

extension due west from the present terminus of Wilkens Avenue; thence easterly along said extension and along the north side of Wilkens Avenue to the intersection of said north side of Wilkens Avenue with the westerly boundary of Baltimore City; thence northerly along said westerly boundary of Baltimore City to the place of beginning; in any case where no petition has been filed by property owners for the erection of a sidewalk as provided for in Sections 679, 680, 681 and 682, when in their judgment the public safety or convenience requires. In such case where the Commissioners to initiate such proceedings, they shall proceed to erect such improved sidewalk, after giving ten days' notice, in writing by registered letter to the property owners affected, granting them a hearing, if they so request, and at the expiration of said ten days, if no hearing is requested, or if after hearing the objections thereto are overruled; provided, however, that there shall be an appeal to the Circuit Court for Baltimore County, within 10 days, from any decision of the Commissioners after hearing said objections. The material, thickness, width and grade of such sidewalk to be specified by the Roads Engineer of Baltimore County, and the Commissioners shall charge the cost of the same as a lien on the property fronting or binding on either or both sides of the street, avenue or road, as may seem to them reasonable and proper within the metes and bounds specified in said notice, and the cost of the work shall be collected as taxes are now collected. This section shall not prevent property owners from petitioning for sidewalks as provided in the preceding sections, when they desire so to do.

1916, ch. 418. B. Co. C. (1916), sec. 569. 1928, sec. 684.

684. The thoroughfare in the Thirteenth Election District of Baltimore County leading southerly from Rolling Road beside the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad to Viaduct Avenue at Relay be and the same is hereby made and declared to be a public highway and county road, and as such shall hereafter be maintained by the Highways Commission of Baltimore County and their successors, who are hereby authorized to ascertain and define the present width of said road and to widen the same to thirty feet or more, in their discretion, by purchase or condemnation of the abutting property.

1916, ch. 501. B. Co. C. (1916), sec. 570. 1928, sec. 685.

685. The County Commissioners of Baltimore County are authorized to accept the dedication of Gwynn Oak Avenue in Baltimore County, or any part thereof, from the owners thereof, and in consideration of the surrender of its rights therein to grant to the United Railways and Electric Company of Baltimore, a corporation, immediately and without advertisement, a perpetual franchise for the construction, operation and maintenance of a single or double-track railway occupying not more than 28 feet of said road over the portion thereof so dedicated and accepted as a public highway; the said franchise and rights so acquired from said County Commissioners to be subject to no other or further public obliga