

§ 6680. Designation.

Consolidated transportation service agencies shall be designated by the transportation planning agency, except that within the area of the Southern California Association of Governments, they shall be designated by the county transportation commissions and the County of Imperial, ~~and that for the area of the San Diego Metropolitan Transit Development Board, they shall be designated by the Board.~~ The consolidated transportation service agencies shall be designated in accordance with the action plan adopted pursuant to section 15975 of the Government Code.

Each consolidated transportation service agency shall be an entity other than the transportation planning agency and shall be one of the following:

(a) A public agency, including a city, county, operator, any state department or agency, public corporation, or public district, or a joint powers entity created pursuant to Chapter 5 (commencing with section 6500) of division 7, title 1 of the Government Code.

(b) A common carrier of persons as defined in section 211 of the Public Utilities Code, engaged in the transportation of persons, as defined in section 208.

(c) A private entity operating under a franchise or license.

(d) A nonprofit corporation organized pursuant to division 2 (commencing with section ~~9000~~ **5000**) of title 1 of the Corporations Code.

The transportation planning agency or other designating agency may designate one or more consolidated transportation service agencies. The geographic areas of consolidated transportation service agencies may be overlapping. For the purpose of filing claims, the division of responsibility between designated consolidated transportation service agencies shall be by the transportation service provided (i.e., by geographic area, route, time, clientele, etc.) and not by service function (i.e., operation, maintenance, marketing, etc.). This does not preclude a consolidated transportation service agency from contracting with various contractors to perform different service functions.

The transportation planning agency or other designating agency may rescind the designation of a consolidated transportation service agency if it finds that the agency has failed substantially to comply with the terms of its allocations, with the Act or with the action plan. The rescission of the designation of the consolidated transportation service agency may be appealed pursuant to Public Utilities Code section 99242 by any claimant, including the consolidated transportation service agency, even where the designating agency is not the transportation planning agency.

Whenever the designation of a consolidated transportation service agency is rescinded or a new agency is designated, other than in the text of the action plan originally submitted, the transportation planning agency or other designating agency shall notify the Department within ten (10) days.

Note: Authority cited: Section 99241, Public Utilities Code. Reference: Sections 99203, 99204.5, 99233.7, 99241, 99242 and 99275-99278, 130050.1, Public Utilities Code; and Sections 15975 and 15978, Government Code.