

TITLE XIII—GENERAL PROVISIONS

Separability.

SEC. 1301. If the provisions of any part of this Act or the application thereof to any person or circumstances be held invalid, the provisions of the other parts and their application to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

Approved October 15, 1970.

Public Law 91-453

October 15, 1970
[S.3154]

AN ACT

To provide long-term financing for expanded urban mass transportation programs, and for other purposes.

Urban Mass
Transportation
Assistance Act of
1970.

78 Stat. 302.
49 USC 1601
note.

Federal
financial assist-
ance.
78 Stat. 303.

Grants and
loans.

Eligible facil-
ities and equip-
ment.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Congress finds that the rapid urbanization and the continued dispersal of population and activities within urban areas has made the ability of all citizens to move quickly and at a reasonable cost an urgent national problem; that it is imperative, if efficient, safe, and convenient transportation compatible with soundly planned urban areas is to be achieved, to continue and expand the Urban Mass Transportation Act of 1964; and that success will require a Federal commitment for the expenditure of at least \$10,000,000,000 over a twelve-year period to permit confident and continuing local planning, and greater flexibility in program administration. It is the purpose of this Act to create a partnership which permits the local community, through Federal financial assistance, to exercise the initiative necessary to satisfy its urban mass transportation requirements.

SEC. 2. Section 3 of the Urban Mass Transportation Act of 1964, as amended (49 U.S.C. 1602), is amended—

- (1) by redesignating subsection (c) as subsection (e); and
- (2) by striking out subsections (a) and (b) and inserting in lieu thereof subsections (a), (b), (c), and (d), as follows:

“(a) The Secretary is authorized, in accordance with the provisions of this Act and on such terms and conditions as he may prescribe, to make grants or loans (directly, through the purchase of securities or equipment trust certificates, or otherwise) to assist States and local public bodies and agencies thereof in financing the acquisition, construction, reconstruction, and improvement of facilities and equipment for use, by operation or lease or otherwise, in mass transportation service in urban areas and in coordinating such service with highway and other transportation in such areas. Eligible facilities and equipment may include land (but not public highways), buses and other rolling stock, and other real and personal property needed for an efficient and coordinated mass transportation system. No grant or loan shall be provided under this section unless the Secretary determines that the applicant has or will have—

“(1) the legal, financial, and technical capacity to carry out the proposed project; and

“(2) satisfactory continuing control, through operation or lease or otherwise, over the use of the facilities and equipment.

The Secretary may make loans for real property acquisition pursuant to subsection (b) upon a determination, which shall be in lieu of the preceding determinations, that the real property is reasonably expected to be required in connection with a mass transportation system and that it will be used for that purpose within a reasonable period. No grant or loan funds shall be used for payment of ordinary governmental or nonprofit operating expenses. An applicant for assistance under this section for a project located wholly or partly in a State in which there is statewide comprehensive transportation planning shall furnish a copy of its application to the Governor of each State affected concurrently with submission to the Secretary. If, within thirty days thereafter, the Governor submits comments to the Secretary, the Secretary must consider the comments before taking final action on the application.

Real property
acquisition, con-
dition.

Operating
expenses, pro-
hibition.

“(b) The Secretary is authorized to make loans under this section to States or local public bodies and agencies thereof to finance the acquisition of real property and interests in real property for use as rights-of-way, station sites, and related purposes, on urban mass transportation systems, including the net cost of property management and relocation payments made pursuant to section 7. Each loan agreement under this subsection shall provide for actual construction of urban mass transportation facilities on acquired real property within a period not exceeding ten years following the fiscal year in which the agreement is made. Each agreement shall provide that in the event acquired real property or interests in real property are not to be used for the purposes for which acquired, an appraisal of current value will be made at the time of that determination, which shall not be later than ten years following the fiscal year in which the agreement is made. Two-thirds of the increase in value, if any, over the original cost of the real property shall be paid to the Secretary for credit to miscellaneous receipts of the Treasury. Repayment of amounts loaned shall be credited to miscellaneous receipts of the Treasury. A loan made under this subsection shall be repayable within ten years from the date of the loan agreement or on the date a grant agreement for actual construction of facilities on the acquired real property is made, whichever date is earlier. A grant agreement for construction of facilities under this Act may provide for forgiveness of the repayment of the principal and accrued interest on the loan then outstanding in lieu of a cash grant in the amount thus forgiven, which for all purposes shall be considered a part of the grant and of the Federal

78 Stat. 305.
49 USC 1606.

Repayment.

portion of the cost of the project. An applicant for assistance under this subsection shall furnish a copy of its application to the comprehensive planning agency of the community affected concurrently with submission to the Secretary. If within a period of thirty days thereafter (or, in a case where the comprehensive planning agency of the community (during such thirty-day period) requests more time, within such longer period as the Secretary may determine) the comprehensive planning agency of the community affected submits comments to the Secretary, the Secretary must consider the comments before taking final action on the application.

“(c) No loans shall be made under this section for any project for which a grant is made under this section, except—

“(1) loans may be made for projects as to which grants are made for relocation payments; and

“(2) project grants may be made even though the real property involved in the project has been or will be acquired as a result of a loan under subsection (b).

Interest rates.

Interest on loans made under this section shall be at a rate not less than (i) a rate determined by the Secretary of the Treasury, taking into consideration the current average market yield on outstanding marketable obligations of the United States with remaining periods to maturity comparable to the average maturities of such loans adjusted to the nearest one-eighth of 1 per centum, plus (ii) an allowance adequate in the judgment of the Secretary of Transportation to cover administrative costs and probable losses under the program. No loans shall be made, including renewals or extensions thereof, and no securities or obligations shall be purchased, which have maturity dates in excess of forty years.

“(d) Any application for a grant or loan under this Act to finance the acquisition, construction, reconstruction, or improvement of facilities or equipment which will substantially affect a community or its mass transportation service shall include a certification that the applicant—

Hearings.

“(1) has afforded an adequate opportunity for public hearings pursuant to adequate prior notice, and has held such hearings unless no one with a significant economic, social, or environmental interest in the matter requests a hearing;

“(2) has considered the economic and social effects of the project and its impact on the environment; and

“(3) has found that the project is consistent with official plans for the comprehensive development of the urban area.

Notice of any hearings under this subsection shall include a concise statement of the proposed project, and shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the geographic area to be served. If hearings have been held, a copy of the transcript of the hearings shall be submitted with the application.”

SEC. 3 (a) Section 4(a) of the Urban Mass Transportation Act of 1964, as amended (49 U.S.C. 1603(a)), is amended—

Long-range
program.
78 Stat. 304;
82 Stat. 535.

(1) by striking out “section 3” in the first sentence and inserting in lieu thereof “subsection (a) of section 3”; and

(2) by striking out the next to the last sentence and inserting in lieu thereof the following: “Such remainder may be provided in whole or in part from other than public sources and any public or private transit system funds so provided shall be solely from undistributed cash surpluses, replacement or depreciation funds or reserves available in cash, or new capital.”

(b) Section 4 of such Act, as amended (49 U.S.C. 1603), is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new subsections:

Appropriation.

“(c) To finance grants and loans under sections 3, 7 (b), and 9 of this Act, the Secretary is authorized to incur obligations on behalf of the United States in the form of grant agreements or otherwise in amounts aggregating not to exceed \$3,100,000,000, less amounts appropriated pursuant to section 12(d) of this Act and the amount appropriated to the Urban Mass Transportation Fund by Public Law 91-168. This amount (which shall be in addition to any amounts available to finance such activities under subsection (b) of this section) shall become available for obligation upon the date of enactment of this subsection and shall remain available until obligated. There are authorized to be appropriated for liquidation of the obligations incurred under this subsection not to exceed \$80,000,000 prior to July 1, 1971, which amount may be increased to not to exceed an aggregate of \$310,000,000 prior to July 1, 1972, not to exceed an aggregate of \$710,000,000 prior to July 1, 1973, not to exceed an aggregate of \$1,260,000,000 prior to July 1, 1974, not to exceed an aggregate of \$1,860,000,000 prior to July 1, 1975, and not to exceed an aggregate of \$3,100,000,000 thereafter. The total amounts appropriated under this subsection and section 12(d) of this Act shall not exceed the limitations in the foregoing schedule. Sums so appropriated shall remain available until expended.

Ante, p. 962;
78 Stat. 305;
80 Stat. 715.
49 USC 1602,
1606, 1607a.
Post, p. 966.
83 Stat. 460.

“(d) The Secretary shall report annually to the Congress with respect to outstanding grants or other contractual agreements executed pursuant to subsection (c) of this section. To assure program continuity and orderly planning and project development, the Secretary, after consultation with State and local public agencies, shall submit to the Congress (1) authorization requests for fiscal years 1976 and 1977 not later than February 1, 1972, (2) authorization requests for fiscal years 1978 and 1979 not later than February 1, 1974, (3) authorization requests for fiscal years 1980 and 1981 not later than February 1, 1976, and (4) an authorization request for fiscal year 1982 not later than February 1, 1978. Such authorization requests shall be designed to meet the Federal commitment specified in the first section of the Urban Mass

83 Stat. 392.

Report to
Congress.

Authorization
requests.

Recommendations to Congress.

Transportation Assistance Act of 1970. Concurrently with these authorization requests, the Secretary shall also submit his recommendations for any necessary adjustments in the schedule for liquidation of obligations."

78 Stat. 304;
83 Stat. 392.

SEC. 4. (a) Section 5 of the Urban Mass Transportation Act of 1964, as amended (49 U.S.C. 1604), is amended by striking out "1971" and inserting in lieu thereof "1972".

(b) Section 5 of such Act, as amended (49 U.S.C. 1604), is further amended by striking out the next to the last sentence and inserting in lieu thereof the following: "Such remainder may be provided in whole or in part from other than public sources and any public or private transit system funds so provided shall be solely from undistributed cash surpluses, replacement or depreciation funds or reserves available in cash, or new capital."

79 Stat. 507;
80 Stat. 715.

SEC. 5. Section 12(d) of the Urban Mass Transportation Act of 1964 (49 U.S.C. 1608(d)) is amended to read as follows: "(d) There are hereby authorized to be appropriated, without fiscal year limitation out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the funds necessary to carry out the functions under this Act."

SEC. 6. Section 14 of the Urban Mass Transportation Act of 1964, as amended (49 U.S.C. 1610), is amended to read as follows:

"ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

"SEC. 14. (a) It is hereby declared to be the national policy that special effort shall be made to preserve the natural beauty of the countryside, public park and recreation lands, wildlife and waterfowl refuges, and important historical and cultural assets, in the planning, designing, and construction of urban mass transportation projects for which Federal assistance is provided pursuant to section 3 of this Act. In implementing this policy the Secretary shall cooperate and consult with the Secretaries of Agriculture, Health, Education, and Welfare, Housing and Urban Development, and Interior, and with the Council on Environmental Quality with regard to each project that may have a substantial impact on the environment.

Ante, p. 962.

"(b) The Secretary shall review each transcript of hearing submitted pursuant to section 3(d), to assure that an adequate opportunity was afforded for the presentation of views by all parties with a significant economic, social, or environmental interest, and that the project application includes a detailed statement on—

"(1) the environmental impact of the proposed project,

"(2) any adverse environmental effects which cannot be avoided should the proposal be implemented,

"(3) alternatives to the proposed project, and

"(4) any irreversible and irretrievable impact on the environment which may be involved in the proposed project should it be implemented.

"(c) The Secretary shall not approve any application for assistance under section 3 unless he finds in writing, after a full and complete review of the application and of any hearings held before the State or local public agency pursuant to section 3(d), that (1) adequate opportunity was afforded for the presentation of views by all parties with a significant economic, social, or environmental interest, and fair consideration has been given to the preservation and enhancement of the environment and to the interest of the community in which the project is located, and (2) either no adverse environmental effect is likely to result from such project, or there exists no feasible and prudent alternative to such effect and all reasonable steps have been taken

Hearings,
review.

to minimize such effect. In any case in which a hearing has not been held before the State or local agency pursuant to section 3(d), or in which the Secretary determines that the record of hearings before the State or local public agency is inadequate to permit him to make the findings required under the preceding sentence, he shall conduct hearings, after giving adequate notice to interested persons, on any environmental issues raised by such application. Findings of the Secretary under this subsection shall be made a matter of public record."

Ante, p. 964.

SEC. 7. Section 15 of the Urban Mass Transportation Act of 1964, as amended (49 U.S.C. 1611), is amended to read as follows:

78 Stat. 308;
80 Stat. 715, 717.

"STATE LIMITATION

"SEC. 15. Grants made under section 3 (other than for relocation payments in accordance with section 7(b)) before July 1, 1970, for projects in any one State shall not exceed in the aggregate 12½ per centum of the aggregate amount of grant funds authorized to be appropriated pursuant to section 4(b); except that the Secretary may, without regard to such limitation, enter into contracts for grants under section 3 aggregating not to exceed \$12,500,000 (subject to the total authorization provided in section 4(b)) with local public bodies and agencies in States where more than two-thirds of the maximum grants permitted in the respective State under this section has been obligated. Grants made under section 3 on or after July 1, 1970, for projects in any one State may not exceed in the aggregate 12½ per centum of the aggregate amount of funds authorized to be obligated under section 4(c), except that 15 per centum of the aggregate amount of grant funds authorized to be obligated under section 4(c) may be used by the Secretary, without regard to this limitation, for grants in States where more than two-thirds of the maximum amounts permitted under this section has been obligated. In computing State limitations under this section, grants for relocation payments shall be excluded. Any grant made under section 3 to a local public body or agency in a major metropolitan area which is used in whole or in part to provide or improve urban mass transportation service, pursuant to an interstate compact approved by the Congress, in a neighboring State having within its boundaries population centers within normal commuting distance from such major metropolitan area, shall, for purposes of computing State limitations under this section, be allocated on an equitable basis, in accordance with regulations prescribed by the Secretary, between the State in which such public body or agency is situated and such neighboring State."

78 Stat. 305.
49 USC 1606.

83 Stat. 392.
49 USC 1603.

Ante, p. 965.

SEC. 8. The Urban Mass Transportation Act of 1964 is further amended by adding at the end thereof the following new section:

78 Stat. 302;
80 Stat. 715.
49 USC 1601
note.

"PLANNING AND DESIGN OF MASS TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES TO MEET SPECIAL NEEDS OF THE ELDERLY AND THE HANDICAPPED

"SEC. 16. (a) It is hereby declared to be the national policy that elderly and handicapped persons have the same right as other persons to utilize mass transportation facilities and services; that special efforts shall be made in the planning and design of mass transportation facilities and services so that the availability to elderly and handicapped persons of mass transportation which they can effectively utilize will be assured; and that all Federal programs offering assistance in the field of mass transportation (including the programs under this Act) should contain provisions implementing this policy.

"(b) In addition to the grants and loans otherwise provided for

under this Act, the Secretary is authorized to make grants or loans for the specific purpose of assisting States and local public bodies and agencies thereof in providing mass transportation services which are planned, designed, and carried out so as to meet the special needs of elderly and handicapped persons. Grants and loans made under the preceding sentence shall be subject to all of the terms, conditions, requirements, and provisions applicable to grants and loans made under section 3(a), and shall be considered for the purposes of all other laws to have been made under such section. Of the total amount of the obligations which the Secretary is authorized to incur on behalf of the United States under the first sentence of section 4(c), 1½ per centum may be set aside and used exclusively to finance the programs and activities authorized by this subsection (including administrative costs).

“(c) Of any amounts made available to finance research, development, and demonstration projects under section 6 after the date of the enactment of this section, 1½ per centum may be set aside and used exclusively to increase the information and technology which is available to provide improved transportation facilities and services planned and designed to meet the special needs of elderly and handicapped persons.

“(d) For purposes of this Act, the term ‘handicapped person’ means any individual who, by reason of illness, injury, age, congenital malfunction, or other permanent or temporary incapacity or disability, is unable without special facilities or special planning or design to utilize mass transportation facilities and services as effectively as persons who are not so affected.”

SEC. 9. The Secretary of Transportation shall conduct a study of the feasibility of providing Federal assistance to help defray the operating costs of mass transportation companies in urban areas and of any changes in the Urban Mass Transportation Act of 1964 which would be necessary in order to provide such assistance, and shall report his findings and recommendations to the Congress within one year after the date of the enactment of this Act.

SEC. 10. The Secretary of Transportation shall in all ways (including the provision of technical assistance) encourage industries adversely affected by reductions in Federal Government spending on space, military, and other Federal projects to compete for the contracts provided for under sections 3 and 6 of the Urban Mass Transportation Act of 1964 (49 U.S.C. 1602 and 1605), as amended by this Act.

SEC. 11. Nothing in this Act shall affect the authority of the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to make grants, under the authority of sections 6(a), 9, and 11 of the Urban Mass Transportation Act of 1964, as amended (49 U.S.C. 1605(a), 1607a, and 1607c), and Reorganization Plan Numbered 2 of 1968, for projects or activities primarily concerned with the relationship of urban transportation systems to the comprehensively planned development of urban areas, or the role of transportation planning in overall urban planning, out of funds appropriated to him for that purpose.

SEC. 12. Section 5316 of title 5, United States Code, is amended by inserting the following after paragraph (129): “(130) Deputy Administrator, Urban Mass Transportation Administration, Department of Transportation.”

Ante, p. 962.

Ante, p. 965.

78 Stat. 305;
82 Stat. 535.
49 USC 1605.

“Handicapped person.”

Study.

49 USC 1601
note.
Report to
Congress.

80 Stat. 715.
82 Stat. 1369.
49 USC 1608
note.

80 Stat. 463;
83 Stat. 826, 863.

SEC. 13. (a) Section 4(b) of the Urban Mass Transportation Act of 1964 is amended by inserting the words "or contract" after the word "grant" in the last sentence thereof.

78 Stat. 304;
83 Stat. 392.
49 USC 1603.
49 USC 1605.

(b) Section 6(a) of the Urban Mass Transportation Act of 1964 is amended by inserting the words "grant or" between the word "by" and the word "contract" in the second sentence thereof.

SEC. 14. This Act may be cited as the "Urban Mass Transportation Assistance Act of 1970".

Short title.

Approved October 15, 1970.

Public Law 91-454

JOINT RESOLUTION

Making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 1971, and for other purposes.

October 15, 1970
[H. J. Res. 1388]

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That clause (c) of section 102 of the joint resolution of June 29, 1970 (Public Law 91-294), as amended by Public Law 91-370, is hereby further amended by striking out "October 15, 1970" and inserting in lieu thereof "the sine die adjournment of the second session of the Ninety-first Congress."

Continuing
appropriations,
1971.
Ante, p. 694.

The advance appropriation under the heading "FOOD STAMP PROGRAM" in the Second Supplemental Appropriation Act, 1970 (Public Law 91-305), chargeable to the amount appropriated under this head in H.R. 17923 when enacted, is hereby increased from "\$300,000,000" to "\$600,000,000", and the period of availability thereof is hereby extended from "October 31, 1970" to "January 31, 1971".

Ante, p. 376.
Post, p. 1488.

Approved October 15, 1970.

Public Law 91-455

JOINT RESOLUTION

To extend the time for conducting the referendum with respect to the national marketing quota for wheat for the marketing year beginning July 1, 1971.

October 15, 1970
[H. J. Res. 1396]

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 336 of the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938, as amended, is amended by adding at the end thereof the following: "Notwithstanding any other provision hereof the referendum with respect to the national marketing quota for wheat for the marketing year beginning July 1, 1971, may be conducted not later than thirty days after adjournment sine die of the second session of the Ninety-first Congress."

Wheat.
Ante, p. 448;
Post, p. 1366.

Approved October 15, 1970.