligations of the authority  
45 issued for or in connection with the financing of the cost of design,  
46 construction and reconstruction of such bridges and their approaches, or  
47 the proceeds realized upon such issuance; and (iii) revenues derived  
48 from the investment of such proceeds or of any part thereof, and from  
49 the imposition of tolls, fees or other charges for the use of such  
50 bridges.

51 10. Notwithstanding the provisions of any other law, general, special  
52 or local, or of any agreement entered into in pursuance thereof, relat-  
53 ing to the repayment of any loan or advance made by the state to the  
54 authority, the authority shall not be required to repay any such loan or  
55 advance heretofore made from or by reason of the issuance of bonds or  
56 notes or from the proceeds realized upon such issuance or from any other

1 funds received from any source whatever in aid or assistance of the  
2 project or projects for the financing of which such bonds or notes are  
3 issued.

4 11. No project to be constructed upon real property theretofore used  
5 for a transportation purpose, or on an insubstantial addition to such  
6 property contiguous thereto, which will not change in a material respect  
7 the general character of such prior transportation use, nor any acts or  
8 activities in connection with such project, shall be subject to the  
9 provisions of article eight, nineteen, twenty-four or twenty-five of the  
10 environmental conservation law, or to any local law or ordinance adopted  
11 pursuant to any such article. Nor shall any acts or activities taken or  
12 proposed to be taken by the authority or by any other person or entity,  
13 public or private, in connection with the planning, design, acquisition,  
14 improvement, construction, reconstruction or rehabilitation of a trans-  
15 portation facility, other than a marine or aviation facility, be subject  
16 to the provisions of article eight of the environmental conservation  
17 law, or to any local law or ordinance adopted pursuant to any such arti-  
18 cle if such acts or activities require the preparation of a statement  
19 under or pursuant to any federal law or regulation as to the environ-  
20 mental impact thereof.

21 12. The authority and each of its subsidiary corporations shall place  
22 on each transformer and substation which contains polychlorinated biphe-  
23 nyls (PCBs) a symbol so indicating the presence of PCBs. Use of a PCB  
24 mark illustrated in the rules and regulations promulgated pursuant to  
25 the federal Toxic Substances Control Act shall constitute compliance  
26 with the provisions of this subdivision.

27 13. Notwithstanding any other provisions of law or the terms of any  
28 contract, the authority, in consultation with the Long Island Rail Road,  
29 shall establish and implement a no fare program for transportation on  
30 the Long Island Rail Road for police officers employed by the city of  
31 New York, county of Nassau, Nassau county villages and cities, county of  
32 Suffolk, Suffolk county villages and towns, the division of state  
33 police, the port authority of New York and New Jersey, the Metro-North  
34 Commuter Railroad Company, the New York city housing authority and the  
35 New York city transit authority. In establishing such program, which has  
36 as its goal increased protection and improved safety for its commuters,  
37 the authority and the Long Island Rail Road shall, among other things,  
38 consider: (a) requiring police officers who ride without cost to regis-  
39 ter with the Long Island Rail Road as a condition of riding without  
40 cost; (b) requiring such officers to indicate during such registration  
41 process their regular working hours and the Long Island Rail Road trains  
42 that such officers expect to ride; and (c) periodically re-registering  
43 and re-validating such officers. The authority and the Long Island Rail  
44 Road shall also have the power to consider other matters necessary to  
45 carry out the goals and objectives of this section.

46 14. (a) Notwithstanding any other provisions of law or the terms of  
47 any contract, the authority, in consultation with the Long Island Rail  
48 Road and the Metro-North Commuter Railroad Company, shall establish and  
49 implement a no fare program for transportation on the Long Island Rail  
50 Road and the Metro-North Commuter Railroad Company for individuals serv-  
51 ing as personal care attendants accompanying an Americans with Disabili-  
52 ties Act paratransit eligible individual.

53 (b) In order to be eligible for such no fare program the personal care  
54 attendant shall show his or her community based personal care attendant  
55 agency issued identification card.



1 (c) In order to be considered accompanying an Americans with Disabili-  
2 ties Act paratransit eligible individual the personal care attendant  
3 shall have the same origin and destination as such paratransit eligible  
4 individual.

5 15. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the authority and any  
6 of its subsidiary corporations shall establish and implement a half fare  
7 rate program for persons with serious mental illness who are eligible to  
8 receive supplemental security income benefits as defined pursuant to  
9 title sixteen of the federal social security act and section two hundred  
10 nine of the social services law.

11 16. The authority shall conduct a campaign of public outreach to  
12 inform the public of the provisions pertaining to assault on employees  
13 described in subdivision eleven of section 120.05 of the penal law.

14 § 1349-jjjj. Medical emergency services. The authority is hereby  
15 authorized and directed to prepare and develop a medical emergency  
16 services program to be implemented at a time to be specified in such  
17 program for the benefit of persons utilizing transportation and other  
18 related services of the authority. Such program may include but not be  
19 limited to provisions for the following:

20 1. the training of designated employees in first aid;  
21 2. emergency techniques and procedures;  
22 3. handling and positioning of stricken commuters; and  
23 4. knowledge of procedures and equipment used for respiratory and  
24 cardiac emergencies.

25 Such program shall be submitted to the legislature not later than one  
26 hundred eighty days after the effective date of this section.

27 § 1349-kkkk. Medical emergency services plan; implementation on Long  
28 Island Rail Road. 1. (a) The authority in consultation with the Long  
29 Island Rail Road is hereby authorized and directed to implement a  
30 comprehensive medical emergency services program, including an emergency  
31 response protocol, not later than the first of September next succeeding  
32 the effective date of this section, for the benefit of persons utilizing  
33 transportation and other related services of the Long Island Rail Road.  
34 Such program shall include but not be limited to provisions for the  
35 following:

36 (i) the training of designated employees in first aid;  
37 (ii) emergency techniques and procedures;  
38 (iii) handling and positioning of stricken commuters;  
39 (iv) knowledge of procedures and equipment used for respiratory and  
40 cardiac emergencies and an emergency response protocol for all employ-  
41 ees.

42 (b) Such program and plan shall be submitted to the temporary presi-  
43 dent of the senate, the speaker of the assembly and the governor on or  
44 before the first of September next succeeding the effective date of this  
45 section and shall be updated as necessary. The authority will issue an  
46 annual report on or before April first of each year, which will include  
47 current updates, descriptions of medical emergencies, responses and  
48 outcomes since the most recent report, information regarding training of  
49 personnel, analysis of the current plan and any recommendations for  
50 improving the program.

51 2. Notwithstanding any inconsistent provision of any general, special  
52 or local law, a designated employee employed upon facilities of the Long  
53 Island Rail Road who has been trained in first aid, emergency techniques  
54 and procedures, handling and positioning of stricken commuters, and the  
55 applicable procedures and equipment used for respiratory and cardiac  
56 emergencies who voluntarily and without the expectation of monetary

1 compensation renders any of the foregoing treatment in an emergency to a  
2 commuter upon facilities of the Long Island Rail Road who is uncon-  
3 scious, ill or injured shall not be liable for damages for injuries  
4 alleged to have been sustained by such commuter or for damages for the  
5 death of such commuter alleged to have occurred by reason of an act or  
6 omission in the rendering of such treatment in an emergency unless it is  
7 established that such injuries were or such death was caused by gross  
8 negligence on the part of such designated employee.

9 § 1349-llll. Long Island Rail Road commuter council. 1. There is  
10 hereby created the Long Island Rail Road commuter council, to study,  
11 investigate, monitor and make recommendations with respect to the main-  
12 tenance and operation of the Long Island Rail Road. Such council shall  
13 study and investigate all aspects of the day to day operations of such  
14 railroad, monitor its performance and recommend changes to improve the  
15 efficiency of the operation thereof.

16 2. Such council shall consist of twelve members who shall be commuters  
17 who regularly use the transportation services of such railroad, and who  
18 shall be residents of Nassau, Suffolk, Queens or Brooklyn county.  
19 Members shall be appointed by the governor upon the recommendation of  
20 the county executive of each such county, provided, however, that such  
21 members shall be chosen from a list of ten names submitted by each such  
22 county executive and provided further however that no more than six  
23 members of such council shall be residents of either such county.  
24 Provided, however, that one member shall be appointed on the recommenda-  
25 tion of the borough president of Queens and one member shall be  
26 appointed on the recommendation of the borough president of Brooklyn.  
27 Vacancies occurring in the membership of the council shall be filled in  
28 the same manner as original appointments, provided, however, that such  
29 vacancy shall be filled from a list of three names submitted by each  
30 such county executive.

31 3. The members of the council shall receive no compensation for their  
32 services but shall be reimbursed for their expenses actually and neces-  
33 sarily incurred in the performance of their duties hereunder.

34 4. The council may request and shall receive from any department,  
35 division, board, bureau, commission, agency, public authority of the  
36 state or any political subdivision thereof such assistance and data as  
37 will enable it properly to carry out its activities hereunder and effec-  
38 tuate the purposes set forth herein.

39 § 1349-mmmmm. Metro-North rail commuter council. 1. There is hereby  
40 created the Metro-North rail commuter council to study, investigate,  
41 monitor and make recommendations with respect to the maintenance and  
42 operation of those portions of, if any, the Hudson, Harlem, New Haven,  
43 Pascack Valley and Port Jervis commuter railroad lines remaining within  
44 the metropolitan commuter transportation district. Such council shall  
45 study and investigate all aspects of the day to day operation of such  
46 railroad lines, monitor their performance and recommend changes to  
47 improve the efficiency of the operation thereof.

48 2. Such council shall consist of eleven members and shall be commuters  
49 who regularly use the transportation services of such railroad lines. At  
50 least five of such members shall be residents of the county of Westches-  
51 ter. Of the other six members, at least one of such members shall be a  
52 resident of each of the counties of Rockland, Putnam, Dutchess, Orange  
53 and Bronx, provided that such county has not withdrawn from the metro-  
54 politan commuter transportation district pursuant to section thirteen  
55 hundred forty-nine-wwwww of this article; provided further, should only  
56 the county of Putnam remain in the metropolitan commuter transportation

1 district then membership on such council shall consist of seven members,  
2 five of whom reside in the county of Westchester and two of whom reside  
3 in the county of Putnam. Members shall be appointed by the governor. In  
4 making such appointments the governor shall consult with and solicit  
5 recommendations from local officials and to the extent possible appoint  
6 members who represent the ridership of the several commuter railroad  
7 lines. Vacancies occurring in the membership of the council shall be  
8 filled in the same manner as original appointments.

9 3. The members of the council shall receive no compensation for their  
10 services but shall be reimbursed for their expenses actually and neces-  
11 sarily incurred by them in the performance of their duties hereunder  
12 from funds appropriated to the commissioner of transportation.

13 4. The council may request and shall receive from any department,  
14 division, board, bureau, commission, agency, public authority of the  
15 state or any political subdivision thereof such assistance and data as  
16 it requests and will enable it to properly carry out its activities for  
17 the purposes set forth herein.

18 § 1349-nnnn. Medical emergency services plan; implementation on  
19 Metro-North Commuter Railroad Company. 1. The authority is hereby  
20 authorized and directed to implement a medical emergency services  
21 program for the benefit of persons utilizing transportation and other  
22 related services of the Metro-North Commuter Railroad Company. Such  
23 program shall include but not be limited to provisions for the follow-  
24 ing:

25 (a) the training of conductors, trainmen and other designated employ-  
26 ees in first aid;

27 (b) emergency techniques and procedures;

28 (c) handling and positioning of stricken commuters; and

29 (d) knowledge of procedures and equipment used for respiratory and  
30 cardiac emergencies.

31 2. Notwithstanding any inconsistent provision of any general, special  
32 or local law, a designated employee employed upon facilities of the  
33 Metro-North Commuter Railroad Company who has successfully completed a  
34 course in first aid, including instruction and training in cardiopulmo-  
35 nary resuscitation and who voluntarily and without expectation of mone-  
36 tary compensation renders first aid, emergency treatment or cardiopulmo-  
37 nary resuscitation at the scene of an accident or other emergency, in  
38 the course of his or her duties as an employee of the Metro-North Commu-  
39 ter Railroad Company to a person who is unconscious, ill or injured,  
40 shall not be liable for damages and injuries alleged to have been  
41 sustained by such person or for damages for death of such person alleged  
42 to have occurred by reason of an act or omission in the rendering of  
43 such first aid, emergency treatment or cardiopulmonary resuscitation  
44 unless it is established that such injuries were or such death was  
45 caused by gross negligence on the part of such designated employee.

46 § 1349-oooo. Excess loss fund. 1. Subject to the provisions of this  
47 section, the authority is authorized to issue bonds and notes, in  
48 accordance with section thirteen hundred forty-nine-xxxx of this title,  
49 in such principal amounts not in excess of the seventy-five million  
50 dollar limitation established in subdivision four of this section as, in  
51 the opinion of the authority, shall be necessary to provide sufficient  
52 funds to meet the capital and reserve requirements of a trust, pooling  
53 arrangement or other entity established for the purpose of providing  
54 reimbursement and funding to the authority and its subsidiaries for  
55 excess or extraordinary losses for damages to real or personal property  
56 or for the destruction thereof or for personal injuries or death and for

1 certain property damage losses which may be incurred or sustained by any  
2 of them in connection with the use and operation of their respective  
3 facilities and in the conduct of their respective activities, the trust,  
4 pooling arrangement or other entity established in order to provide such  
5 benefits to such participants being referred to in this section as the  
6 "excess loss fund". Prior to the issuance of any bonds or notes, other  
7 than refunding bonds or notes, authorized by this section, the authority  
8 shall make a finding that such issue is expected to result, on a present  
9 value basis, in a lower effective cost to the participating authorities  
10 than funding the requirements of the excess loss fund solely through the  
11 payment of premiums and assessments by such participating authorities.

12 2. In order to effectuate the purposes of the excess loss fund, the  
13 authority shall, subject to the provisions of this section, have all the  
14 powers provided elsewhere in this title and may:

15 (a) accept the notes, bonds and other contractual obligations of the  
16 excess loss fund for funds provided to it by the authority;

17 (b) obtain security for the payment by the excess loss fund of its  
18 notes, bonds and other contractual obligations issued to the authority,  
19 including a pledge of all or any part of the assets and revenues of the  
20 excess loss fund, including its receipts and rights to receive premiums,  
21 assessments, reimbursements and other payments from the participants in  
22 the excess loss fund, which pledge may contain covenants with respect to  
23 the charging and fixing by actuarial estimates, where appropriate, of  
24 premiums, assessments, reimbursements and other payments and the use and  
25 disposition thereof; and

26 (c) enter into contracts with the excess loss fund and with the  
27 participants therein, on such terms and conditions as the parties may  
28 agree, with respect to the payment of premiums, assessments, reimburse-  
29 ments and other payments to the excess loss fund and the nature and  
30 extent of the benefits to be paid by the excess loss fund to such  
31 participants.

32 3. The bonds and notes of the authority authorized by this section  
33 shall not constitute general obligations of the authority, but shall be  
34 special obligations of the authority payable as to principal, redemption  
35 premium, if any, and interest solely from the security, sources of  
36 payment and funds obtained from or on behalf of the excess loss fund,  
37 all in the manner more particularly provided by the authority in the  
38 resolution under which such bonds and notes shall be authorized to be  
39 issued.

40 4. The aggregate principal amount of bonds and notes issued for the  
41 purposes enumerated in subdivision one of this section shall not exceed  
42 seventy-five million dollars, excluding: (a) bonds and notes issued to  
43 fund costs of issuance and any reasonably required debt service reserve  
44 fund for such bonds or notes; (b) an amount equal to any original issue  
45 discount from the principal amount of any bonds or notes issued; and (c)  
46 bonds and notes issued to refund or otherwise repay bonds or notes ther-  
47 etofore issued for such purposes, provided, however, that upon any such  
48 refunding or repayment of the total aggregate principal amount of  
49 outstanding bonds and notes, including for purpose of such calculation  
50 the principal amount of the refunding bonds or notes then to be issued  
51 and excluding the principal amount of the bonds or notes so to be  
52 refunded or repaid and any amounts excluded under paragraph (a) or (b)  
53 of this subdivision, may be greater than seventy-five million dollars,  
54 only if the present value of the aggregate debt service of the refunding  
55 or repayment bonds or notes to be issued shall not exceed the present  
56 value of the aggregate debt service of the bonds or notes so to be

1 refunded or repaid. For purposes of paragraph (c) of this subdivision,  
2 the present values of the aggregate debt service of the refunding or  
3 repayment bonds or notes and of the aggregate debt service of the bonds  
4 or notes so to be refunded or repaid, shall be calculated by utilizing  
5 the effective interest rate of the refunding or repayment bonds or  
6 notes, which shall be that rate arrived at by doubling the semi-annual  
7 interest rate, compounded semi-annually, necessary to discount the debt  
8 service payments on the refunding or repayment bonds or notes from the  
9 payment dates thereof to the date of issue of the refunding or repayment  
10 bonds or notes and to the price bid including estimated accrued interest  
11 or proceeds received by the authority including estimated accrued inter-  
12 est from the sale thereof.

13 5. The term "excess loss fund" as used in this section shall not  
14 include any trust, pooling arrangements or other entity: (a) which  
15 provides or offers to provide reimbursement or funding for losses or  
16 liabilities to any entity other than the authority and its subsidiaries;  
17 or (b) in which any entity other than the authority and its subsidiaries  
18 holds an equity interest.

19 § 1349-pppp. Authority police force. 1. The authority is hereby  
20 authorized and empowered, to provide and maintain an authority police  
21 department and a uniformed authority police force. Each member of such  
22 uniformed police force shall be a "police officer" for the purposes of  
23 the criminal procedure law, with all of the powers of such police offi-  
24 cers thereunder and subject to the same jurisdictional provisions on the  
25 exercise of that power as set forth in such law. The geographical area  
26 of employment of such police officers for the purposes of the criminal  
27 procedure law shall embrace the metropolitan commuter transportation  
28 district as defined in section twelve hundred sixty-two of this article.  
29 Such department and force shall have the power, in and about any or all  
30 of the facilities owned, occupied and/or operated by the authority and  
31 its subsidiary corporations, as determined in the discretion of the  
32 authority, to enforce and prevent violation of all laws and ordinances.  
33 Nothing herein shall confer upon the authority police force or upon  
34 their collective negotiations representatives exclusive jurisdiction or  
35 claim over the exercise of police power or security work on behalf of  
36 the authority and its subsidiary corporations. Nothing herein shall  
37 limit the authority and its subsidiary corporations from continuing to  
38 rely on local police for police services. However, traditional police  
39 functions previously performed by the Long Island Rail Road Company  
40 and/or the Metro-North Commuter Railroad Company police force shall  
41 continue to be performed by the authority police forces.

42 2. Initial appointments to such authority police force shall be all  
43 incumbent police officers from the Long Island Rail Road Company and/or  
44 the Metro-North Commuter Railroad Company at the time of such appoint-  
45 ment. The executive director of the authority, through the chief of  
46 police, shall have the power and authority to appoint and employ such  
47 number of police officers as he or she deems necessary to act as police  
48 officers of the authority and to administer to the officers an oath or  
49 affirmation faithfully to perform the duties of their respective posi-  
50 tions or offices. Unless, at the time of appointment, the person is a  
51 police officer of the Long Island Rail Road Company or the Metro-North  
52 Commuter Railroad Company, only persons who have never been convicted of  
53 a felony and are citizens of the United States shall be appointed police  
54 officers on the authority police force. After the initial appointments  
55 are made, selection of police officer candidates shall be made pursuant  
56 to an examination process to be determined at the discretion of the



1 authority and candidates shall receive a certificate attesting to satis-  
2 factory completion of an approved municipal police basic training  
3 program, as described in section two hundred nine-q of the general  
4 municipal law. No person shall be eligible for appointment unless such  
5 person is not less than twenty years of age as of the date of appoint-  
6 ment nor more than thirty-five years of age as of the date when the  
7 applicant takes the written examination, provided, however, that time  
8 spent on military duty or on terminal leave, not exceeding a total of  
9 six years, shall be subtracted from the age of any applicant who has  
10 passed his or her thirty-fifth birthday as provided in subdivision ten-a  
11 of section two hundred forty-three of the military law. Upon appoint-  
12 ments made by transferring an entire group of police officers into the  
13 authority police force, thereby eliminating such other group of police  
14 officers, the authority shall recognize any representative previously  
15 chosen by the police officers for the purposes of collective negoti-  
16 ations consistent with the bargaining units already established and  
17 shall also assume and continue to observe any existing labor contracts  
18 covering these police officers including such provisions which relate to  
19 the grievance and disciplinary procedures and interest arbitration.  
20 Subsequent to the establishment of the consolidated police force the  
21 authority and the collective bargaining representatives shall be author-  
22 ized to negotiate a merger of the separate bargaining units.

23 3. The authority may appoint a chief and one or more deputy chiefs of  
24 the authority police department who, in the discretion of the authority,  
25 may be selected from the ranks of the authority police force, and assign  
26 powers and duties to them and fix their compensation. The chief shall be  
27 the head of such department. The deputy chief designated by the chief  
28 shall possess all the powers and perform all the duties of the chief  
29 during his or her absence or disability. The authority police force  
30 shall consist of such divisions, supervisors and officers, including but  
31 not limited to police officers, detectives, sergeants, lieutenants and  
32 captains as designated by the authority. Notwithstanding any law or  
33 provision to the contrary, the members of the uniformed authority police  
34 force shall not acquire civil service status or become members of the  
35 New York state and local employees' retirement system, except as set  
36 forth in this section.

37 4. The authority shall provide for a twenty year retirement plan under  
38 the same terms and conditions as provided by section three hundred  
39 eighty-nine of the retirement and social security law as enacted by  
40 chapter six hundred twenty-eight of the laws of nineteen hundred nine-  
41 ty-one; except that:

42 (a) any benefit provided pursuant to such plan shall be subject to an  
43 offset, as defined in this paragraph, for any tier II benefit payable  
44 pursuant to the federal Railroad Retirement Act to or in the respect of  
45 a member. The offset provided for by this paragraph shall be the amount  
46 of the tier II benefit which would be payable to or in respect to such  
47 member pursuant to the federal Railroad Retirement Act multiplied by a  
48 fraction, the numerator of which is the member's years of credited  
49 service covered by the federal Railroad Retirement Act rendered to, or  
50 credited by, the authority or any subsidiary corporation of the authori-  
51 ty, and the denominator of which is the member's total years of service  
52 covered by the federal Railroad Retirement Act;

53 (b) references to the Long Island Rail Road shall be to the authority;

54 (c) the transfer of funds described in subdivision f of section three  
55 hundred eighty-nine of the retirement and social security law as enacted  
56 by chapter six hundred twenty-eight of the laws of nineteen hundred

1 ninety-one shall include the Metro-North Commuter Railroad Company  
2 Defined Contribution Pension Plan for Agreement Employees;

3 (d) the provisions of subdivision g of section three hundred eighty-  
4 nine of the retirement and social security law as enacted by chapter six  
5 hundred twenty-eight of the laws of nineteen hundred ninety-one to the  
6 extent of requiring contributions for past service liability shall not  
7 be applicable; and

8 (e) when a police officer transferred from the Long Island Rail Road  
9 Company police force to the authority police force reaches age sixty-two  
10 the authority will offset the amount payable under this plan by the  
11 amount of tier II benefit payable from the Railroad Retirement Board for  
12 a service age annuity or disability payable at the participants age  
13 sixty-two.

14 5. The authority may, in its sole discretion, establish within the  
15 authority's defined benefit program, a retirement program consistent  
16 with the foregoing. If the authority has not so established such program  
17 in its defined benefit program within one hundred eighty days after  
18 enactment, then the authority shall elect to participate in article  
19 fourteen-B of the retirement and social security law.

20 6. If the authority elects to participate in the New York state and  
21 local employees' retirement system, such election to participate shall  
22 be made by resolution filed with the comptroller and accepted by him or  
23 her pursuant to section thirty-one of the retirement and social security  
24 law.

25 7. Nothing herein contained shall be deemed to diminish, suspend or  
26 abolish an existing benefit inured to a police officer, transferred from  
27 the Long Island Rail Road Company and/or Metro-North Commuter Railroad  
28 Company police force and subject to the provisions of this section in  
29 and to the rights, privileges or status previously earned within a  
30 pension or retirement system of which they were a member immediately  
31 prior to the enactment of this section; and any such existing right,  
32 privilege or status shall survive the effect of any decisions or deter-  
33 minations lawfully made in accordance with the provisions hereof so long  
34 as such right, privilege or status is greater in benefit to that which  
35 would be imposed or imputed to any subject officer as a result of  
36 actions of the authority authorized herein.

37 § 1349-qqqq. The permanent citizens advisory committee. There is  
38 hereby established a permanent citizens advisory committee. The members  
39 of the committee shall consist of the following members: the Long Island  
40 Rail Road commuter council and the Metro-North commuter council.

41 § 1349-rrrr. Commuter transportation authority pledge to customers. 1.  
42 A commuter transportation authority pledge to customers shall be created  
43 and adopted by the commuter transportation authority. A copy of such  
44 pledge shall be posted on the website of the authority and shall be  
45 posted in stations where the authority makes regular postings. The  
46 authority shall post the pledge in the language or languages it deems  
47 necessary and appropriate.

48 2. The commuter transportation authority pledge to customers shall be  
49 in the form and manner as prescribed by the authority, include the  
50 contact information of the authority, and include, but not be limited  
51 to, the following:

52 (a) a description of the authority's commitment to provide safe and  
53 reliable services;

54 (b) a description of the authority's commitment to provide timely and  
55 accurate information on its services;

1 (c) a commitment that employees will provide service in a courteous  
2 manner;

3 (d) a description of the authority's commitment to maintain clean  
4 stations, facilities, and buses;

5 (e) a description of the authority's policies when it comes to arrang-  
6 ing alternative transportation when service is interrupted;

7 (f) when service is interrupted, a description of the authority's  
8 policies when it comes to considering the comfort of inconvenienced  
9 customers;

10 (g) when service is interrupted due to weather conditions, a  
11 description of the authority's policies on notifying customers;

12 (h) when service is severely interrupted, a description of the author-  
13 ity's policies on service restoration.

14 3. The authority from time to time may, update and amend the commuter  
15 transportation authority pledge to customers as it deems necessary and  
16 proper and may adopt rules and regulations for the proper administration  
17 of this section.

18 § 1349-ssss. Expired fare transfer policy. Notwithstanding any other  
19 provision of law to the contrary, the authority shall, within ninety  
20 days of the effective date of this section, establish an expired fare  
21 transfer policy that may be amended from time to time. Such policy shall  
22 provide any person who purchases a fare the ability to transfer any  
23 remaining balance for two years after such fare is deemed expired.

24 § 1349-tttt. Acquisition and disposition of real property. 1. In  
25 addition to the powers provided in section thirteen hundred forty-nine-  
26 iiii of this title to acquire transportation facilities, equipment and  
27 real property, the authority may acquire, by condemnation pursuant to  
28 the condemnation law, any real property it may deem necessary, conven-  
29 ient or desirable to effectuate the purposes of this title, provided  
30 however, that any such condemnation proceedings shall be brought only in  
31 the supreme court and the compensation to be paid shall be ascertained  
32 and determined by the court without a jury. Notwithstanding the forego-  
33 ing provisions of this subdivision, no real property may be acquired by  
34 the authority by condemnation for purposes other than a transportation  
35 facility unless the governing body of the city, village or town in which  
36 such real property is located shall first consent to such condemnation.

37 2. Nothing herein contained shall be construed to prevent the authori-  
38 ty from bringing any proceedings to remove a cloud on title or such  
39 other proceedings as it may, in its discretion, deem proper and neces-  
40 sary or from acquiring any such property by negotiation or purchase.

41 3. Where a person entitled to an award in the proceedings to condemn  
42 any real property for any of the purposes of this title remains in  
43 possession of such property after the time of the vesting of title in  
44 the condemnor, the reasonable value of his or her use and occupancy of  
45 such property subsequent to such time as fixed by agreement or by the  
46 court in such proceedings or by any court of competent jurisdiction  
47 shall be a lien against such award subject only to the liens of record  
48 at the time of vesting of title in the condemnor.

49 4. Subject to the provisions of sections thirteen hundred forty-nine-  
50 iiii of this title, title to all property acquired under this title  
51 shall vest in the authority or one of its subsidiary corporations as the  
52 authority directs.

53 5. The authority may, whenever it determines that it is in the inter-  
54 est of the authority, dispose of any real property or property other  
55 than real property, which it determines is not necessary, convenient or  
56 desirable for its purposes.

1     6. The authority may, whenever it shall determine that it is in the  
2 interest of the authority, rent, lease, or grant easements or other  
3 rights in, any land or property of the authority.

4     § 1349-uuuu. Acquisition and disposition of real property by depart-  
5 ment of transportation. If funds are made available by the authority for  
6 the payment of the cost and expense of the acquisition thereof, the  
7 commissioner of transportation of the state of New York, when requested  
8 by the authority, may acquire such real property in the name of the  
9 state as may be determined from time to time by the authority as being  
10 necessary, convenient or desirable to effectuate the purposes of this  
11 title, may remove the owner or occupant thereof where necessary and  
12 obtain possession and, when requested by the authority, may dispose of  
13 any real property so acquired, all according to the procedures provided  
14 in section thirty of the highway law. The authority shall have the right  
15 to possess and use for its corporate purposes all such real property so  
16 acquired. Claims for the value of the property appropriated and for  
17 legal damages caused by any such appropriation shall be adjusted and  
18 determined by such commissioner with the approval of the authority or by  
19 the court of claims as provided in section thirty of the highway law.  
20 When a claim has been filed with the court of claims, the claimant shall  
21 cause a copy of such claim to be served upon the authority and the  
22 authority shall have the right to be represented and heard before such  
23 court. All awards and judgments arising from such claims shall be paid  
24 out of moneys of the authority. No real property may be acquired pursu-  
25 ant to the provisions of this section for purposes other than a trans-  
26 portation facility unless the governing body of the city, village or  
27 town in which such real property is located shall first consent to such  
28 acquisition. The provisions of this section shall not be applicable to  
29 the acquisition or disposition of real property required for the  
30 construction of the two highway bridges crossing Long Island sound  
31 referred to in section thirteen hundred forty-nine-iiii of this title.  
32 The authority shall be empowered to lease for such other purposes as the  
33 authority may determine any part or parts of Republic airport not needed  
34 for transportation purposes.

35     § 1349-vvvv. Cooperation and assistance of other agencies. 1. To  
36 avoid duplication of effort and in the interests of economy, the author-  
37 ity may make use of existing studies, surveys, plans, data and other  
38 materials in the possession of any state agency or any municipality or  
39 political subdivision of the state. Each such agency, municipality or  
40 subdivision is hereby authorized to make the same available to the  
41 authority and otherwise to assist it in the performance of its func-  
42 tions. At the request of the authority, each such agency, municipality  
43 or subdivision which is engaged in highway or other transportation  
44 activities or in land use or development planning, or which is charged  
45 with the duty of providing or regulating any transportation facility or  
46 any other public facility, is further authorized to provide the authori-  
47 ty with information regarding its plans and programs affecting the  
48 transportation district so that the authority may have available to it  
49 current information with respect thereto. The officers and personnel of  
50 such agencies, municipalities or subdivisions, and of any other govern-  
51 ment or agency whatever, may serve at the request of the authority upon  
52 such advisory committees as the authority shall determine to create and  
53 such officers and personnel may serve upon such committees without  
54 forfeiture of office or employment and with no loss or diminution in the  
55 compensation, status, rights and privileges which they otherwise enjoy.

1 2. The authority shall, at the request of any state agency, municipi-  
2 palty or political subdivision of the state, engaged in highway or  
3 other transportation activities or in land use or development planning,  
4 provide said state agency, municipality or political subdivision with  
5 all current and relevant information regarding its plans or programs, so  
6 as to enable said agency, municipality or subdivision to properly effec-  
7 tuate said activities or planning.

8 3. To the extent that the provisions of this title authorize the  
9 authority to enter into any agreement or arrangement with, or undertake  
10 any other activity requiring the participation of, the Big Apple Trans-  
11 it, the New York city transit authority or any of their subsidiary  
12 corporations in furtherance of their respective purposes and powers or  
13 the Triborough bridge and tunnel authority in furtherance of its  
14 purposes and powers, such entities are hereby authorized and empowered  
15 to enter into and perform such contract or other arrangement and to  
16 undertake such activities.

17 § 1349-www. Promotion of qualified transportation fringes. The  
18 authority shall promote the broad use of qualified transportation fring-  
19 es, under section 132(f) of the internal revenue code, in order to  
20 increase the number of participating companies and employees in such  
21 programs. The authority may also study and report on ways in which  
22 programs may be improved so as to increase public participation.

23 § 1349-xxxx. Notes, bonds and other obligations of the authority. 1.  
24 (a) The authority shall have power and is hereby authorized from time to  
25 time to issue its bonds, notes and other obligations in such principal  
26 amount as, in the opinion of the authority, shall be necessary, conven-  
27 ient or desirable to effectuate any of its powers and purposes, includ-  
28 ing to provide sufficient funds for achieving its purposes, including  
29 the acquisition, establishment, construction, effectuation, operation,  
30 maintenance, renovation, improvement, extension, rehabilitation or  
31 repair of any transportation facility, the payment of principal, redemp-  
32 tion premium and interest on bonds, notes and other obligations of the  
33 authority, establishment of reserves to secure such bonds, notes and  
34 other obligations, the provision of working capital and all other  
35 expenditures of the authority and its subsidiary corporations incident  
36 to and necessary or convenient to carry out their purposes and powers.  
37 Such bonds, notes or other obligations may be issued for an individual  
38 transportation facility or issued on a consolidated basis for such  
39 groups or classes of facilities and projects as the authority in its  
40 discretion deems appropriate and be payable from and secured separately  
41 or on a consolidated basis by, among other things, all or any portion of  
42 such revenues and other monies and assets of the authority and its  
43 subsidiary corporations as the authority determines in accordance with  
44 the provisions of section thirteen hundred forty-nine-ddddd of this  
45 title;

46 (b) The authority shall have power, from time to time, to issue  
47 renewal notes, to issue bonds to refund, redeem or otherwise pay,  
48 including by purchase or tender, notes of the authority and its subsid-  
49 iary corporations and whenever it deems refunding, redemption or payment  
50 expedient, to refund, redeem or otherwise pay, including by purchase or  
51 tender, any bonds of the authority and its subsidiary corporations, by  
52 the issuance of new bonds, whether the bonds to be refunded, redeemed or  
53 otherwise paid have or have not matured, and to issue bonds partly for  
54 such purpose and partly for any other purpose and to otherwise refund,  
55 redeem, acquire by purchase or tender, or in any other way repay any



1 outstanding notes, bonds or other obligations of the authority, and any  
2 of its subsidiary corporations;

3 (c) Every issue of its notes, bonds or other obligations shall be  
4 general obligations or special obligations. Every issue of general obli-  
5 gations of the authority shall be payable out of any revenues or monies  
6 of the authority, subject only to any agreements with the holders of  
7 particular notes or bonds pledging any particular receipts or revenues.  
8 Every issue of special obligations shall be payable out of any revenues,  
9 receipts, monies or other assets of the authority and its subsidiary  
10 corporations, identified for such purposes in accordance with agreements  
11 with the holders of particular notes, bonds or other obligations. The  
12 authority may issue transportation revenue special obligation bonds,  
13 notes or other obligations as provided in section thirteen hundred  
14 forty-nine-eeeeee of this title;

15 2. The authority may from time to time issue its bonds and notes in  
16 such principal amounts as, in the opinion of the authority, shall be  
17 necessary to finance the unfunded pension fund liabilities of the  
18 authority, its affiliates and subsidiaries, provided, however, that in  
19 no event shall the cumulative amounts of bonds and notes issued pursuant  
20 to the authority of this subdivision exceed one billion two hundred  
21 million dollars or sixty percent of such unfunded pension fund liabil-  
22 ities, whichever is less, and provided, further, that no bonds shall be  
23 issued under this subdivision for a term longer than twenty years. The  
24 authority shall not issue bonds or notes in any twelve-month period in a  
25 cumulative principal amount in excess of forty percent of the total  
26 amount permitted to be issued under this subdivision. Prior to the issu-  
27 ance of any bonds or notes, the authority shall make a finding that such  
28 issue is expected to result, on a present value basis, in a lower effec-  
29 tive cost to the authority than funding the unfunded pension fund  
30 liability solely through the payment of annual amounts to the pension  
31 fund, assuming that the principal component of the unfunded liability  
32 will be amortized over the same number of years as the term of the bonds  
33 or notes and that the interest payable thereon is the actuarial rate of  
34 interest determined by the actuary for the pension fund at the time of  
35 the issuance of such bonds or notes. The aggregate principal amount of  
36 bonds and notes issued for such purposes may be increased to fund costs  
37 of issuance and may reasonably require debt service of other reserve  
38 funds. Bonds and notes may be issued to refund or otherwise repay bonds  
39 or notes theretofore issued for such purposes; provided, however, that  
40 upon any such refunding or repayment, including for the purpose of such  
41 calculation the principal amount of the refunding bonds or notes then to  
42 be issued and excluding the principal amount of the bonds or notes so to  
43 be refunded or repaid and also excluding any amounts used to pay costs  
44 of issuance and reasonably required debt service or other reserve funds,  
45 the present value of the aggregate debt service of the refunding or  
46 repayment bonds or notes to be issued shall not exceed the present value  
47 of the aggregate debt service of the bonds or notes so to be refunded or  
48 repaid. For purposes of the preceding sentence, the present values of  
49 the aggregate debt service of the refunding or repayment bonds or notes  
50 and of the aggregate debt service of the bonds or notes so to be  
51 refunded or repaid shall be calculated by utilizing the effective inter-  
52 est rate of the refunding or repayment bonds or notes, which shall be  
53 that rate arrived at by doubling the semi-annual interest rate,  
54 compounded semi-annually, necessary to discount the debt service  
55 payments on the refunding or repayment bonds or notes from the payment  
56 dates thereof to the date of issue of the refunding or repayment bonds

1 or notes and to the price bid including estimated accrued interest or  
2 proceeds received by the authority including estimated accrued interest  
3 from the sale thereof. Debt service on the bonds or notes shall be  
4 structured so that the economic benefits thereof shall be relatively  
5 uniform for each full year throughout the term of the bonds or notes.  
6 Beginning with the date of first issuance of bonds under this section,  
7 the authority and its subsidiaries shall make annual payments into the  
8 pension fund in amounts at least equal to the current pension contrib-  
9 ution liability applicable to such year. The net proceeds of the bonds  
10 or notes intended to be invested in non-debt securities may be invested  
11 by the recipient pension fund in a fiscally prudent manner in securities  
12 consistent with any trust indentures and all applicable state and feder-  
13 al law over a reasonable period of time not less than thirty days  
14 following the issuance of the bonds or notes. The operating budget  
15 savings associated with the issuance of pension obligation bonds pursu-  
16 ant to this subdivision shall be dedicated to reducing service elimi-  
17 nations projected to occur within that period.

18 3. The notes, bonds and other obligations shall be authorized by  
19 resolution approved by not less than a majority vote of the whole number  
20 of members of the authority then in office, except that in the event of  
21 a tie vote the chairperson shall cast one additional vote. Such notes,  
22 bonds and other obligations shall bear such date or dates, and shall  
23 mature at such time or times, in the case of any such note or any  
24 renewals thereof not exceeding five years from the date of issue of such  
25 original note, and in the case of any such bond not exceeding fifty  
26 years from the date of issue, as such resolution or resolutions may  
27 provide. The notes, bonds and other obligations shall bear interest at  
28 such rate or rates, be in such denominations, be in such form, either  
29 coupon or registered, carry such registration privileges, be executed in  
30 such manner, be payable in such medium of payment, at such place or  
31 places and be subject to such terms of redemption as such resolution or  
32 resolutions may provide. The notes, bonds and other obligations of the  
33 authority may be sold by the authority, at public or private sale, at  
34 such price or prices as the authority shall determine. No notes or bonds  
35 of the authority may be sold by the authority at private sale, however,  
36 unless such sale and the terms thereof have been approved in writing by  
37 (a) the comptroller, where such sale is not to the comptroller, or (b)  
38 the director of the budget, where such sale is to the comptroller.

39 4. Any resolution or resolutions authorizing any notes, bonds or any  
40 issue thereof, or any other obligations of the authority, may contain  
41 provisions, which shall be a part of the contract with the holders ther-  
42 eof, as to:

43 (a) pledging all or any part of the revenues of the authority or of  
44 any of its subsidiary corporations to secure the payment of the notes or  
45 bonds or of any issue thereof, or any other obligations of the authori-  
46 ty, subject to such applicable agreements with bondholders, noteholders,  
47 or holders of other obligations of the authority and the metropolitan  
48 transportation authority, as may then exist;

49 (b) pledging all or any part of the assets of the authority or of any  
50 of its subsidiary corporations to secure the payment of the notes or  
51 bonds or of any issue of notes or bonds, or any other obligations of the  
52 authority, subject to such agreements with noteholders, bondholders, or  
53 holders of other obligations of the authority as may then exist;

54 (c) the use and disposition of revenues, including fares, tolls,  
55 rentals, rates, charges and other fees, made or received by the authori-  
56 ty, or any of its subsidiary corporations;

1 (d) the setting aside of reserves or sinking funds and the regulation  
2 and disposition thereof;

3 (e) limitations on the purpose to which the proceeds of sale of notes,  
4 bonds or other obligations of the authority may be applied and pledging  
5 such proceeds to secure the payment of the notes or bonds or of any  
6 issue thereof or of other obligations;

7 (f) limitations on the issuance of additional notes, bonds or other  
8 obligations of the authority; the terms upon which additional notes,  
9 bonds or other obligations of the authority may be issued and secured;  
10 the refunding of outstanding or other notes, bonds or other obligations  
11 of the authority;

12 (g) the procedure, if any, by which the terms of any contract with  
13 noteholders, bondholders, or holders of other obligations of the author-  
14 ity, may be amended or abrogated, the amount of notes, bonds or other  
15 obligations of the authority the holders of which shall consent thereto,  
16 and the manner in which such consent may be given;

17 (h) limitations on the amount of monies to be expended by the authori-  
18 ty or any of its subsidiary corporations for operating, administrative  
19 or other expenses of the authority or any of its subsidiary corpo-  
20 rations;

21 (i) vesting in a trustee or trustees such property, rights, powers and  
22 duties in trust as the authority may determine, which may include any or  
23 all of the rights, powers and duties of the trustee appointed by the  
24 bondholders, noteholders or holders of other obligations of the authori-  
25 ty pursuant to this title, and limiting or abrogating the right of the  
26 bondholders, noteholders or holders of other obligations of the authori-  
27 ty to appoint a trustee under this article or limiting the rights,  
28 powers and duties of such trustee;

29 (j) any other matters, of like or different character, which in any  
30 way affect the security or protection of the notes, bonds or other obli-  
31 gations of the authority.

32 5. In addition to the powers herein conferred upon the authority to  
33 secure its notes, bonds and other obligations, the authority shall have  
34 power in connection with the issuance of notes, bonds and other obli-  
35 gations to enter into such agreements as the authority may deem neces-  
36 sary, convenient or desirable concerning the use or disposition of the  
37 monies or property of any of the authority, its subsidiary corporations,  
38 including the mortgaging of any such property and the entrusting, pledg-  
39 ing or creation of any other security interest in any such monies or  
40 property and the doing of any act, including refraining from doing any  
41 act, which the authority would have the right to do in the absence of  
42 such agreements. The authority shall have power to enter into amendments  
43 of any such agreements within the powers granted to the authority by  
44 this title and to perform such agreements. The provisions of any such  
45 agreements may be made a part of the contract with the holders of the  
46 notes, bonds and other obligations of the authority.

47 6. It is the intention hereof that any pledge, mortgage or security  
48 instrument made by the authority shall be valid and binding from the  
49 time when the pledge, mortgage or security instrument is made; that the  
50 monies or property so pledged, mortgaged and entrusted and thereafter  
51 received by the authority, or any of its subsidiary corporations shall  
52 immediately be subject to the lien of such pledge, mortgage or security  
53 instrument without any physical delivery thereof or further act; and  
54 that the lien of any such pledge, mortgage or security instrument shall  
55 be valid and binding as against all parties having claims of any kind in  
56 tort, contract or otherwise against the authority, or any of its subsid-

1 liary corporations, irrespective of whether such parties have notice  
2 thereof. Neither the resolution nor any mortgage, security instrument  
3 or other instrument by which a pledge, mortgage lien or other security  
4 is created need be recorded or filed and neither the authority nor, any  
5 of its subsidiary corporations shall be required to comply with any of  
6 the provisions of the uniform commercial code.

7 7. Neither the members of the authority nor any person executing the  
8 notes, bonds or other obligations shall be liable personally on the  
9 notes, bonds or other obligations or be subject to any personal liabil-  
10 ity or accountability by reason of the issuance thereof.

11 8. The authority, subject to such agreements with the holders of  
12 notes, bonds or other obligations as may then exist, shall have power  
13 out of any funds available therefor to purchase notes, bonds or other  
14 obligations of the authority. The authority may hold, cancel or sell  
15 such bonds, notes and other obligations, subject to and in accordance  
16 with agreements with such holders.

17 9. Neither the state nor the city of New York shall be liable on  
18 notes, bonds or other obligations of the authority and such notes, bonds  
19 and other obligations shall not be a debt of the state or the city of  
20 New York, and such notes, bonds and other obligations shall contain on  
21 the face thereof, or in an equally prominent place, a statement to such  
22 effect.

23 10. So long as the authority has any outstanding bonds, notes or other  
24 obligations issued pursuant to this section, none of the authority or  
25 any of its subsidiary corporations shall have the authority to file a  
26 voluntary petition under chapter nine of the federal bankruptcy code or  
27 such corresponding chapter, chapters or sections as may, from time to  
28 time, be in effect, and neither any public officer nor any organization,  
29 entity or other person shall authorize the authority or any of its  
30 subsidiary corporations to be or become a debtor under chapter nine or  
31 said corresponding chapter, chapters or sections during any such period.

32 11. The term "monies" as used in this section shall include, but not  
33 be limited to, all operating subsidies provided by: (i) any public bene-  
34 fit corporation; or (ii) any governmental entity, federal, state or  
35 local and shall exclude all funds required to be transferred to the  
36 metropolitan transportation authority pursuant to section thirteen  
37 hundred forty-nine-iiii of this title.

38 12. Any resolution or agreement authorizing the issuance of bonds,  
39 notes or other obligations pursuant to this section may, in addition,  
40 authorize and provide for the issuance of lease obligations of the  
41 authority which may be issued for the purposes and on the terms and  
42 conditions under which the bonds, notes and other obligations authorized  
43 under this section may be issued, and may be secured in the same manner  
44 as such bonds, notes and other obligations, and which resolution with  
45 respect to such lease obligations, may contain such other provisions  
46 applicable to bonds, notes and other obligations not inconsistent with  
47 the provisions of this section, as the authority may determine.

48 13. The aggregate principal amount of bonds, notes or other obli-  
49 gations issued after the effective date of this title by the authority  
50 to fund projects contained in capital program plans approved pursuant to  
51 section thirteen hundred forty-nine-yyyy of this title for the new capi-  
52 tal program period shall not exceed the new capital program debt limit.  
53 Such aggregate principal amount of bonds, notes or other obligations or  
54 the expenditure thereof shall not be subject to any limitation contained  
55 in any other provision of law on the principal amount of bonds, notes or  
56 other obligations or the expenditure thereof applicable to the authori-

1 ty. The aggregate limitation established by this subdivision shall not  
2 include:

3 (a) obligations issued to refund, redeem or otherwise repay, including  
4 by purchase or tender, obligations theretofore issued either by the  
5 issuer of such refunding obligations or by the authority;

6 (b) obligations issued to fund any debt service or other reserve funds  
7 for such obligations;

8 (c) obligations issued or incurred to fund the costs of issuance, the  
9 payment of amounts required under bond and note facilities, federal or  
10 other governmental loans, security or credit arrangements or other  
11 agreements related thereto and the payment of other financing, original  
12 issue premiums and related costs associated with such obligations;

13 (d) an amount equal to any original issue discount from the principal  
14 amount of such obligations or to fund capitalized interest;

15 (e) obligations incurred in connection with the leasing, selling or  
16 transferring of equipment; and

17 (f) bond anticipation notes or other obligations payable solely from  
18 the proceeds of other bonds, notes or other obligations which would be  
19 included in the aggregate principal amount specified in the opening  
20 paragraph of this subdivision, whether or not additionally secured by  
21 revenues of the authority, or any of its subsidiary corporations.

22 § 1349-yyy. Capital program plans; approvals; effect of disapproval.

23 1. (a) On or before the first of October next succeeding the effective  
24 date of this section and every fifth year thereafter, the authority  
25 shall submit to the governor a capital program plan for the ten-year  
26 period commencing January first of the following year.

27 (b) Each such plan shall contain the capital program for the railroad  
28 facilities, not including the Staten Island rapid transit operating  
29 authority, under the jurisdiction of the authority.

30 (c) The plan shall set system-wide goals and objectives for capital  
31 spending, establish standards for service and operations, and describe  
32 each capital element proposed to be initiated in each of the years  
33 covered by the plan and explain how each proposed element supports the  
34 achievement of the service and operational standards established in the  
35 plan. The plan shall also set forth an estimate of the amount of capital  
36 funding required each year and the expected sources of such funding.  
37 Each plan subsequent to the first such plan and each proposed amendment  
38 or modification thereof shall also describe the current status of each  
39 capital element included in the previously approved plan, if any. The  
40 plan shall be accompanied or supplemented by such supporting materials  
41 as the governor shall require.

42 (d) A capital element shall mean either a category of expenditure  
43 itemized in a plan, as hereinafter provided, for which a specified maxi-  
44 mum dollar amount is proposed to be expended, or a particularly  
45 described capital project within one or more categories for which no  
46 maximum expenditure is proposed, but for which an estimate of expected  
47 cost is provided. A capital element shall be deemed to have been initi-  
48 ated for purposes of this section if in connection with such element the  
49 authority shall certify that: (i) purchase or construction contracts  
50 have been entered into, obligating in the aggregate an amount exceeding  
51 ten percent of the maximum or estimated cost of the element as set forth  
52 in a plan; (ii) financing specific to the project has been undertaken;  
53 or (iii) in a case where such element is limited to design or engineer-  
54 ing, a contract therefor has been entered into.

55 2. The plan shall itemize the capital elements included in each  
56 section of the plan under the following categories of expenditure: (a)



1 rolling stock and buses; (b) passenger stations; (c) track; (d) line  
2 equipment; (e) line structures; (f) signals and communications; (g)  
3 power equipment, emergency power equipment and substations; (h) shops,  
4 yards, maintenance facilities, depots and terminals; (i) service vehi-  
5 cles; (j) security systems; (k) electrification extensions; and (l)  
6 unspecified, miscellaneous and emergency.

7 3. A capital program plan shall be approved only by resolution of the  
8 authority approved by not less than a majority vote of the whole number  
9 of members of the authority then in office, except that in the event of  
10 a tie vote the chairperson shall cast one additional vote. After  
11 approval, the authority shall submit the plan to the governor, who has  
12 ninety days to approve the plan.

13 4. A copy of any capital program plan that has been approved by the  
14 authority and distributed to the governor shall be simultaneously  
15 provided to the public by the metropolitan commuter authority, via its  
16 official or shared internet website.

17 5. If the governor takes no action within ninety days after receiving  
18 the plan, the plan shall be deemed to have been approved.

19 6. If the governor vetoes the plan, the authority may only override  
20 the veto by unanimous vote.

21 7. If the governor vetoes the plan and the authority does not override  
22 the veto, the authority may thereafter reformulate and resubmit such  
23 plan at any time. Within thirty days of the submission of such reformu-  
24 lated plan, the governor shall notify the authority of its approval, or,  
25 if the reformulated plan is not approved and the governor has not noti-  
26 fied the authority of his or her disapproval within such period, the  
27 reformulated plan shall be deemed to have been approved.

28 8. No general obligation bonds or notes of the authority, no special  
29 obligation bonds or notes of the authority to finance a transit project  
30 shall be issued to finance the costs of a capital element unless such  
31 capital element and such source of funding was set forth in a plan  
32 approved as provided in this section.

33 9. The disapproval of a capital program plan shall not affect: (a) the  
34 right of the authority or of its subsidiaries to initiate and complete  
35 any capital element which will be financed otherwise than through the  
36 issuance of the bonds or notes the issuance of which is prohibited under  
37 subdivision four of this section; (b) the right of the authority to  
38 issue bonds or notes to finance a capital element which was initiated  
39 prior to such disapproval in conformity with a previously approved plan;  
40 or (c) the right of the authority to issue bonds or notes to refund or  
41 otherwise repay any of its outstanding bonds or notes or to fulfill any  
42 of their obligations to the holders of any of their outstanding bonds or  
43 notes.

44 10. Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision eight of this  
45 section, if a source of funding described in an approved plan shall be  
46 unavailable or be available in a lesser amount than that set forth in  
47 such plan, the authority may issue bonds or notes as necessary to  
48 provide the requisite funding for the capital elements included in the  
49 plan to the extent that the aggregate amount of such bonds or notes to  
50 be issued in substitution for such unavailable amounts shall not exceed  
51 the greater of fifty million dollars or twenty percent of the total  
52 amount described in such plan for either the substitute funding source  
53 or the funding source being substituted for.

54 11. (a) The authority may from time to time submit to the governor  
55 amendments or modifications to any ten-year plan theretofore submitted,  
56 and shall submit such an amendment or modification: (i) if the estimated

1 cost of any capital element for which a specified dollar amount was  
2 proposed to be expended exceeds the amount set forth in the approved  
3 plan for such element by more than ten percent; (ii) if with respect to  
4 a particularly described capital element for which only an estimate of  
5 projected cost has been provided in the plan there is a material change  
6 in the description of such element from that contained in the approved  
7 plan; (iii) if a capital element not previously included in the approved  
8 plan is proposed to be undertaken and its cost, together with the cost  
9 of other elements included in category (1) of the plan, exceeds by ten  
10 percent the amount provided for such category (1) elements; (iv) if the  
11 authority shall propose to change by more than one year the time when  
12 any capital element is proposed to be initiated or the effect of such  
13 change will be to increase the estimated amount of capital funding  
14 required in any year covered by the plan by more than twenty percent; or  
15 (v) if the availability of funding sources changes to the degree to  
16 which the authority is precluded from exercising the authorization  
17 provided in subdivision six of this section and the authority wishes to  
18 do so.

19 (b) An amendment or modification may only be approved in two ways: (i)  
20 an amendment or modification shall only be approved by the governor and  
21 within thirty days of the submission of an amendment or modification the  
22 governor shall notify the authority of its approval of the same; or (ii)  
23 if the amendment or modification is not approved by the governor within  
24 such thirty day period and the governor has not notified the authority  
25 in writing of his or her disapproval within such period, the amendment  
26 or modification shall be deemed to have been approved.

27 12. In formulating its capital program plans, the authority shall give  
28 consideration to the physical condition and urgency of need of each of  
29 the several transportation and transit systems involved, to the needs of  
30 all of the communities and areas serviced by these systems, to the  
31 extent to which other capital aid or assistance may be available to each  
32 of these systems, and to the safety, comfort and convenience of its  
33 passengers. In determining the source or method of funding which the  
34 authority is to use to finance the cost of the capital elements included  
35 in its capital program plans, the authority shall, insofar as practica-  
36 ble, give consideration, among other things, to: (a) the potential  
37 impact of each such source or method upon the level of passenger fares;  
38 (b) the relative cost of the several funding alternatives; and (c) the  
39 relative ability of each source or method to provide funding at times  
40 and in amounts estimated to be required by the capital program plan. To  
41 the extent funding is proposed to be obtained through the issuance and  
42 sale of bonds or notes, the authority shall, insofar as practicable and  
43 consistent with the matters set forth in paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) of  
44 this subdivision, give preference to the use of funds appropriated or to  
45 be appropriated to the authority by virtue of service contracts with the  
46 director of the budget entered into pursuant to the provisions of the  
47 transportation systems assistance and financing act of 1981 for purposes  
48 of paying the annual cost of debt service for such bonds or notes.

49 13. On or before the fourth first of October succeeding the effective  
50 date of this subdivision, and on or before October first of every fifth  
51 year thereafter, the authority shall submit to the governor a twenty-  
52 year capital needs assessment. Such assessment shall begin with the  
53 period commencing on the second first of January after such submission,  
54 and begin each assessment with every fifth year thereafter, and describe  
55 capital investments over the succeeding twenty years. Such assessment  
56 shall: (a) set forth broad long-term capital investments to be made

1 throughout the district; and (b) establish a non-binding basis to be  
2 used by the authority in the planning of strategic investments involving  
3 capital elements in its five-year capital plans. Such assessment shall  
4 not require the approval of the governor and shall be for informational  
5 purposes only. For purposes of this section, "broad long-term capital  
6 investments" shall include but not be limited to: system rebuilding,  
7 enhancement, and expansion needs; agency needs broken down by capital  
8 element or investment category; and projected future trends and network  
9 implications. Such assessment shall be certified by the chairperson of  
10 the authority and shall be entered into the permanent record of the  
11 minutes of the review board.

12 § 1349-zzzz. Submission of strategic operation plan. 1. On or before  
13 the first of July next succeeding the effective date of this section,  
14 the authority shall submit to the governor a strategic operation plan  
15 for the commuter railroad services under the jurisdiction of the author-  
16 ity for the five-year period commencing January first of the following  
17 year. The plan may be amended as required but shall be updated at least  
18 annually. The plan shall include, but need not be limited to, the  
19 following:

20 (a) Long-range goals and objectives for the operation of services and  
21 facilities;

22 (b) Planned service and performance standards for each year of the  
23 period covered by the plan; including, in such plan submitted after the  
24 first of July next succeeding the effective date of this section: (i)  
25 standards for determining frequency of service at peak hours and off-  
26 peak hours; (ii) frequency of service at peak and off-peak hours based  
27 on the application of such standards to the current period for bus route  
28 or group of bus routes, and commuter rail lines, divisions or branches  
29 as appropriate; (iii) projected performance for each bus route or group  
30 of bus routes, and commuter rail lines, divisions or branches as appro-  
31 priate as measured by reliability indicators commonly utilized within  
32 the transit industry, including such measures as planned number of vehi-  
33 cles with air conditioning and projected reliability of such equipment,  
34 planned standards for cleanliness of the interior and exterior of commu-  
35 ter rail cars, buses, and passenger stations, and other appropriate  
36 measures of planned performance influencing the quality of services;

37 (c) Level and structure of fares projected for each year of the period  
38 covered by the plan;

39 (d) Estimated operating and capital resources anticipated to be avail-  
40 able from internal sources as well as from federal, state, regional and  
41 local sources;

42 (e) Estimated operating and capital costs to satisfy planned standards  
43 of performance and service;

44 (f) Strategies to improve productivity; control cost growth; integrate  
45 and coordinate the delivery of services provided by the authority as  
46 well as other public and private transportation providers in the service  
47 area;

48 (g) Specific allocation of operating and capital resources by mode and  
49 operation, including funds, personnel, and equipment;

50 (h) Configuration by mode, operation and route of the services to be  
51 provided and the facilities to be operated, identifying major planned  
52 changes in services and routes; and

53 (i) Identification of the operating and capital costs as compared to  
54 the revenues anticipated from system users for the commuter transporta-  
55 tion authority.

1 An analysis of the relationship between specific planned capital  
2 elements contained in approved capital program plans and the achievement  
3 of planned service and performance standards. Such analysis shall  
4 include the relationship of specific planned capital elements to the  
5 achievement of such service and performance standards for each bus route  
6 or group of bus routes, or commuter rail lines, divisions or branches as  
7 appropriate.

8 2. Each annual update of the plan shall include a status report summa-  
9 rizing the extent to which planned service and performance standards  
10 developed for the previous year were achieved, the causes of any failure  
11 to achieve projected standards of service, and corrective measures the  
12 authority intends to take to avoid non-achievement of projected stand-  
13 ards in the next upcoming year.

14 3. The commuter transportation authority shall take into consideration  
15 any petitions from local officials for improved services, including how  
16 these service improvements relate to the service and performance stand-  
17 ards described in this section, and shall consult with appropriate local  
18 officials in its preparation and periodic updates to the operation plan.

19 § 1349-aaaaa. Financial and operational reports. The authority shall  
20 submit to the governor, the temporary president of the senate and the  
21 speaker of the assembly, no later than thirty days following the  
22 submission of the annual independent audit report pursuant to section  
23 twenty-eight hundred two of this chapter, a complete detailed report or  
24 reports setting forth, to the extent such matters are not fully  
25 addressed in the annual independent audit report, the following:

26 1. its financial reports, including, but not limited to:  
27 (a) audited financials in accordance with all applicable regulations  
28 and following generally accepted accounting principles as defined in  
29 subdivision ten of section two of the state finance law;  
30 (b) grant and subsidy programs;  
31 (c) operating and financial risks;  
32 (d) current ratings of its bonds issued by recognized municipal bond  
33 rating agencies and notice changes in such ratings; and  
34 (e) long-term liabilities, including leases and employee benefit  
35 plans; and

36 2. an assessment of the effectiveness of its internal control struc-  
37 ture and procedures, including, but not limited to:

38 (a) descriptions of the authority and its major units and subsid-  
39 iaries;

40 (b) the number of employees, and minority and women employees, for  
41 each;

42 (c) an organizational chart;

43 (d) its charter, if any and by-laws;

44 (e) the extent of participation by minority and women-owned enter-  
45 prises in authority contracts and services in accordance with article  
46 fifteen-A of the executive law; and

47 (f) a listing of material changes in internal operations and programs  
48 during the reporting year.

49 § 1349-bbbbbb. Mission statement and measurement report. 1. The  
50 authority shall submit to the governor, the temporary president of the  
51 senate and the speaker of the assembly, on or before the thirty-first of  
52 October next succeeding the effective date of this section, a proposed  
53 authority mission statement and proposed measurements. The proposed  
54 mission statement and proposed measurements shall have the following  
55 components: (a) a brief mission statement expressing the purpose and  
56 goals of the authority; (b) a description of the stakeholders of the

1 authority and their reasonable expectations from the authority, which  
2 stakeholders shall include at a minimum: (i) the residents and taxpayers  
3 of the area of the state served by the authority; (ii) the persons that  
4 use the services provided by the authority; and (iii) the employees of  
5 the authority and any employee organization; (c) the goals of the  
6 authority in response to the needs of each group of stakeholders; and  
7 (d) a list of measures by which performance of the authority and the  
8 achievement of its goals may be evaluated.

9 2. The authority shall thereafter reexamine its mission statement and  
10 measurements on an annual basis, and publish on its website self evalu-  
11 ations based on the stated measures.

12 § 1349-cccc. Requirements for certain authority contracts and related  
13 subcontracts. 1. Any contractor or subcontractor subject to the posting  
14 requirements of paragraph a of subdivision three-a of section two  
15 hundred twenty of the labor law with respect to a public works contract  
16 of the authority shall:

17 (a) post information conforming to the provisions of subdivision two  
18 of this section in one or more conspicuous places at each major work-  
19 place site where persons who perform work on the contract or subcon-  
20 tract, including management, are most likely to see such postings;  
21 provided that, this requirement may be satisfied by the displaying of  
22 such information with other notices that inform persons of rights under  
23 federal or state laws or rules, human resource policies, or collective  
24 bargaining agreements;

25 (b) post information conforming to the provisions of subdivision two  
26 of this section on an internet and intranet website, if any, of that  
27 person or business organization; provided that, this requirement may be  
28 satisfied by providing on such website a conspicuous hyperlink to the  
29 authority website maintained pursuant to subdivision three of this  
30 section, which hyperlink shall be labeled "Protections for Reporting  
31 Fraud in New York";

32 (c) distribute information specified in subdivision two of this  
33 section to those persons, including employees and managers, who perform  
34 work on the contract; provided that, this requirement may be satisfied  
35 by distributing such information in an employee handbook or through a  
36 specific electronic communication containing the information to a known  
37 electronic mail address maintained by the person; and

38 (d) comply with the provisions of this subdivision, and provide to the  
39 authority satisfactory evidence of such compliance, within ninety days.

40 2. The disclosures required by subdivision one of this section shall:

41 (a) provide the telephone numbers and addresses to report information  
42 of fraud or other illegal activity to the appropriate officers of the  
43 inspector general of the authority and the attorney general of the  
44 state;

45 (b) describe in detail conduct prohibited by section one hundred  
46 eighty-nine of the state finance law, and the role of that act in  
47 preventing and detecting fraud and abuse in work paid for by the author-  
48 ity or with funds originating from the authority;

49 (c) notify prospective qui tam plaintiffs on how to file a qui tam  
50 action, including the necessity to contact private counsel skilled in  
51 filing such actions and of the potential for cash rewards in such  
52 actions based on the percentage of the funds recovered by the govern-  
53 ment; and

54 (d) describe prohibitions on employer retaliation against persons who  
55 file or assist actions under article thirteen of the state finance law,  
56 the New York false claims act, pursuant to section one hundred ninety-



1 one of the state finance law, or who report illegal conduct that threat-  
2 ens the health or safety of the public pursuant to section seven hundred  
3 forty of the labor law.

4 3. No later than forty-five days after the effective date of this  
5 section, the authority shall establish and continuously maintain on its  
6 public website and its intranet site a page that shall provide the  
7 information specified in subdivision two of this section, and that shall  
8 also provide sample statements, displays and other materials suitable  
9 for insertion in employee handbooks or posting at workplaces or on  
10 websites that would satisfy the disclosure requirements of this section.

11 4. The authority shall not enter into any contract described in subdi-  
12 vision one of this section that does not incorporate the terms of this  
13 section.

14 5. Material compliance by a covered person or business organization  
15 that has contracted with the authority under a contract that incorpo-  
16 rates the terms of this section shall be a material condition of payment  
17 for the provision of goods or services.

18 6. The authority is authorized to adopt such rules and regulations as  
19 are necessary to effect the purposes of this section.

20 § 1349-ddddd. Reserve funds and appropriations. The authority may  
21 create and establish one or more reserve funds in accordance with agree-  
22 ments with bondholders, noteholders or the holders of other obligations  
23 of the authority and may pay into such reserve funds: (a) any monies  
24 appropriated and made available by the state for the purposes of such  
25 funds; (b) any proceeds of sale of notes, bonds or other obligations to  
26 the extent provided in the resolution of the authority authorizing the  
27 issuance thereof; and (c) any other monies which may be made available  
28 to the authority for the purpose of such funds from any other source or  
29 sources. In lieu thereof, the authority may provide for the deposit  
30 therein of, or substitute for monies on deposit therein, a liquidity or  
31 credit facility, surety bond or other similar agreement.

32 § 1349-eeeeee. Consolidated financings. 1. Notwithstanding any incon-  
33 sistent provisions of this or any other law, general, special or local,  
34 the authority may issue its notes, bonds and other obligations to  
35 finance transportation facilities utilizing a consolidated pledge of all  
36 or any portion of the revenues and other monies and assets of the  
37 authority and its subsidiaries, together with those other sources of  
38 payment described in this section. In connection therewith, at its  
39 discretion, the authority, subject to the rights of the holders of  
40 notes, bonds or other obligations of the authority, and the metropolitan  
41 transportation authority, may deposit or cause to be deposited into one  
42 or more funds and accounts: (a) all or any portion of the revenues,  
43 other monies and assets received by the authority and its subsidiaries;  
44 (b) all or any portion of the amounts from the operating and capital  
45 costs account of the metropolitan transportation authority dedicated tax  
46 fund required to be distributed to the authority under the provisions of  
47 section twelve hundred seventy-c of this article; (c) all or any portion  
48 of the available monies in the commuter railroad account of the metro-  
49 politan transportation authority special assistance fund established  
50 under the provisions of section twelve hundred seventy-a of this article  
51 available for payment of operating and capital costs of the Long Island  
52 Rail Road company and the Metro-North Commuter Railroad Company as  
53 provided in subdivision three of section twelve hundred seventy-a of  
54 this article; and (d) any other monies of the authority and its subsid-  
55 aries from any source whatsoever.

2. Amounts so deposited in such funds or accounts may be: (a) pledged by the authority to secure, and be applied to, the payment of its bonds, notes or other obligations issued to finance transportation facilities undertaken for the authority and its subsidiaries; and (b) used for payment of operating costs, and capital costs, including debt service, reserve requirements, if any, the payment of amounts required under bonds, notes or other financing facilities or agreements, and the payment of all costs related to such obligations, of or for the authority and its subsidiaries as the authority in its full discretion shall determine. To the extent moneys so deposited have been pledged by the authority to secure and pay its bonds, notes or other obligations as herein provided, such moneys shall first be applied to satisfy the requirements of any debt service or reserve requirements of the resolution or resolutions or other contractual arrangements authorizing such bonds, notes or other obligations. After satisfaction of such requirements of any such resolution, resolutions, or other contractual arrangements or if the authority has not so pledged such moneys, such moneys so deposited, subject to the provisions of any other resolutions or contractual arrangements of the authority applicable provisions of law, may be transferred to or for the benefit of the authority and its subsidiaries. Revenues and other monies of the authority and its subsidiaries which are deposited in the funds or accounts authorized by this section, as reduced by any application of such revenues or monies to the payment of debt service, reserve requirements, if any, and other costs attributable to the funding of the capital costs of such entity, shall be allocated, credited and distributed to such source entity. Any other revenues or monies which are deposited in the funds or accounts authorized by this section which are required by law to be allocated or paid to the authority or its subsidiaries shall be allocated or paid to the entity to which it is required to be allocated or paid by law after reduction by an amount equal to the portion thereof applied to the payment of debt service, reserve requirements, if any, and other costs attributable to the funding of the capital costs of such entity. In determining the amount of debt service, reserve requirements, if any, and other costs attributable to the authority and its subsidiaries the authority shall make such calculation based upon the percentage of the proceeds of the bonds, notes and other obligations expended for the capital costs attributable to each such entity. The authority may utilize any interim allocation of such distributions, provided that within ninety days after the end of each calendar year, the authority shall certify to the director of the budget, the chairperson of the senate finance committee and the chairperson of the assembly ways and means committee, that the aggregate amount of monies transferred to each of the authority and its subsidiaries in respect of such calendar year, taking into account any interagency repayments or reimbursements anticipated to be made in the next succeeding calendar year, is not less than the amounts required to be paid or transferred to such entities.

§ 1349-fffff. Regulation of certain authority expenditures. The authority shall implement policies as appropriate to minimize unwarranted expenses and to protect against abuses in connection with: (a) the granting of any privileges or benefits having financial value, other than wage payments or expense reimbursements, to members or staff of the authority, or any subsidiary or other authority created by the authority; and (b) the full-time and part-time assignment and use of automobiles owned or leased by the authority, or any subsidiary or other authority created by the authority, and the use by authority employees

1 and board members of livery vehicles, as defined in section one hundred  
2 twenty-one-e of the vehicle and traffic law.

3 § 1349-ggggg. Agreement of the state. The state does hereby pledge to  
4 and agree with the authority and its subsidiaries, and the holders of  
5 any notes, bonds or other obligations, including lease obligations,  
6 issued or incurred under this title, that the state will not limit or  
7 alter the denial of authority under subdivision nine of section thirteen  
8 hundred forty-nine-xxxx of this title, or the rights and powers vested  
9 in the authority and its subsidiaries, by this title to fulfill the  
10 terms of any agreements made by any of them with the holders thereof, or  
11 in any way impair the rights and remedies of such holders until such  
12 notes, bonds or other obligations, including lease obligations, together  
13 with the interest thereon, with interest on any unpaid installments of  
14 interest, and all costs and expenses for which the authority or its  
15 subsidiaries is liable in connection with any action or proceeding by or  
16 on behalf of such holders, are fully met and discharged. The authority  
17 and its subsidiaries are each authorized to include this pledge and  
18 agreement of the state in any agreement with the holders of such notes,  
19 bonds or other obligations, including lease obligations.

20 § 1349-hhhhh. Right of state to require redemption of bonds. Notwith-  
21 standing and in addition to any provisions for the redemption of bonds  
22 which may be contained in any contract with the holders of the bonds,  
23 the state may, upon furnishing sufficient funds therefor, require the  
24 authority to redeem, prior to maturity, as a whole, any issue of bonds  
25 on any interest payment date not less than twenty years after the date  
26 of the bonds of such issue at one hundred five per centum of their face  
27 value and accrued interest or at such lower redemption price as may be  
28 provided in the bonds in case of the redemption thereof as a whole on  
29 the redemption date. Notice of such redemption shall be published in at  
30 least two newspapers publishing and circulating respectively in the  
31 cities of Albany and New York at least twice, the first publication to  
32 be at least thirty days before the date of redemption.

33 § 1349-iiii. Remedies of noteholders and bondholders. 1. In the  
34 event that the authority shall default in the payment of principal of or  
35 interest on any issue of notes or bonds after the same shall become due,  
36 whether at maturity or upon call for redemption, and such default shall  
37 continue for a period of thirty days, or in the event that the authority  
38 shall fail or refuse to comply with the provisions of this title or  
39 shall default in any agreement made with the holders of any issue of  
40 notes or bonds, the holders of twenty-five per centum in aggregate prin-  
41 cipal amount of the notes or bonds of such issue then outstanding, by  
42 instrument or instruments filed in the office of the clerk of any county  
43 in which the authority operates and has an office and proved or acknowl-  
44 edged in the same manner as a deed to be recorded, may appoint a trustee  
45 to represent the holders of such notes or bonds for the purposes herein  
46 provided.

47 2. Such trustee may, and upon written request of the holders of twen-  
48 ty-five per centum in principal amount of such notes or bonds then  
49 outstanding shall, in his or her own name:

50 (a) by suit, action or proceeding in accordance with the civil prac-  
51 tice law and rules, enforce all rights of the noteholders or bondhold-  
52 ers, including the right to require the authority to collect fares,  
53 tolls, rentals, rates, charges and other fees adequate to carry out any  
54 agreement as to, or pledge of, such fares, tolls, rentals, rates, charg-  
55 es and other fees and to require the authority to carry out any other

1 agreements with the holders of such notes or bonds and to perform its  
2 duties under this title;

3 (b) bring suit upon such notes or bonds;

4 (c) by action or suit, require the authority to account as if it were  
5 the trustee of an express trust for the holders of such notes or bonds;

6 (d) by action or suit, enjoin any acts or things which may be unlawful  
7 or in violation of the rights of the holders of such notes or bonds;  
8 and/or

9 (e) declare all such notes or bonds due and payable, and if all  
10 defaults shall be made good, then, with the consent of the holders of  
11 twenty-five per centum of the principal amount of such notes or bonds  
12 then outstanding, to annul such declaration and its consequences.

13 3. Such trustee shall in addition to the foregoing have and possess  
14 all of the powers necessary or appropriate for the exercise of any func-  
15 tions specifically set forth herein or incident to the general represen-  
16 tation of bondholders or noteholders in the enforcement and protection  
17 of their rights.

18 4. The supreme court shall have jurisdiction of any suit, action or  
19 proceeding by the trustee on behalf of such noteholders or bondholders.  
20 The venue of any such suit, action or proceeding shall be laid in the  
21 county in which the instrument or instruments are filed in accordance  
22 with subdivision one of this section.

23 5. Before declaring the principal of notes or bonds due and payable,  
24 the trustee shall first give thirty days' notice in writing to the  
25 governor, to the authority, to the comptroller and to the attorney  
26 general of the state.

27 § 1349-jjjjj. Notes and bonds as legal investment. The notes and bonds  
28 of the authority are hereby made securities in which all public officers  
29 and bodies of the state and all municipalities and political subdivi-  
30 sions, all insurance companies and associations and other persons carry-  
31 ing on an insurance business, all banks, bankers, trust companies,  
32 savings banks and savings associations, including savings and loan asso-  
33 ciations, building and loan associations, investment companies and other  
34 persons carrying on a banking business, all administrators, guardians,  
35 executors, trustees and other fiduciaries, and all other persons whatso-  
36 ever who are now or who may hereafter be authorized to invest in bonds  
37 or other obligations of the state, may properly and legally invest funds  
38 including capital in their control or belonging to them. Notwithstand-  
39 ing any other provisions of law, the bonds of the authority are also  
40 hereby made securities which may be deposited with and shall be received  
41 by all public officers and bodies of this state and all municipalities  
42 and political subdivisions for any purpose for which the deposit of  
43 bonds or other obligations of the state is now or may hereafter be  
44 authorized.

45 § 1349-kkkkk. Exemption from taxation. It is hereby found, determined  
46 and declared that the creation of the authority and the carrying out of  
47 its purposes is in all respects for the benefit of the people of the  
48 state of New York and for the improvement of their health, welfare and  
49 prosperity and is a public purpose, and that the authority will be  
50 performing an essential governmental function in the exercise of the  
51 powers conferred upon it by this title. Without limiting the generality  
52 of the following provisions of this section, property owned by the  
53 authority, property leased by the authority and used for transportation  
54 purposes, and property used for transportation purposes by or for the  
55 benefit of the authority exclusively pursuant to the provisions of a  
56 joint service arrangement or of a joint facilities agreement or trackage

rights agreement shall all be exempt from taxation and special ad valorem levies. The authority shall be required to pay no fees, taxes or assessments, whether state or local, including but not limited to fees, taxes or assessments on real estate, franchise taxes, sales taxes or other excise taxes, upon any of its property, or upon the use thereof, or upon its activities in the operation and maintenance of its facilities or on any fares, tolls, rentals, rates, charges or other fees, revenues or other income received by the authority and the bonds of the authority and the income therefrom shall at all times be exempt from taxation, except for gift and estate taxes and taxes on transfers. This section shall constitute a covenant and agreement with the holders of all bonds issued by the authority. The terms "taxation" and "special ad valorem levy" shall have the same meanings as defined in section one hundred two of the real property tax law and the term "transportation purposes" shall have the same meaning as used in titles two-A and two-B of article four of such law.

§ 1349-lllll. Actions against the authority. 1. As a condition to the consent of the state to such suits against the authority, in every action against the authority for damages, for injuries to real or personal property or for the destruction thereof, or for personal injuries or death, the complaint shall contain an allegation that at least thirty days have elapsed since the demand, claim or claims upon which such action is founded were presented to a member of the authority or other officer designated for such purpose and that the authority has neglected or refused to make an adjustment or payment thereof.

2. An action against the authority founded on tort, except an action for wrongful death, shall not be commenced more than one year and ninety days after the cause of action therefor shall have accrued, nor unless a notice of claim shall have been served on the authority within the time limited by and in compliance with all the requirements of section fifty-e of the general municipal law. An action against the authority for wrongful death shall be commenced in accordance with the notice of claim and time limitation provisions of title eleven of article nine of this chapter.

3. The authority shall be liable, and shall assume the liability to the extent that it shall save harmless any duly appointed officer or employee of the authority, for the negligence of such officer or employee, in the operation of a vehicle or other facility of transportation owned or otherwise under the jurisdiction and control of the authority in the discharge of a duty imposed upon such officer or employee at the time of the accident, injury or damages complained of, while otherwise acting in the performance of his or her duties and within the scope of his employment.

4. The authority may require any person, presenting for settlement an account or claim for any cause whatever against the authority, to be sworn before a member, counsel or an attorney, officer or employee of the authority designated for such purpose, concerning such account or claim and when so sworn to answer orally as to any facts relative to such account or claim. The authority shall have power to settle or adjust all claims in favor of or against the authority.

5. The rate of interest to be paid by the authority upon any judgment for which it is liable shall not exceed four per centum per annum.

6. The provisions of this section which relate to the requirement for service of a notice of claim shall not apply to a subsidiary corporation of the authority. In all other respects, each subsidiary corporation of the authority shall be subject to the provisions of this section as if



1 such subsidiary corporation were separately named herein, provided,  
2 however, that a subsidiary corporation of the authority which is a stock  
3 corporation shall not be subject to the provisions of this section  
4 except with respect to those causes of action arising on and after the  
5 first day of the twelfth calendar month following that calendar month in  
6 which such stock corporation becomes a subsidiary corporation of the  
7 authority.

8 § 1349-~~nnnnnn~~. Annual audit of the authority. 1. The comptroller shall  
9 conduct an annual audit of the books and records of the authority and  
10 its subsidiary corporations. Such audit shall include a complete and  
11 thorough examination of such authority's receipts, disbursements, reven-  
12 ues and expenses during the prior fiscal year in accordance with the  
13 categories or classifications established by such authority for its own  
14 operating and capital outlay purposes; assets and liabilities at the end  
15 of its last fiscal year including the status of reserve, depreciation,  
16 special or other funds and including the receipts and payments of these  
17 funds; schedule of bonds and notes outstanding at the end of its fiscal  
18 year and their redemption dates, together with a statement of the  
19 amounts redeemed and incurred during such fiscal year; operations, debt  
20 service and capital construction during the prior fiscal year.

21 2. The comptroller, upon completion of such audit, shall within sixty  
22 days thereafter, report to the governor and the legislature his or her  
23 findings, conclusions and recommendations thereof.

24 § 1349-~~nnnnn~~. Authority budget and financial plan. 1. In addition to  
25 the requirements of section twenty-eight hundred two of this chapter,  
26 each authority budget and plan shall be posted on its website and shall:  
27 (a) present information relating to the authority and each of its agen-  
28 cies in a clear and consistent manner and format; (b) be prepared in  
29 accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, except as  
30 otherwise consented to by the comptroller upon good cause shown; (c) be  
31 based on reasonable assumptions and methods of estimation; (d) include  
32 estimates of projected operating revenues and expenses; (e) identify any  
33 planned transaction that would shift resources, from any source, from  
34 one fiscal year to another, and the amount of any reserves; and (f)  
35 contain a summary in plain English of the principal information in the  
36 budget and conclusions to be drawn from it.

37 2. The authority shall prepare and make available for public  
38 inspection on its website information that details the sources of data  
39 and the assumptions and methods of estimation used to calculate all  
40 operating and capital budget projections, consistent with generally  
41 accepted budgetary practices.

42 3. The authority shall establish at least annually the quarterly  
43 revenue and expense targets for the authority, and for each subsidiary  
44 or other authority created by the authority itself and for which it  
45 reports financial data.

46 4. The authority shall prepare and make available for public  
47 inspection on its website: (a) within sixty days of the release of the  
48 adopted budget and any updates to the budget, except updates released  
49 within ninety days of the close of the fiscal year, monthly projections  
50 for the current fiscal year of all revenues and expenses, staffing for  
51 the authority and each of its agencies, and utilization for each of the  
52 authority's agencies that operate transportation systems, including  
53 bridges and tunnels; (b) within sixty days after the close of each quar-  
54 ter, a comparison of actual revenues and expenses, actual staffing and  
55 actual utilization to planned or projected levels for each of the  
56 authority's agencies that operate transportation systems, including

1 bridges and tunnels, with an explanation of each material variance and  
2 its budgetary impact; and (c) within ninety days after the close of each  
3 quarter, the status of each gap-closing initiative with a projected  
4 value greater than one million dollars in any given fiscal year; the  
5 status of capital projects by capital element, including but not limited  
6 to commitments, expenditures and completions; and an explanation of  
7 material variances from the plan, cost overruns and delays.

8 5. Financial information required to be submitted by the authority  
9 pursuant to paragraphs (d) and (e) of subdivision one of section thir-  
10 teen hundred forty-nine-aaaaa of this title shall be presented in a  
11 format consistent with the budget and plan, in downloadable, searchable  
12 format.

13 § 1349-ooooo. Independent audit of the authority. The independent  
14 auditor retained by the authority shall not provide to the authority,  
15 contemporaneously with the audit unless it shall have previously  
16 received written approval by the audit committee any non-audit service,  
17 including:

- 18 1. routine bookkeeping or other services;
- 19 2. financial information systems design and implementation;
- 20 3. appraisal or valuation services, fairness opinions, or contribu-  
21 tion-in-kind reports;
- 22 4. actuarial services;
- 23 5. outsourcing services;
- 24 6. authority management functions or human resources;
- 25 7. broker or dealer, investment advisor or investment banking  
26 services;
- 27 8. legal services and expert services unrelated to the audit.

28 § 1349-ppppp. Independent audit by the legislature. After the  
29 submission of the annual independent audit report to the legislature  
30 pursuant to section twenty-eight hundred two of this chapter, and after  
31 review of such report, the temporary president of the senate and the  
32 speaker of the assembly may commission an auditing firm, every two  
33 years, to conduct an independent audit of the authority, including its  
34 subsidiaries. The temporary president of the senate and the speaker of  
35 the assembly shall set the scope of such audit, and determine the terms  
36 of the request for proposal for such audit. Such audit shall be  
37 performed for the second year after the effective date of this section.  
38 The authority shall fully cooperate with and assist in such an audit.

39 § 1349-gqqqq. Reporting. The authority shall post on its website on or  
40 before the first of May, the law firms retained by the authority which  
41 in the past year received payment for services in such year.

42 § 1349-rrrrr. Station operation and maintenance. 1. (a) The operation,  
43 maintenance and use of passenger stations shall be public purposes of  
44 the city of New York and the counties within the district. The total  
45 cost to the authority and each of its subsidiary corporations of opera-  
46 tion, maintenance and use of each passenger station within the district  
47 served by one or more railroad facilities of the authority or of such  
48 subsidiary corporation, including the buildings, appurtenances, plat-  
49 forms, lands and approaches incidental or adjacent thereto, shall be  
50 borne by the city of New York if such station is located in such city  
51 or, if not located in such city, by such county within the district in  
52 which such station is located. On or before June first of each year, the  
53 authority shall, in accordance with the method specified herein, deter-  
54 mine and certify to the city of New York and to each county within the  
55 district the respective allocation of costs related to the operation,  
56 maintenance and use of passenger stations within such city and each such

other county, for the twelve-month period ending the preceding March thirty-first.

(i) The total payment amount to be billed by the authority for the operation, maintenance and use of each passenger station within the city of New York and the counties of Nassau, Suffolk, Westchester, Dutchess, Putnam, Orange, and Rockland shall be calculated by summing the total amount listed in the base amount table plus an adjustment to such base year amount equal to the base amount times the increase or decrease in the Consumer Price Index for Wage Earners and Clerical Workers for the New York, Northeastern-New Jersey Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area for the twelve-month period being billed.

#### BASE AMOUNT TABLE

| <u>County</u>           | <u>Base Amount</u>  |
|-------------------------|---------------------|
| <u>Nassau</u>           | <u>\$19,200,000</u> |
| <u>Suffolk</u>          | <u>\$11,834,091</u> |
| <u>Westchester</u>      | <u>\$13,269,310</u> |
| <u>Dutchess</u>         | <u>\$1,581,880</u>  |
| <u>Putnam</u>           | <u>\$618,619</u>    |
| <u>Orange</u>           | <u>\$327,247</u>    |
| <u>Rockland</u>         | <u>\$34,791</u>     |
| <u>City of New York</u> | <u>\$61,435,330</u> |

(ii) For each year thereafter, such total payment for each such county shall be the same amount as the total payment during the immediately prior year, plus an adjustment equal to the prior year amount times the increase or decrease in the Consumer Price Index for Wage Earners and Clerical Workers for the New York, Northeastern-New Jersey Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area for the twelve-month period being billed.

(b) On or before the following September first, of each year, such city and each such county shall pay to the authority such cost or amount so certified to it on or before the preceding June first. Such city and each such county shall have power to finance such costs to it by the issuance of budget notes pursuant to section 29.00 of the local finance law. Each year, the authority, the city of New York and the counties of Nassau, Suffolk, Westchester, Dutchess, Putnam, Orange, and Rockland may, after having reached an agreement, recommend to the legislature modifications to the amounts set forth in this section based upon changes made to commuter services including but not limited to changes in the number of passenger stations within such counties or the level of commuter rail service provided to any such passenger stations. Failure between the authority and between the counties to reach agreement will be referred to the state comptroller for mediation. If the mediation is unsuccessful, each party and the state comptroller may submit a recommendation to the governor and the legislature for legislative action.

(c) In the event that a city or county shall fail to make payment to the authority for station maintenance as required pursuant to this section, or any part thereof, the chief executive officer of the authority or such other person as the chairperson shall designate shall certify to the state comptroller the amount due and owing the authority at the end of the state fiscal year and the state comptroller shall withhold an equivalent amount from the next succeeding state aid allocated to such county or city from the motor fuel tax and the motor vehicle registration fee distributed pursuant to former section one hundred

1 twelve of the highway law, or amounts distributed pursuant to section  
2 ten-c of the highway law, or per capita local assistance pursuant to  
3 section fifty-four of the state finance law subject to the following  
4 limitations: (i) prior to withholding amounts due the authority from  
5 such county or city, the comptroller shall pay in full any amount due  
6 the state of New York municipal bond bank agency, on account of any such  
7 county's or city's obligation to such agency; the city university  
8 construction fund pursuant to the provisions of the city university  
9 construction fund act; the New York city housing development corpo-  
10 ration, pursuant to the provisions of the New York city housing develop-  
11 ment corporation act, article twelve of the private housing finance law;  
12 and (ii) the transit construction fund pursuant to the provisions of  
13 title nine-A of this article. The comptroller shall give the director of  
14 the budget notification of any such payment. Such amount or amounts so  
15 withheld by the comptroller shall be paid to the authority and the  
16 authority shall use such amount for the repayment of the state advances  
17 hereby authorized. When such amount or amounts are received by the  
18 authority, it shall credit such amounts against any amounts due and  
19 owing by the city or county on whose account such amount was withheld  
20 and paid.

21 2. A public hearing or hearings shall be held at least thirty days  
22 prior to the closure of any transportation facility due to construction,  
23 improvement, reconstruction or rehabilitation where such facility will  
24 be out-of-service for ninety days or longer. Public hearings required by  
25 this subdivision shall be held at one or more locations conveniently  
26 accessible to the persons who would be affected by such closure.

27 § 1349-sssss. Transfer and receipt of surplus funds. Notwithstanding  
28 any provision of this title or any other provision of law, general,  
29 special or local, the authority may from time to time transfer and pay  
30 over to the New York city transit authority or the Triborough bridge and  
31 tunnel authority all or any part of its surplus funds and may accept and  
32 use any monies transferred and paid over to it by the New York city  
33 transit authority or the Triborough bridge and tunnel authority.

34 § 1349-ttttt. Title not affected if in part unconstitutional or inef-  
35 fective. If any provision of any section of this title or the applica-  
36 tion thereof to any person or circumstance shall be adjudged invalid by  
37 a court of competent jurisdiction, such order or judgment shall be  
38 confined in its operation to the controversy in which it was rendered,  
39 and shall not affect or invalidate the remainder of any provision of any  
40 section of this title or the application of any part thereof to any  
41 other person or circumstance and to this end the provisions of each  
42 section of this title are hereby declared to be severable.

43 § 1349-uuuuu. Commuter transportation authority inspector general. 1.  
44 There is hereby created in the commuter transportation authority an  
45 office of commuter transportation authority inspector general. The  
46 inspector general shall be appointed by the governor with the advice and  
47 consent of the senate. The inspector general shall, prior to his or her  
48 appointment, have had at least ten years experience in the management of  
49 transportation services, in auditing and investigation of governmental  
50 operations, or in services related to management and productivity  
51 improvement. The term of office of the inspector general shall be five  
52 years from the effective date of appointment, and he or she shall serve  
53 at the pleasure of the governor. The salary of the inspector general  
54 shall be determined by the authority board.

55 2. The inspector general shall annually submit to the board of the  
56 commuter transportation authority a budget request for the operation of

1 the office. If the board disapproves any portion of such request and the  
2 commissioner of transportation determines such disapproval to be unrea-  
3 sonable, such commissioner shall withhold from payments due such author-  
4 ity, the amount so determined to be unreasonable and transfer such  
5 amount to the office of the commuter transportation authority inspector  
6 general.

7 3. The inspector general shall have full and unrestricted access to  
8 all records, information, data, reports, plans, projections, matters,  
9 contracts, memoranda, correspondence and any other materials of the  
10 authority and its subsidiaries, the Long Island Rail Road, Metro-North  
11 Railroad, and metropolitan suburban bus authority, or any other agency  
12 that may come under the control of the authority, or within their custo-  
13 dy or control.

14 4. The inspector general, notwithstanding the provisions of title nine  
15 of this article and this title, and of title three of article three of  
16 this chapter, shall have the following functions, powers and duties:

17 (a) to receive and investigate complaints from any source or upon his  
18 or her own initiative concerning alleged abuses, frauds and service  
19 deficiencies, including deficiencies in the maintenance and operation of  
20 facilities, relating to the authority and its subsidiaries;

21 (b) to initiate such reviews as he or she may deem appropriate of the  
22 operations of the authority and its subsidiaries, in order to identify  
23 areas in which performance might be improved and available funds used  
24 more effectively;

25 (c) to recommend remedial actions to be taken by the authority and its  
26 subsidiaries, to overcome or correct operating or maintenance deficien-  
27 cies and inefficiencies that he or she determines to exist;

28 (d) to make available to appropriate law enforcement officials infor-  
29 mation and evidence which relate to criminal acts that he or she may  
30 obtain in carrying out his or her duties;

31 (e) to subpoena witnesses, administer oaths or affirmations, take  
32 testimony and compel the production of such books, papers, records and  
33 documents as he or she may deem to be relevant to any inquiry or inves-  
34 tigation undertaken pursuant to this section and to delegate such powers  
35 to a duly authorized deputy inspector general;

36 (f) to monitor the implementation by the authority and its subsid-  
37 aries of recommendations made by the inspector general or other audit  
38 agencies; and

39 (g) to do all things necessary to carry out the functions, powers and  
40 duties set forth in this section.

41 5. The inspector general shall cooperate, consult and coordinate with  
42 the state public transportation safety board with regard to any activity  
43 concerning the operations of the commuter transportation authority. With  
44 respect to any accident on the facilities of the commuter transportation  
45 authority, the primary responsibility for investigation shall be that of  
46 the board which shall share its findings with the commuter transporta-  
47 tion authority inspector general.

48 6. The inspector general shall make annual public reports on his or  
49 her findings and recommendations. Such a report shall be filed in the  
50 office of the governor and with the legislature on or before the first  
51 of February for the preceding year. The commuter transportation authori-  
52 ty and its applicable constituent agencies shall prepare a response to  
53 the annual report and to any and all other final reports made by the  
54 inspector general within thirty days of receipt, which time may be  
55 extended by the inspector general in his or her discretion, indicating  
56 whether such authority intends to implement the recommendations in such



1 reports, and, if not, why not. In addition, the commuter transportation  
2 authority and its applicable constituent agencies shall give quarterly  
3 reports to the inspector general outlining the status of each of the  
4 recommendations made by the inspector general in his or her final  
5 reports. Copies of all of these reports shall be sent to the governor,  
6 the temporary president of the senate, the speaker of the assembly, the  
7 chairperson of the senate transportation committee, the chairperson of  
8 the senate finance committee, the chairperson of the assembly corpo-  
9 rations, authorities and commissions committee and the chairperson of  
10 the assembly ways and means committee.

11 7. To effectuate the purposes of this section, the inspector general  
12 may request from any department, board, bureau, commission, office or  
13 other agency of the state, or any of its political subdivisions, such  
14 cooperation, assistance, services and data as will enable him or her to  
15 carry out his or her functions, powers and duties hereunder, and they  
16 are authorized and directed to provide said cooperation, assistance,  
17 services and data.

18 § 1349-vvvvv. Management advisory board. 1. There is hereby created in  
19 the office of the commuter transportation authority inspector general a  
20 management advisory board, consisting of thirteen members appointed by  
21 the governor, of whom two shall be appointed upon nomination by the  
22 temporary president of the senate, two upon nomination by the speaker of  
23 the assembly, one upon nomination by the minority leader of the senate  
24 and one upon nomination by the minority leader of the assembly. All  
25 members shall serve for a term of three years, except that, of the two  
26 members first appointed upon nomination by the temporary president of  
27 the senate, one shall serve for a term of two years and one shall serve  
28 for a term of one year; of the two members first appointed upon nomi-  
29 nation by the speaker of the assembly, one shall serve for a term of two  
30 years and one shall serve for a term of one year; and, of two of the  
31 members first appointed by the governor without nomination by any other  
32 person, two shall each serve for a term of two years and two shall each  
33 serve for a term of one year. One of the members appointed to the  
34 management advisory board directly by the governor shall be designated  
35 by the governor to serve as its chairperson.

36 2. All members of the management advisory board shall be residents of  
37 the metropolitan transportation district, and shall be persons with  
38 substantial experience in the management of private enterprise, in the  
39 delivery of public services, or in labor or labor-management relations.

40 3. The management advisory board shall assist the commuter transporta-  
41 tion authority inspector general in identifying ways to improve  
42 services, reduce costs and increase the efficiency of the authority and  
43 its subsidiaries.

44 4. No later than the first of April next succeeding the effective date  
45 of this section, and annually thereafter, the management advisory board  
46 shall submit to the governor and the legislature a report on its activ-  
47 ities during the previous year.

48 5. The office of the commuter transportation authority inspector  
49 general shall provide the management advisory board with such staff  
50 support as may be required for the performance of its duties.

51 6. Members of the management advisory board shall serve without  
52 compensation, but shall be reimbursed for expenses reasonably incurred  
53 in the performance of their duties.

54 § 1349-wwwww. Transition-election to withdraw from the metropolitan  
55 commuter transportation district. 1. The counties of Dutchess, Orange  
56 and Rockland shall have an option to withdraw from the metropolitan

1 commuter transportation district and have such withdrawal take effect on  
2 either: (a) The first of January next succeeding the effective date of  
3 this section. If any such county plans to withdraw from the district on  
4 the first of January next succeeding the effective date of this section,  
5 it shall: (i) no later than seventy-five days after the effective date  
6 of this section, furnish the commissioner of transportation, and chair-  
7 person of the authority and the other counties which have an option to  
8 withdraw, a resolution adopted by the county legislature providing  
9 notice of intent to withdraw; (ii) on or before the first of October  
10 next succeeding the effective date of this section, furnish to the  
11 commissioner of transportation, the chairperson of the authority and  
12 other counties which have an option to withdraw, a resolution adopted by  
13 the county legislature providing for a public transportation plan. For  
14 the purposes of this section, a "public transportation plan" shall mean  
15 a plan that maintains adequate and continuous public transportation  
16 services from the withdrawing county to the city of New York or any  
17 terminus previously served, provides a reasonable level of rail passen-  
18 ger service, provides a schedule for implementing such service, protects  
19 the public investment in the rail transportation system and any other  
20 criteria deemed necessary by the commissioner of transportation. Prior  
21 to withdrawal pursuant to this paragraph or paragraph (b) of this subdi-  
22 vision, a county shall receive approval of its public transportation  
23 plan pursuant to paragraph (c) of this subdivision; and (iii) on or  
24 before the first of December next succeeding the effective date of this  
25 section, furnish the commissioner of transportation, a copy of an agree-  
26 ment with the authority or an operator of rail passenger service for the  
27 provision of rail passenger service to and from such county and the city  
28 of New York or any terminus previously served.

29 If a county planning to withdraw on the first of January next succeed-  
30 ing the effective date of this section is unable to withdraw because it  
31 could not meet the requirements of this paragraph, it may elect to with-  
32 draw pursuant to paragraph (b) of this subdivision.

33 (b) The second or third first of January succeeding the effective date  
34 of this section. If any such county plans to withdraw on either the  
35 second or third first of January next succeeding the effective date of  
36 this section, it shall: (i) no later than ninety days after the first of  
37 January of the year immediately preceding the year in which such county  
38 plans to withdraw from the district, furnish the commissioner of trans-  
39 portation, the chairperson of the authority and the other counties which  
40 have an option to withdraw, a resolution adopted by the county legisla-  
41 ture providing notice of intent to withdraw from the district; (ii) no  
42 later than one hundred twenty days after the first of January of the  
43 year immediately preceding the year in which such county plans to with-  
44 draw from the district furnish to the commissioner of transportation,  
45 the chairperson of the authority and the counties which have an option  
46 to withdraw a resolution adopted by the county legislature providing a  
47 public transportation plan as described in this section; and (iii) on or  
48 before October first of the year immediately preceding the year in which  
49 such county plans to withdraw from the district, furnish to the commis-  
50 sioner a copy of an agreement with the authority or an operator of rail  
51 passenger service for the provision of rail passenger service to and  
52 from such county and the city of New York or any terminus previously  
53 served.

54 (c) No later than thirty days after receipt of the public transporta-  
55 tion plan the commissioner of transportation shall, in writing, either  
56 approve such plan as conforming with the requirements heretofore

1 described or disapprove such plan as failing to meet such requirements  
2 and the reasons therefor. Disapproval of a plan shall not prohibit a  
3 county from resubmitting a public transportation plan and such resubmit-  
4 ted plan shall be approved or disapproved no later than fifteen days  
5 after receipt by the commissioner of transportation. The public trans-  
6 portation plan shall be subject to any state or federal public hearing  
7 requirements which the authority would be subject to if the authority  
8 made the changes proposed by such plan.

9 (d) Any such county which plans to withdraw from the district shall  
10 meet the requirements of this section prior to the effective date of  
11 withdrawal, and no withdrawal for the purposes of this section shall  
12 take effect unless such county furnishes the resolutions and agreement  
13 prior to the effective date of withdrawal.

14 2. The authority and any subsidiary corporation of the authority shall  
15 enter into an agreement or agreements with a county that plans to with-  
16 draw from the district to transfer and assign to such county all author-  
17 ity and subsidiary railroad facilities and operations, rights and obli-  
18 gations, and contract rights and obligations, including operating  
19 contract rights and obligations, which are owned, operated, maintained  
20 or used directly or by contract or which are otherwise involved in the  
21 provision of railroad services to such counties. Such agreement shall  
22 provide, in the event a facility, operation, right or obligation is  
23 necessary and material to the provision of rail passenger service in the  
24 district or is not assignable under applicable bond covenants or  
25 contracts or the parties agree that it should not be assigned, that the  
26 authority or subsidiary thereof shall continue to hold and be responsi-  
27 ble for such facility, operation, right or obligation and that such  
28 county shall reimburse to the authority that portion of the cost to the  
29 authority or subsidiary of its retention of such facility, operation,  
30 right or obligation that is allocable to such county. If the parties  
31 agree that the authority or subsidiary thereof shall operate the rail-  
32 road facilities in a county after the effective date of such county's  
33 withdrawal, the agreement also shall provide for the terms and condi-  
34 tions of the operation of such service.

35 3. Within forty-five days of the effective date of this section, the  
36 authority and any subsidiary corporation of the authority shall provide  
37 to the counties of Dutchess, Orange and Rockland a written statement,  
38 including cost estimates and the useful life, if any, of all of its  
39 facilities, operations, rights and obligations relating to the provision  
40 of rail service in such counties.

41 4. The authority and any subsidiary corporation of the authority is  
42 authorized to enter into an agreement or agreements with a county that  
43 plans to withdraw from the district, pursuant to which the authority or  
44 subsidiary thereof will provide technical assistance to such county  
45 prior to, during and after the withdrawal, with respect to the transfer  
46 of ownership, operation, maintenance and use of railroad facilities  
47 within such county. Such agreement may provide that the county reimburse  
48 the authority or its subsidiary for the cost to the authority and its  
49 subsidiary for the provision of such technical assistance.

50 5. The authority shall have no obligation to undertake or continue any  
51 project or part thereof in a current or future capital program plan  
52 which pertains to railroad facilities within or services to a county  
53 that withdraws from the district on or after such date of withdrawal nor  
54 shall the authority enter into any contract for a project or part there-  
55 of which would increase liabilities pursuant to subdivision six of this  
56 section in a county after such county notifies the authority of its

1 intent to withdraw as provided in subdivision one of this section,  
2 provided, however, that if the authority has executed a contract for the  
3 effectuation of a project or part thereof in a capital program plan in  
4 such county, it shall be assigned to such county in accordance with  
5 subdivision two of this section, unless the parties agree that it shall  
6 not be assigned and that the authority or its subsidiary shall continue  
7 to be responsible therefor, in which event the county shall reimburse  
8 the authority or its subsidiary in accordance with the provisions of  
9 subdivision two of this section.

10 6. Any county which withdraws from the district shall reimburse to the  
11 authority or its subsidiary, within the time period agreed to by the  
12 parties, any capital expenditures heretofore undertaken by the authori-  
13 ty, the metropolitan transportation authority or its subsidiary for  
14 railroad facilities only within such county which were financed by  
15 commuter railroad revenue bonds issued by the metropolitan transporta-  
16 tion authority pursuant to section twelve hundred sixty-nine of this  
17 article or by the authority pursuant to section thirteen hundred forty-  
18 nine-xxxx of this title and are assigned to such county in accordance  
19 with the provisions of subdivision two of this section.

20 7. The obligations of a county that withdraws from the district to  
21 reimburse the authority and any subsidiary corporation of the authority  
22 for the costs of operation, maintenance and use of passenger stations  
23 pursuant to section thirteen hundred forty-nine-rrrrr of this title,  
24 shall continue for any such costs incurred up to the effective date of  
25 the county's withdrawal from the district and for costs incurred there-  
26 after that result from acts preceding such withdrawal, and the applica-  
27 bility of the payment provisions and procedures of such section thirteen  
28 hundred forty-nine-rrrrr to such county shall continue thereafter with  
29 respect to the aforesaid costs.

30 8. In the event of a county's failure to make payment of any monies  
31 determined by the authority to be owed and due it or any subsidiary  
32 corporation of the authority pursuant to the terms of any agreement  
33 entered into pursuant to this section, the authority is authorized to  
34 recover such payments in the same manner as in section thirteen hundred  
35 forty-nine-rrrrr of this title and the state comptroller shall withhold  
36 and pay monies to the authority in accordance with the procedures set  
37 forth in that section.

38 9. The term of office of any resident of a county that withdraws from  
39 the district under this section, as a member of the board of the author-  
40 ity, the Metro-North rail commuter council or the management advisory  
41 board, which is based upon residence in such county, shall terminate  
42 upon the county's withdrawal and the office shall be deemed vacant and  
43 filled in the manner provided by law.

44 10. The provisions of this section and all agreements undertaken in  
45 accordance herewith shall be subject to the rights of the holders of any  
46 outstanding bonds or notes issued by the authority.

47 § 1349-xxxxx. The office of legislative and community input. 1. The  
48 chairperson of the authority shall establish the office of legislative  
49 and community input for the purpose of communicating information to, and  
50 receiving comments, concerns and recommendations from, members of the  
51 legislature, and members of the permanent citizens advisory committee to  
52 the authority, as defined in section thirteen hundred forty-nine-qqqq of  
53 this chapter, on the following:

54 (a) the operations of the rapid transit, omnibus and commuter rail  
55 line facilities of the authority including, but not limited to:

1 (i) the quality of service provided on any rapid transit, omnibus, and  
2 commuter rail line or route;

3 (ii) the frequency of operating service on the authority's mass trans-  
4 it facilities;

5 (iii) the maintenance and condition of the authority's mass transit  
6 facilities including, but not limited to, rapid transit and commuter  
7 rail stations, railcars, buses, rail lines, fare collection systems and  
8 sound systems; and

9 (iv) proposed service changes, including any reductions or expansion  
10 of services, as it relates to the authority's mass transit facilities;  
11 and

12 (b) any proposed, submitted and/or approved capital program plan, its  
13 components, elements and projects, and associated expenditures. Any such  
14 comments, concerns and recommendations relating to the capital program  
15 plan, its components, elements and projects, and associated expenditures  
16 shall be taken into consideration in the development of the current and  
17 each successive capital program plan and/or any amendment to such plan.

18 2. The office shall establish a process to ensure timely notification  
19 of the receipt of, and response to, comments, concerns, and recommenda-  
20 tions by members of the legislature or members of the permanent citizens  
21 advisory committee to the authority.

22 3. The chair and office shall prepare a report containing the follow-  
23 ing information:

24 (a) a compilation of the comments, concerns, and recommendations  
25 received by the office;

26 (b) how these comments, concerns or recommendations were or will be  
27 addressed, such as the authority's response by the incorporation or  
28 initiation of system and operational adjustments, improvements or expan-  
29 sions if applicable; and

30 (c) how these comments, concerns or recommendations were or will be  
31 addressed, such as the authority's response by changing or amending the  
32 capital plan, as well as providing status updates on the progress of  
33 such plan.

34 4. Such report shall on a biannual basis, commencing the first of  
35 September next succeeding the effective date of this section, be submit-  
36 ted to the governor, the temporary president of the senate and the  
37 speaker of the assembly, be posted on the authority's website and also  
38 be made readily available to the public.

39 § 1349-yyyyy. Debarment. The authority shall establish, pursuant to  
40 regulation, a debarment process for contractors of the authority that  
41 prohibits such contractors from bidding on future contracts, after a  
42 debarment determination by such authority, for a period of five years  
43 from such determination. Such regulations shall ensure notice and an  
44 opportunity to be heard before such debarment determination and provide  
45 as a defense acts such as force majeure. Such regulations shall only  
46 provide for a debarment in situations involving a contractor's failure  
47 to substantially complete the work within the time frame set forth in  
48 the contract, or in any subsequent change order, by more than ten  
49 percent of the contract term; or where a contractor's disputed work  
50 exceeds ten percent or more of the total contract cost where claimed  
51 costs are deemed to be invalid pursuant by the contractual dispute  
52 resolution process.

53 § 1349-zzzzz. Right to share employees. 1. It is hereby found and  
54 declared to be necessary and proper to authorize the authority, its  
55 subsidiaries, affiliates, and subsidiaries of affiliates, powers to  
56 effectuate and ensure such entities continued financial viability, which



1 is at issue given sizable operating deficits and significant capital  
2 needs. Allowing wholesale internal management reforms will create  
3 savings, combat entrenched bureaucracies, create streamlined, uniform,  
4 and efficient services, ensure public accountability and reestablish  
5 public trust. In order to facilitate these necessary goals it is both  
6 reasonable and a legitimate public purpose to provide systematic author-  
7 ity for the sharing of employees within and between the respective enti-  
8 ties.

9 2. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the authori-  
10 ty, its subsidiaries, affiliates, and subsidiaries of affiliates shall  
11 each have the right to share employees within and between such entities  
12 and to assign such employees to perform any operation or function  
13 subject only to a determination that they are substantially similar to  
14 any operation or function currently performed. Substantially similar  
15 operation or function shall be determined exclusively by the authority.

16 3. Nothing set forth in this subdivision shall be construed to impede,  
17 infringe or diminish the rights and benefits that accrue to employees  
18 and employers through collective bargaining agreements, or impact or  
19 change an employee's membership in a bargaining unit.

20 § 2. This act shall take effect January 1, 2021.

21 § 2. Severability clause. If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivi-  
22 sion, section or part of this act shall be adjudged by any court of  
23 competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect,  
24 impair, or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in  
25 its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section  
26 or part thereof directly involved in the controversy in which such judg-  
27 ment shall have been rendered. It is hereby declared to be the intent of  
28 the legislature that this act would have been enacted even if such  
29 invalid provisions had not been included herein.

30 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately provided, however, that  
31 the applicable effective date of Parts A through E of this act shall be  
32 as specifically set forth in the last section of such Parts.