

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D. C.

ORDER NO. 1571

IN THE MATTER OF:

Proposed Regulations Relating to )  
VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION, SIGHTSEEING ) Served June 22, 1976  
ADVERTISING MATERIAL, and TICKET )  
CONTENT and Proposed Modification ) Docket No. 332  
of Regulations Relating to SECURITY )  
FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE PUBLIC )

The Commission is of the opinion that it should adopt regulations pertaining to vehicle identification, sightseeing advertising material, and ticket content. The Commission's staff has formulated and proposed the following regulations.

68. Regulations Governing the Identification of Motor Vehicles.

68-01. There shall be displayed on both sides of each vehicle operated, except as otherwise provided hereinafter for each vehicle subject to a lease arrangement, or operated pursuant to temporary authority the name, or trade name, of the carrier under whose authority the vehicle is being operated, and the certificate number assigned to such operating authority by the Commission. Such certificate number shall be in the following form: "WMATC . . .". If the name of any person other than the operating carrier appears on the vehicle, the name of the operating carrier shall be followed by the information required hereinbefore, and be preceded by the words "operated by". Nothing herein shall prohibit display of such additional identification as is not inconsistent herewith.

68-02. There shall be displayed on the front of each vehicle operated subject to a lease arrangement the name, or trade name, of the carrier under whose authority the vehicle is being operated, and the certificate number assigned to such operating authority by the Commission. Such certificate number shall be in the following form: "WMATC . . .". Nothing herein shall prohibit display of such additional identification as is not inconsistent herewith.

68-03. There shall be displayed on the front of each vehicle operated pursuant to temporary authority the name, or trade name, of the carrier under whose authority the vehicle is being operated, and the date the temporary authority was effective. The temporary authority notation shall be in the following form: "WMATC TA effective . . .". Nothing herein shall prohibit display of such additional identification as is not inconsistent herewith.

68-04. The display of name and number prescribed in this part shall be in letters and figures in sharp color contrast to the background and be of such size, shape and color as to be readily legible, during daylight hours, from a distance of 50 feet while the vehicle is not in motion, and such display shall be kept and maintained in such manner as to remain so legible. If desired, display may be accomplished through use of a removable device so prepared as otherwise to meet the identification and legibility requirements of the regulations in this part.

69. Regulations Governing the Content of Sightseeing Advertising Material.

69-01. There shall be included in any advertising pamphlet, brochure, or material, used as a medium for informing the general public of the

carrier's sightseeing services, a statement advising the general public that the carrier is regulated by the Commission.

The following statement should be contained therein:

Sightseeing in the Washington, D. C., area is a competitive industry. Carriers offering sightseeing services such as those offered herein are regulated by a government agency, the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Commission. Consumers are advised to compare tour prices and itineraries to obtain the service best suited to their interests and budget. Complaints may be addressed to the Commission at 1625 I Street, N. W., Room 316, Washington, D. C. 20006.

69-02. The statement prescribed in this part shall be in such size and shape as to be readily legible and shall be clearly set forth.

70. Regulation Governing Ticket Content.

There shall be included in each ticket sold by a certificated carrier the name, or trade name, of the carrier under whose authority the service is being rendered and the certificate number assigned to such operating authority by the Commission. Such certificate number shall be in the following form: "WMATC . . .". Nothing herein shall prohibit the inclusion of such additional content as is not inconsistent herewith.

Any person desiring to comment on the proposed regulations shall do so in writing on or before July 30, 1976.

The Commission also is of the opinion that it should modify its current Regulation 62-03(a) prescribing minimum amounts of security for the protection of the public. The Commission's staff has proposed the following minimum amounts.

(1) Kind of Equipment	(2) Limit for bodily injuries to or death of one person	(3) Limit for bodily injuries to or death of all persons injured or killed in any one accident (subject to a maximum of \$100, 000 for bodily injuries to or death of one person)	(4) Limit for loss or damage in any one accident to property of others
Passenger equipment (seating capacity): 11 passen- gers or less	\$100,000	\$300,000	\$50,000
Passenger equipment (seating capacity): 12 passen- gers or more	\$100,000	\$500,000	\$50,000

Any person desiring to comment on the proposed modification of Regulation 62-03(a) shall do so in writing on or before July 30, 1976.

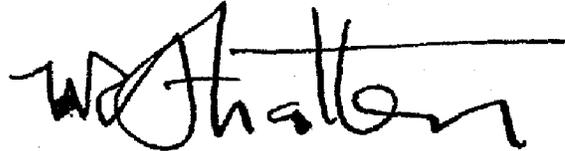
THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

1. That the Commission staff publish in a newspaper of general circulation within the Metropolitan District on or before June 30, 1976, a notice of the proposed regula-

tions as set forth hereinbefore and the proposed modification of regulations relating to security for the protection of the public as set forth hereinbefore.

2. That any person desiring to comment on the proposed regulations as set forth hereinbefore and the proposed modification of regulations relating to security for the protection of the public as set forth hereinbefore shall submit to the Commission on or before Friday, July 30, 1976, a statement setting forth in complete detail any pertinent comment, opinion, and/or argument.

BY DIRECTION OF THE COMMISSION:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W. R. Stratton', with a horizontal line extending from the end of the signature.

WILLIAM R. STRATTON  
Vice-Chairman