

of the Primary system are generally designated in red; the Secondary system, in black. However, the Director has the final authority to determine which highways are considered primary, and which secondary, after obtaining the advice and counsel of the Commission. The Director, in making this determination, considers present and future traffic volumes, as well as the geographic and economic importance of these highways. After conferring with the Commission, he may change from time to time the designation of a highway from Primary to Secondary, or vice versa, and determine the system into which new highways are placed.

The State Roads Commission also maintains, constructs, or reconstructs the road systems of six of the twenty-three counties of the State.

The Attorney General of the State is the legal advisor to the Commission. A separate legal division within the State Roads Commission is under the supervision of a Special Assistant Attorney General. The Comptroller of the Commission is in charge of its finances and accounting. The Accounting Division keeps the financial and statistical reports. The Commission has seven District Offices throughout the State, each under the direct supervision of a District Engineer.

District Engineers

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- District No. 4, Brooklandville: Enoch C. Chaney, Telephone: 828-8900
- District No. 5, Prince Frederick: M. C. Thompson, Jr., Telephone: Benedict 255
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Major operating divisions of the Commission are:

- Administration
- Planning and Programming
- Engineering
- Right-of-Way

The Administration Division is responsible for the overall administrative functions of the Commission. Accordingly, it is charged with the development and application of management plans and administrative procedures in order that each organization component be a logical, clearly defined, integrated unit within the entire agency and to insure effective use of manpower by these units. The Planning and Programming Division has the responsibility for advising the Commission and Director of Highways and furnishing functional guidance to the staff divisions on highway plans and programs, the economic and financial factors pertaining thereto, highway classifications and legislation and related matters. The Engineering Division is responsible for supervision of all survey, engineering design, construction and maintenance activities of the Commission. The Right-of-Way Division acquires the rights of way necessary for new highways and bridges, as well as for modernization of existing highways and bridges.

Financing the State Roads System

The Legislature of 1953, after consideration of a twelve-year program for road construction and reconstruction, authorized the Com-