

safe highway . . . . I expect, as Governor, to cut the ribbon on the final leg of the John Hanson Highway linking it with the Kenilworth interchange, opening it to traffic late next summer or early next fall.

This, I think, exhibits our interest in good highways for this section of our State. We know there are problems connected with highway tie-ins with the District and Virginia. I assure you that our State Roads Commission is most eager to cooperate with you in resolving these problems in our mutual interests.

I know the deep concern this organization always has felt about traffic safety. As far as my own State is concerned, I think of traffic safety as a matter of paramount importance. We in Maryland have found no cure-all for the problem of traffic accidents. Our program is based on the tested formulae—aggressive enforcement of the laws, close supervision over licensing, good traffic and highway engineering, effective school traffic safety programs and intensive public education activities . . . .

In Maryland, we have adopted the point system to increase the efficacy of our enforcement program. The system will become effective as of midnight next December 31. We have established chemical tests for suspected drunken drivers. We have tightened our restrictions on the issuance of driver's licenses. We do not pretend to have found a solution to the problem by these innovations. On the contrary, traffic safety is under continuing study, and we are always seeking new methods to reduce highway accidents . . . .

May I assure you, once more, that Maryland is most gratified to be able to work with you on these and all other problems that affect us jointly.

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## REMARKS AT SIGNING OF COMPACT FOR WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

December 22, 1960

The State of Maryland is happy to join with its neighbors, Virginia and the District of Columbia, in executing today the compact that will bring into existence the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Commission.