

conomic Survey. The Commission consists of three members, appointed by, and holding office at the pleasure of, the Governor. One of the members must be a resident of the Eastern Shore, one a resident of the Western Shore, and one a resident of Baltimore City or a person who at the time of his appointment and for a period of at least two years prior thereto has continuously had his principal place of business or employment or professional activity in Baltimore City. At least one member must be affiliated with one of the two leading political parties different from that to which the Governor belongs (Code 1951, Art. 89B, sec. 1).

The State Roads Commission has jurisdiction over the construction, maintenance, and administration of the State highway system, and, in addition, maintains, constructs, or reconstructs the road system of nine of the twenty-three counties of the State. It is responsible for the making of preliminary studies, investigations, surveys, and plans for the construction or reconstruction of the highways and related appurtenances within its jurisdiction, and performs the final review of those plans and the field supervision and inspection of the construction activities; it acquires the necessary right-of-way, prepares all necessary specifications, special provisions, advertisements for bids, contract documents, agreements, etc., all as required to effect the complete installation. Through its maintenance activities, the Commission provides the necessary resurfacing, drainage, traffic service, and snow removal for the highways included in the State System.

Included in the organization of the Commission is a Traffic Division, which makes traffic counts, traffic origin and destination studies, and such other investigations as are necessary to determine the need for highway facilities, and the need for traffic service devices such as traffic signals and warning signs. This division also prepares State and individual county road maps. The Location Division is responsible for the making of preliminary and final surveys and location studies. The Division of Road Design prepares roadway plans, quantities, estimates and related Special Provisions, while the Bureau of Bridges performs similar engineering services in connection with structures on the various projects. The Bureau of Bridges also is responsible for the maintenance and inspection of construction for all bridges on the State highway system. The Materials Division is responsible for the testing of all materials used in the construction and maintenance of all highways and bridges. The Right-of-Way Division is responsible for acquiring the rights-of-way essential to the modernization of existing highways and bridges, as well as those required for new highways and bridges. The Construction Division performs the field supervision and inspection of construction for the highway projects, while the Maintenance Division performs a similar service in supervising maintenance activities, and projects performed with prison labor.

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The members of the Advisory Council on Highway Construction are appointed by the Governor to consult with and advise the members of the State Roads Commission in the planning of highway con-