

Thus, it can be seen that the State Roads Commission of Maryland not only is charged with the duty of constructing and maintaining its Interstate and Primary System of highways, but unlike some other States, is also charged with the duty of constructing and maintaining over 3,000 miles of feeder roads, commonly known as Secondary highways.

Our highways should be designed, constructed and maintained in accordance with the highest engineering standards conducive to highway safety and consistent with our financial ability. The standards of construction and improvement of the Secondary System of highways of necessity must vary as to location and traffic conditions.

It stands to reason that a feeder road in Garrett County probably would be constructed differently from a feeder road in urban Prince George's County. It likewise is logical that a secondary or feeder road in Baltimore County probably would demand a type of construction different from a secondary road in Talbot or Dorchester counties.

With these factual situations in mind, I do not consider that the present three-member Commission can adequately meet the needs of Maryland's highway system, which, in certain respects, might be called a dual system. In view of the diversified character of the terrain and population densities which the secondary or feeder system of highways traverse, I believe that more representation of the Commission from the several areas of the State is necessary in order that the several sections of the State, served by the Secondary System, be better represented.

With this in mind, I propose that the present three-member State Roads Commission be abolished, and that in its place there be created a State Roads Commission consisting of seven members.

One of the members should be appointed from the nine counties of the Eastern Shore. One of the members should represent the counties generally located in the Southern portion of our State, namely Anne Arundel, Charles, Calvert and St. Mary's. Another should be selected from the Western area of the State and embrace the counties of Frederick, Washington, Allegany, Carroll and Garrett. Another should be selected to represent Prince George's and Montgomery Counties. Another should be selected from the counties located generally in the Central and Northeastern portion of our State, namely, Baltimore, Howard and Harford. The City of Baltimore should be represented by another member. The seventh member of