

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY ACT (EXCERPT)
Act 196 of 1986

124.464 Additional powers of public authority.

Sec. 14. A public authority formed under this act, in addition to its other powers and duties, may:

(a) Adopt bylaws and rules of administration to accomplish the purposes of this act.

(b) Provide public transportation service and public transportation facilities within or without the boundaries of the public authority as provided in Act No. 51 of the Public Acts of 1951, being sections 247.651 to 247.674 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, except that a public authority may not provide public transportation service in an area within the boundaries of a member or a released or withdrawn member, other than an entity withdrawing under section 8(5), of another authority formed under this or any other act without the agreement and consent of the other authority.

(c) Acquire and hold, by purchase, lease, grant, gift, devise, land contract, installment purchase contract, bequest, condemnation, or other legal means, real and personal property, including franchises, easements, or rights of way on, under, or above any property within or without the boundaries of the public authority as provided in Act No. 51 of the Public Acts of 1951, and pay for the same from or pledge for the payment thereof, revenue of the public authority. Subject to reasonable use, the public authority may use space and areas over, under, and upon the public streets and highways to carry out its duties.

(d) Ask appropriate local political subdivisions to begin condemnation proceedings.

(e) Apply for and accept grants, loans, or contributions from the federal government or any of its agencies, the state or other public or private agencies to be used for any of the purposes of this act and to do any and all things within its express or implied powers necessary or desirable to secure that financial or other aid or cooperation in the carrying out of any of the purposes of this act.

(f) Sell, lease, or use any property acquired for the purposes of this act but not needed for those purposes, and lease advertising space and grant concessions for the sale of newspapers and other articles and for services on or in any portion of the property under the jurisdiction of the public authority.

(g) Grant to utilities, public or privately owned, the right to use the property or any part of the property of the public transportation facilities. A public authority formed under this act also may grant to any other public authority formed under this act the right to use any part of the public transportation facilities.

(h) Contract with any other transportation authority or political subdivision of the state or another state or any agency or instrumentality of the state or another state or another nation or private corporation or person for service contracts, joint use contracts, or contracts for the construction or operation of any part of the public transportation facilities.

(i) Investigate transportation requirements, needs, and programs and engage by contract consultants as may be necessary and cooperate with the federal government, state, political subdivisions, and other authorities or transportation agencies in those investigations.

(j) Hire employees, attorneys, accountants, and consultants as the board considers necessary to carry out the purposes of the authority.

(k) Lend money derived from the revenues of the public authority to any persons, corporations, or associations, public or private, for the purpose of financing qualified mass commuting vehicles, as defined in the internal revenue code that will be leased or sold to the public authority and to sell and lease or purchase back mass commuting vehicles, as defined in the internal revenue code.

(l) Impose and collect rents, charges, fees, or fares from users of public transportation services or public transportation facilities.

(m) Exercise all other powers incidental, necessary, or convenient for the exercise of the powers granted in this act.

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