

REORGANIZATION PLAN NO.        OF 1946

Prepared by the President and Transmitted to the Senate and the House of Representatives in Congress assembled,       , 1946, pursuant to the provisions of the Reorganization Act of 1945, approved December 20, 1945.

Federal Transportation Agency

Section 1. Establishment of Federal Transportation Agency.

The following agencies and functions are transferred and consolidated to form a new agency to be known as the Federal Transportation Agency:

- (1) The functions of the Department of Commerce and of the Secretary of Commerce with respect to the shipping industry and transportation facilities under the Act of February 14, 1903 (32 Stat. 825 ch. 552), as amended.
- (2) The Civil Aeronautics Administration in the Department of Commerce and its functions, including the Administrator of Civil Aeronautics and his functions.
- (3) The Civil Aeronautics Board in the Department of Commerce and its functions, including the members of the Board and their functions.
- (4) The United States Weather Bureau in the Department of Commerce and its functions, including the Chief of the Weather Bureau and his functions.
- (5) The Public Roads Administration in the Federal Works Agency and its functions, including the





Commissioner of Public Roads and his functions.

(6) The United States Coast Guard in the Department of the Treasury and its functions, including the Commandant of the United States Coast Guard and his functions.

(7) The United States Maritime Commission and its functions, including the members of the Commission and their functions.

(8) The functions of the War Shipping Administration and of its Administrator.

(9) Except as otherwise provided by section 7 of this Plan, all functions of the Bureau of Marine Inspection and Navigation and of the various offices and agencies thereof including those of the Director, the supervising inspectors, the principal travelling inspectors, the travelling inspectors, the local inspectors, the assistant inspectors, the shipping commissioners, the deputy shipping commissioners, and the Board of Supervising Inspectors, the Boards of Local Inspectors, the Marine Casualty Investigation Board, and the Marine Boards, which functions were temporarily transferred to the Commandant of the United States Coast Guard and the Commissioner of Customs by Executive Order 9083 of February 28, 1942, under authority of Title I of the First War





Powers Act of 1941.

(10) The Inland Waterways Corporation in the Department of Commerce and its functions, including the Chairman of its Board and his functions.

(11) The functions of the Collectors of Customs with respect to the award of numbers to undocumented vessels, which functions were temporarily transferred to the Commandant of the United States Coast Guard by Executive Order 9083 of February 28, 1942, under authority of Title I of the First War Powers Act of 1941.



Section 2. Federal Transportation Administrator. (a) At the head of the Federal Transportation Agency there shall be a Federal Transportation Administrator, who shall be appointed by the President by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and shall receive a salary at the rate of \$10,000 per annum. Except as otherwise provided by sections 5 and 6 of this Plan, he shall have direction and control over the administration of all agencies and functions of the Federal Transportation Agency and shall be responsible for their coordination.

(b) The functions of the Secretary of Commerce, the Secretary of the Treasury, and the Federal Works Administrator relating to the agencies and functions transferred and consolidated into the Federal Transportation Agency by this Plan are transferred to the Federal Transportation Administrator, including the functions of the Secretary of Commerce as incorporator of the Inland Waterways Corporation but excluding the function of holding the capital stock of that corporation, which shall continue to be performed by the Secretary of the Treasury.



(c) Except as to the Civil Aeronautics Commission and the United States Maritime Commission in the performance of the functions assigned to them by sections 5 and 6 of this Plan, the following functions heretofore vested in agencies transferred and consolidated into the Federal Transportation Agency are transferred to the Federal Transportation Administrator and shall be performed by him or under his direction and control by such officers and employees of the Agency as he shall designate:

- (1) The adoption and promulgation of such rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry out the various laws administered by the Federal Transportation Agency and its constituent agencies and officers.
- (2) The conduct of research and statistical activities.
- (3) The preparation and submission to the Congress of annual reports on operations and activities.



Section 3. Assistant Federal Transportation Administrator.

There shall be an Assistant Federal Transportation Administrator, who shall be appointed by the President by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and shall receive a salary at the rate of \$10,000 per annum. The Assistant Administrator shall act as Administrator during the absence or disability of the Administrator or in the event of vacancy in that office and shall perform such other duties as the Administrator shall direct.

Section 4. Internal Organization of Federal Transportation

Agency. (a) The affairs of the Federal Transportation Agency shall be



carried on through the Civil Aeronautics Commission and the United States Maritime Commission, which shall have the functions and the relationship to the Agency and the Federal Transportation Administrator provided by sections 5 and 6, respectively, of this Plan, and through the following agencies, which shall be administered under the direction and control of the Federal Transportation Administrator by the officers herein designated as their heads:

- (1) The Civil Aeronautics Administration, which shall be headed by the Administrator of Civil Aeronautics whose title shall be changed to Director of Civil Aeronautics.
- (2) The United States Weather Bureau, which shall be headed by the Chief of the Weather Bureau whose title shall be changed to Director of the Weather Bureau.
- (3) The Public Roads Administration, which shall be headed by the Commissioner of Public Roads whose title shall be changed to Director of Public Roads.
- (4) Such constituent unit or units as the Federal Transportation Administrator shall establish to administer the functions of the Agency relating to water transportation; Provided, That the United States Coast Guard and the Commandant of the United States Coast Guard shall continue to perform the functions vested in them by statute. Each such constituent unit shall be headed by an Officer appointed by the Administrator in accordance with the provisions of section 4 of the





Reorganization Act of 1945 at a salary of \$10,000 per annum, except that nothing herein shall affect the appointment, tenure, or compensation of the Commandant of the United States Coast Guard if designated as the head of such a unit.

- (5) Such other units and agencies as the Federal Transportation Administrator shall establish to administer functions transferred and consolidated into the Federal Transportation Agency by this Plan.

Section 5. Civil Aeronautics Commission. The name of the Civil Aeronautics Board shall hereafter be the Civil Aeronautics Commission. The Commission shall have and shall perform the functions which were vested in the Civil Aeronautics Board prior to the date when this Plan takes effect. It shall have the same administrative relation to the Federal Transportation Agency and to the Federal Transportation Administrator as was provided for the Civil Aeronautics Board to the Department of Commerce and to the Secretary of Commerce by section 7 of Reorganization Plan No. IV which took effect under the Reorganization Act of 1939.





Section 6. Maritime Commission — (a) Functions

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(b) Disposition of Other Functions of United States

Maritime Commission.— All functions of the United States Maritime Commission other than those specified in paragraph (a) of this section are transferred to the Federal Transportation Administrator and shall be performed by him or under his direction and control by such officers and employees of the Federal Transportation Agency as he shall designate.



(c) Relationship of Maritime Commission to Federal

Transportation Agency. — The United States Maritime Commission shall have the same administrative relationship to the Federal Transportation Agency and to the Federal Transportation Administrator as that provided for the Civil Aeronautics Commission by section 5 of this Plan.

Section 7. Functions Transferred to Secretary of the Treasury.

(a) The functions of the Bureau of Marine Inspection and Navigation and



of the various offices and agencies thereof pertaining to registry, enrollment, and licensing of vessels, including the issuance of commissions to yachts, the assignment of signal letters, and the preparation of all reports and publications in connection therewith; measurement of vessels (other than the function of prescribing the requirements for the measurement of vessels for the purpose of calculating tonnage duties and tolls), administration of tonnage duties, and collection of tolls; entrance and clearance of vessels and aircraft, regulation of vessels in the coasting and fishing trades, and limitation of the use of foreign vessels in waters under the jurisdiction of the United States; recording of sales, conveyance, and mortgages of vessels; protection of steerage passengers; other than the function of controlling the structural features of vessels affecting steerage passengers; except as hereinbefore indicated, all other functions of such Bureau and of the various offices and agencies thereof which are now performed by the Bureau of Customs; and the power to remit and mitigate fines, penalties, and forfeitures incurred under the laws governing these functions, are transferred to the Secretary of the Treasury to be performed under his direction and control by the Bureau of the Customs or such other officers and employees of the Department of the Treasury as he shall designate.

(b) The functions of the Secretary of Commerce relating to the administration of the functions specified by paragraph (a) are transferred to the Secretary of the Treasury.

Section 8. Agencies Abolished. (a) The following agencies are abolished: the Civil Aeronautics Authority, the War Shipping Administration including its Administrator, the Bureau of Marine Inspection and



Navigation, and the offices and agencies of the Bureau of Marine Inspection and Navigation including the Director, the supervising inspectors, the principal travelling inspectors, the travelling inspectors, the local inspectors, the assistant inspectors, the shipping commissioners, the deputy shipping commissioners, and the Board of Supervising Inspectors, the Boards of Local Inspectors, the Marine Casualty Investigation Board, and the Marine Boards.

(b) The affairs of the agencies abolished by this section shall be wound up under the direction and control of the Federal Transportation Administrator by such officers and employees of the Federal Transportation Agency as he shall designate.

Section 9. Transfer of Personnel, Property, Records, and Funds.

The personnel, assets, property, records, and the unexpended balances of all appropriations, allocations, and other funds (including the appropriations, allocations, and funds available or to be made available for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1947) which the Director of the Bureau of the Budget shall determine to relate primarily to the functions transferred or consolidated by this Plan are transferred to the respective agencies concerned for use in the administration of the functions so transferred or consolidated.

Section 10. Effective Date of Plan. This Plan shall take effect at the time provided by section 6(a) of the Reorganization Act of 1945, but not before July 1, 1946.