

Commission shall proceed systematically to complete the same, and shall endeavor, so far as practicable, to complete each year an equal number of miles of improved roads in each of the districts of the county. To this end, said commission may make all preliminary investigations, and do all such preliminary work as shall, in the judgment of such commission, precede the actual establishment, construction and improvement of said system of roads and highways; adopt and employ such means, methods or system of road construction, improvement and development as may, in its judgment, be best calculated to promote the objects of this act; condemn, lay out, open, establish, construct, extend, widen, straighten, grade and improve, in any manner, any road embraced in the system adopted by it as aforesaid, and establish or fix the width thereof; cause to be prepared such surveys, plans, drawings or maps as it may deem proper in the course of its work; acquire for Baltimore county by agreement, gift, grant, purchase or condemnation proceedings as prescribed by section 251 to 256, inclusive, or by sections 360 to 366, inclusive, of Article 23 of the Code of 1904, of the Public General Laws, any private road or roads whatsoever, or private property or rights of drainage for public use, whether belonging to private individuals or to turnpike companies or other corporations, and including any avenues, roads, lanes or thoroughfares, rights or interests, franchises, privileges or easements, that may be, in its judgment, desirable or necessary to complete said system of roads or to carry on the purposes of this act; contract with any person or persons, company or corporation, either private or quasi-public, or municipal, in furtherance of the duties and objects of this act or any of the same; employ all necessary attorneys, consultants, agents, laborers, help and assistants, skilled and unskilled, technical or professional, for the promotion of any of the work with which it is charged hereunder; make and enter into any and all contracts, agreements or stipulations germane to the scope of its duties and powers under this act, and purchase all machines, machinery, tools, implements, appliances, supplies, materials and working agencies whatsoever which it may deem necessary for the full performance and completion of any of the powers conferred and duties imposed upon said commission, or which may be germane to the same or to the purposes and objects of this act. The said commission, when about to construct or improve in any manner any highway, shall give the Highways Commission of Baltimore County a certified copy of plans and specifications therefor, and a notice that said commission is about to