

PREFACE

The Transit and Intermodal Transportation Law Project “Legal Aspects of Transit and Intermodal Transportation Law” started in 1993. Since that time, the project has published 19 *Legal Research Digests* on many aspects of Transit Law. After all of this, however, the project committee did not believe that there existed a comprehensive analysis of laws pertaining to transit development and operations. The Committee commenced this project in 2000 to develop a comprehensive analysis of laws and practices with which transit attorneys should be familiar.

This study has initial input from members of the TRB Technical Activities Division’s Transit and Intermodal Transportation Law Committee and the Cooperative Research Program’s TCRP J-5, Legal Aspects of Transit and Intermodal Transportation Law Committee. Richard Bacugalupo, who was chair of the latter committee, and Bruce Smith, who was chair of the Transit Law Committee, were both instrumental in developing the format for this report. Bruce Smith, Apperson, Crump & Maxwell, PLC; Shelly Brown, Shelly Brown Associates; Marla Lien, Denver Regional Transit District; and Bonnie Prosser Elder, VIA Transit, provided valuable suggestions to the author and editor that improved the accuracy and quality of this report.

It was decided to present this material in 11 sections as follows:

Section 1:	Transit-Related Government Institutions
Section 2:	Transportation Planning
Section 3:	Environmental Law
Section 4:	Transit Funding & Finance
Section 5:	Procurement
Section 6:	Ethics
Section 7:	Safety
Section 8:	Operational Limitations
Section 9:	Labor Law
Section 10:	Civil Rights
Section 11:	Liability

Those who are interested in a more detailed analysis on a particular topic may wish to consult the relevant Legal Research Digest.

