

promote the objects of this act; condemn, lay out, open, establish, construct, extend, widen, straighten, grade and improve, in any manner, any main road, of the system, in any county of this State 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 the State of Maryland, by agreement, gift, grant, purchase or condemnation proceedings as prescribed by section 269 to 274 inclusive, or by section 399 to 405 inclusive of article 23 of the Annotated Code of Public Civil 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 out 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. and where rights, easements and franchises of the United Railways and Electric Company of Baltimore, its successors and assigns, exist upon any turnpike or private right of way in the Annex which may be improved hereunder, then said rights, easements and franchises may (if the mayor and city council of Baltimore and said railways company, its successors and assigns fail to agree upon terms of purchase or surrender) be condemned by the mayor and city council of Baltimore under the provisions of chapter 274 of the acts of 1904, and chapter 566 of the acts of 1906, or in the exercise of its general powers of condemnation, the cost thereof to be defrayed out of the loan provided for in said first mentioned act, or out of the ordinary proceeds of municipal taxation; provided, however, that the provisions of said act of 1906 shall be obligatory upon, and not discretionary with, the mayor and city council of Baltimore and the board of estimates, and the price to be charged for new rights, franchises and easements similar to those condemned, shall be the same as the amount of the condemnation award.

1908. ch. 141, sec. 32 c.

**35.** If the state roads commission shall determine that the public necessity or convenience, or that the purposes of this act require that any turnpike, or part thereof, whether maintained as such by any turnpike