

Department of Transportation and Public Works

Reorganization Plan No. 6 of 1971, as amended

(Contains amendments incorporated by:
Act No. 18 of July 2, 1991)

Prepared by the Governor and sent to the Senate and the House of Representatives during the third regular session of the sixth legislature, in accordance with provisions of the Reorganization Act of 1968.

Section 1. — Reorganization and renaming of Department of Public Works. (3 L.P.R.A. App. III, § 1)

The Department of Public Works is hereby reorganized in order to assign thereto the responsibility, as a central organization in charge of the Transportation Program of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. Said department is hereby renamed Department of Transportation and Public Works; and the Secretary of Public Works shall be known as the Secretary of Transportation and Public Works.

Section 2. — Functions of Department. (3 L.P.R.A. App. III, § 2)

The Department of Transportation and Public Works, in addition to its already assigned functions, shall be the central organization for the planning, promotion and coordination of the government activity in the field of transportation; it shall formulate the general policy on land, air and maritime transportation of the Commonwealth, and once they have been adopted by the Governor and/or the Legislature it shall have under its charge its implementation; it shall make recommendations to the Governor and to the Legislature as to programs, projects or any other measure in order to satisfy the needs of the country in regard to transportation services and facilities; it shall plan, and promote the development of an efficient and safe integrated transportation system which shall favor the development of the economy, general welfare and safety in its enjoyment; it shall constantly evaluate and study transportation problems and the effectiveness of programs and projects which shall be carried out in order to solve them; it shall have under its charge the administration of government transportation programs.

Section 3. — Metropolitan Bus Authority. (3 L.P.R.A. App. III, § 3)

The Metropolitan Bus Authority is hereby attached to the Department of Transportation and Public Works. There are hereby transferred to the Secretary of Transportation and Public Works the powers and faculties of the Board of Directors of said Authority which is hereby abolished.

Section 4. — Ports Authority. (3 L.P.R.A. App. III, § 4)

The Ports Authority is hereby separated from the Economic Development Administration and is attached to the Department of Transportation and Public Works. There are transferred to the Secretary of Transportation and Public Works the powers, faculties and functions which the Administrator of Economic Development and the members of the Authority may have in regard to the Ports Authority in accordance with the organic act of said Authority and in accordance with other special laws which assign functions thereto.

Section 5. — Highway Authority. (3 L.P.R.A. App. III, § 5)

The Highway Authority is hereby attached to the Department of Transportation and Public Works. The powers and duties of the Authority shall be discharged by the Secretary of Transportation and Public Works. The Board of Directors of the Highway Authority is hereby abolished, without it being understood that the duties and powers are in any other manner restricted.

Section 6. — Covenants, contracts or agreements. (3 L.P.R.A. App. III, § 6)

The Secretary of Transportation and Public Works is hereby empowered to hold in behalf of the Department or of its attached authorities every kind of covenants, contracts or agreements which might be necessary and convenient for the purpose of attaining the objectives of the Department and its programs; and to accept and receive any donations, federal contributions, appropriation funds, advances or any other type of aid or benefit.

Section 7. — [Repealed. Act No. 18 of July 2, 1991] (3 L.P.R.A. App. III, § 7)

Section 8. — Effectiveness; transitory measures. (3 L.P.R.A. App. III, § 8)

This reorganization plan shall take effect January 2, 1973. On this plan entering into effect the Governor is authorized to adopt transitory measures and to make the necessary decisions for the purposes of implementing its provisions without the interruption of administrative proceedings, works and activities in connection with said transferred functions.

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