

# THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Federal Reserve Bank Building, Baltimore.

## STATE ROADS COMMISSION.

Chairman of the Commission and Director of the Department of Public Works: G. Clinton Uhl.

Members of the Roads Commission: E. Brooke Lee, Robert Lacy.

Secretary: Lamar H. Steuart.

The Commission consists of three appointed by the Governor for no specified term of office. One shall be appointed from that one of the two leading political parties opposite to the Governor's political party.

The Governor designates a Chairman who shall also be the Director of the Department of Public Works. (Ch. 29, 1922.)

This Department has charge of the construction and maintenance of all State roads, this term embracing all Post and Lateral Roads constructed either through Federal Aid, the Gasoline Tax, or with the assistance of County funds.

Funds authorized by the several Legislatures since 1908 (when the Commission was organized) for the construction of roads, and bridges, etc., approximates \$44,000,000. The Legislature of 1931 authorized loans in the aggregate amount of 2,000,000 for road and bridge construction. The effective "Gas Tax" laws provide one-half cent for the elimination of railroad grade crossings, one and a half cents for the construction of Lateral Roads, and two cents for the maintenance and reconstruction of State roads. (Acts 1927—Ch. 118, Ch. 327. Acts 1929—Ch. 129, Ch. 130, and Ch. 278.)

Funds for the maintenance of State highways are provided from the receipts of the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles from license fees, etc.

A Statement of the Accomplishments in the Performance of Road Construction can be seen by reference to the following table:

### Maryland's Road Accomplishments in Figures By Years 1920 to 1930 Inclusive.

Year.	Additions to System.	Accumulative Mileage on State System.
1920.....	171.06	1666.09
1921.....	131.10	1797.19
1922.....	87.31	1884.50
1923.....	211.04	2095.54
1924.....	151.72	2247.26
1925.....	181.76	2429.02
1926.....	109.08	2538.10
1927.....	105.46	2643.56
1928.....	144.85	2788.41
1929.....	183.29	2971.70
1930.....	281.41	3253.11

Note: In previous statements published by the State Roads Commission showing mileage of roads completed there has been a discrepancy in the mileage shown for any one year due to the method used to determine the mileage built; some statements showing only that mileage actually accepted by the Commission and others, showing in addition to this, roads completed and not accepted as well as completed portions of outstanding contracts.

In this statement, the Commission has endeavored to use the most authentic figures obtainable and the total mileage of roads shown is the actual miles of roads being maintained by the State Roads Commission as of September 30, 1930, including roads completed but not yet officially accepted.

Streets constructed in Baltimore City by State Roads Commission not included.