

Incorporation Agreement

In Barcelona, on March 19, nine hundred and ninety-seven.

ARE GATHERED

The most excellent Mr. Rodrigo de Rato Figaredo, Minister of Economy and the Treasury, and the most excellent Mr. Rafael Arias-Salgado Montalvo, Minister of Development, acting on behalf of and in representation of the General State Administration, for the purposes specifically expounded herein.

The Honourable Mr. Macià Alavedra i Moner, Autonomous Minister for Economy and Finances, and the Honourable Mr. Artur Mas i Gavarró, Autonomous Minister for Territorial Policy and Public Works, acting on behalf of and in representation of the Autonomous Government of Catalonia by virtue of an agreement of its Government dated February 18, 1997.

The Most Excellent Mr. Pasqual Maragall i Mira, Major of the Barcelona City Council, acting on behalf of and in representation of this corporation by virtue of the powers conferred upon him pursuant to article 51.1.a) of law 8/1987, Municipal and Local Regimen of Catalonia and the agreement of the Municipal Plenary dated February 7, 1997.

The Illustrious Mr. Joan Blanch i Rodríguez, President of the Metropolitan Transport Organisation, acting on behalf of and in representation of this corporation by virtue of the powers conferred upon him pursuant to article 22.2.a) of law 7/1987 and the agreement of the Plenary of this organisation dated February 6, 1997.

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- **First** – That the administrations represented in this act agree that a new consortium-type collaborative organisation must be created to boost the organisation of an integrated system of public transport in the area of Barcelona.

They have stated this conviction on numerous occasions, as is shown by the Framework agreement of July 28, 1995, signed by the leading representatives of these institutions, as well as by the Protocol of Bases and Criteria for the Creation of the ATM signed on October 31, 1996 by the representatives of the Autonomous Government of Catalonia, the Barcelona City Council and Metropolitan Transport Organisation, and finally, by the signature, in this very act, of the Constitution Agreement of the "l'Autoritat del Transport Metropolità Consorci per a la coordinació del sistema metropolità de transport públic de l'àrea de Barcelona".

- **Second**– That the representatives of the General State Administration and of the territorial administrations deem the latter's presence on the governing organs of the Metropolitan Transport Authority necessary, based on the General

State Administration's ownership of infrastructures and services in the area and on the current circumstances of financial collaboration,

And by virtue whereof,

THEY AGREE

- **First** – That with the agreements for the Constitution of the Metropolitan Transport Authority formalised on this date, the administrations represented in this act consider that the objectives of the Framework Agreement of July 28, 1995 are satisfactorily accomplished.
- **Second**- That the General State Administration will appoint two representatives who will form part of the Governing Board of the incorporated "Autoritat del Transport Metropolità Consorci per a la coordinació del sistema metropolitana de transport públic de l'àrea de Barcelona", as observers, as provided for by its Statutes.

And in proof of their acceptance, they sign this agreement in the place and on the date given in the heading.